

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING, 30th NOVEMBER 1957

A Special General Meeting was held in the Lecture Hall at The British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, S.W.7 (by kind permission of the Trustees) at 1.45 p.m. on Saturday, 30th November 1957.

The President was in the Chair, and about 60 members present.

The only item on the Agenda was alteration of Rules, proposed by Council. The Chairman asked that Rule 6(a) be considered first. He said that since the notice convening the meeting was printed, Council had had "second thoughts" about the financial situation of the Society and now recommended that the Rule should read 'The annual subscription shall be thirty shillings for Ordinary Members'. Dr. Butcher expressed the opinion that many members do not wish to receive *Watsonia* and favoured different rates with and without it. The Chairman pointed out that in any Society, some of its publications were not of interest to all members, and that a decrease in the circulation of *Watsonia* would make little difference to the cost of production. Council are strongly opposed to splitting the Society into amateurs and professionals and to having two rates of subscription. Dr. Walters said he hoped the Council would endeavour to check the rising cost of publications. The Chairman put the revised alteration of Rule 6(a) to the meeting, and it was carried unanimously.

As to Rule 4(b) (Junior Membership), Council recommended for '21 years' read '25 years' throughout. After many members had expressed disagreement with this alteration, it was put to the Meeting. On a show of hands, the voting for and against being equal, and as an Alteration of Rule requires a two-thirds majority, the Chairman ruled that Council's proposal was lost, and that Rule 4(b) remains unchanged.

The Meeting was declared closed at 2.15 p.m.

J. G. D.
B. W.