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BIRMINGHAM, 4 April 1981

The Annual General Meeting was well attended and we were made welcome by the staff of the museum. Dr. Abell Seddon reviewed his work on the herbarium which is being restored and rehoused in an extended run of Solander-type boxes in series, the local plants forming a separate collection. The herbarium is the most advanced of the Birmingham collections in being processed on their own computer. So far they have dealt with the data from 42,780 specimens - the whole of the British vascular plants, Richard South's Lepidoptera and the Chase collection of birdskins, mounts and eggs.

Paul Hamer gave an account of the bird collections which include specimens from George Bristow (of the Hastings Rarities Affair fame) and Mike Bryan discussed the various principal entomologists whose material is preserved in Birmingham Museum. As the papers read at this meeting will form the basis of a "Featured Institution" article for a future Newsletter there is no point in giving a precis of these collections. Those present were able to look around the stores and see the results of the machine-processed data.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Biology Curators' Group held at Birmingham Museum on Saturday 4th April 1981.

Apologies were received from J.Bateman, P.Davis, H.Mendel, M.Walters, D.Heppell, D.Steward, P.Howard and P.Morgan.

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 1980 were approved and signed.

Secretary's Report This had been circulated in the Newsletter There was no discussion

Treasurer's Report This had been circulated in the Newsletter. The Balance Sheet for the year was circulated at the meeting. It was agreed that subscriptions be increased from April 1st 1982 to £4 for personal members and £7 for institutional and overseas members.

Editor's report This had been circulated in the Newsletter. A vote of thanks was recorded to Peter Davis, the previous editor.

Election of officers and committee The Chairman reported that the constitution referred to in the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting would be presented to the next Annual General Meeting. As there had been no new nominations and as all the officers and committee were prepared to stand for re-election the officers and committee were declared elected 'en bloc'.

Chairman	Eric Greenwood
Secretary	Geoff Stansfield
Treasurer	John Mathias
Editor	Geoff Hancock
Committee	Peter Davis, Peter Morgan, Martin Brendell, Mike Hounsome, Kelvin Boot, and Howard Mendel.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to the officers and committee.

Date and place of next meeting Invitations were made to hold the 1982 Annual General Meeting at Sheffield and the 1983 Annual General Meeting at Glasgow at dates to be determined.

A vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Seddon and his colleagues for hosting the meeting and arranging the programme.

G.Stansfield

Hon. Secretary