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Apologies were received from S. Flood, R. Harris and D. G. Erwin

Report of Chairman The Chairman reported briefly on progress during the first year of the Group. A meeting of the Group had taken place in Cardiff on 2nd April. Committee meetings had taken place in Liverpool on 4th February and in Leicester on 2nd November.

Members of committee had met with representatives of the Systematics Association to discuss arrangements for a joint meeting.

Report of Hon. Editor In the absence of the Hon. Editor, the Hon. Secretary reported verbally on the main points in the report. Four issues of the Newsletter had been produced during the year. The next issue would include papers from the meeting to take place later in the day.

Report of Hon. Secretary-Treasurer The Balance Sheet for the year was circulated showing a balance of £40.91½ with the account for the fourth Newsletter still outstanding. It was agreed to maintain the ordinary subscription rate at £1 but to increase overseas subscriptions to £2. The Group now had a membership of just over 100.

Election of Officers The following were elected :-

Chairman	E. G. Hancock	(re-elected)
Editor	S. Flood	(re-elected)
Secretary-Treasurer	P. Morgan	

Election of Committee The following were elected :-

D. G. Erwin	(re-elected)
R. H. Harris	(re-elected)
J. M. Bateman	(re-elected)
M. Hounsome	

Future Programme The following tentative programme was agreed.

15th July 1977 Programme of interest to members to be arranged as part of the Annual Conference of the Museums Association in Bradford.

22nd and 23rd September 1977. A Seminar on 'The Functions of Local Collections' to be held in Liverpool in cooperation with the Systematics Association. Approximate cost £20.

April 1979. Joint meeting with the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History.

Any Other Business

Draft Constitution Copies of the draft were circulated and approved for adoption.

Proposal from P. Morgan.

That the officers and committee of the Biological Curators Group be elected annually by postal vote under the following conditions :-

a) Notification of the election and requests for nominations be circulated in or with the June Newsletter.

b) Nominations to be published and voting slips for selection be circulated with the September Newsletter.

c) Results of the ballot to be announced at the A. G. M. and in the December Newsletter.

Proposal from P. Morgan (continued)

The proposal was agreed in principal but was referred to the committee.

Newsletter content. Some discussion took place on the Newsletter content and it was agreed to look into the possibility of including the Museums Association Natural History Board of Studies bibliography in parts in future issues.

G. Stansfield Hon. Secretary-Treasurer

ACCOUNTS FOR 1975-76

<u>Income</u>	£
Subscriptions	104
Sale of publications	4
Advertising	10
Meetings	<u>3.35</u>
Total	£121.35 =====
<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Newsletter & Stationery	36.70
Postage	35.87½
Meetings	<u>7.86</u>
Total	£80.43½ =====
Balance in hand =	£40.91½p =====

Note 1. Account for Newsletter No.4 not yet received.

G. Stansfield -
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.