

# WESTERN BIRD-BANDING ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 10, 1953.

The Annual Meeting of the Western Bird-Banding Association was held in the Junior Museum at the State Fair Grounds Sacramento, California at 11 a.m., May 10, 1953.

The minutes of the 1952 Annual Meeting were read and approved.

President Steele read the Treasurer's Report.

A verbal report was given by Mr. Steele for Regional Director Johnson A. Neff.

No report from Regional Director Henry C. Kyllingstad due to his absence in Europe.

Regional Director Zella Schultz wrote Mr. Steele of little banding in her area.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that these reports be accepted as read.

Mr. Emerson Stoner announced that the W.B.B.A. photo albums are still circulating amongst interested bird-banders, the copies are over.

The secretary was instructed to inquire of Mr. Boynton the status of the life memberships.

Mr. Stoner made a motion authorizing Editor Pray to evaluate and offer for sale old issues of the "NEWS FROM THE BIRD-BANDERS". Motion carried.

Mr. Ronald Reuther, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the year 1953.

President-	Emerson A. Stoner, Box 444, Benecia Calif.
Vice-presidents-	Howard Cogswell, Dept. of Zoology Mills College, Oakland, 13, Calif. W. K. Kirsher, Box 346, Sacramento, Calif. Russell H. Pray, 662 Santa Rosa Ave. Berkeley, 7, California. Lillian K. Henningsen, 124 Cambridge Way, Piedmont, California.
Secretary-	Enid K. Austin, 1116 Mandana Blvd Oakland 10, California.
Business manager	Francis H. Boynton, 163 W. State Street, Pasadena 2, California.

There being no further nominations from the floor the secretary was instructed, after a motion seconded and carried, to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the entire slate.

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President Stoner took the chair and expressed thanks to retiring President Steele for his years of service to the Association.

Mr. Stoner, a charter member, on assuming the presidency talked briefly on the history of the association.

Mr. Irl Rogers of Modesto, an active bander for many years, gave a most instructive talk on his experiences with traps, banding, and manufacturing of traps. He illustrated his remarks with still and moving pictures also an exhibition of some of his traps. Mr. Rogers report on his shore bird and cedar waxing trapping in the past years, held many useful hints for new banders.

Round table discussion was next in order. Each of the seventeen members present reported from their stations. Among these was a late bulletin from the Sacramento Cliff Swallow Banding Project by Mr. Steele. Fifty per cent returns on 8000 banded birds. There seemed to be an increase in the number of birds in colonies that were banded last year; no apparent decrease because of banding operations.. Mr John B. Cowan, member from Gray Lodge Refuge, reported on the banding of 32000 ducks, 300 mourning doves nestlings at his station north of Sutter Buttes. Ronald Ruether spoke for John McCarty Jr., a new member who bands hawks and was in the field at the time of the meeting. Mrs Henderson of Sacramento had given a bird-banding talk to school children; Mrs Henningsen had banded nestling Bush-tits. Mr Kirsher had banded an owl aside from his strenuous activities with the Cliff Swallows.

Mr Kirsher extended an invitation to the group to join the Sacramento Audubon Society on a Farralon Islands Trip May 24.

meeting adjourned to the pleasant arbor of Mrs Baker's garden where luncheon was served.

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Mr. Russell H. Pray, president of the Northern California Chapter, visited Tucson in mid-April on vacation and observed bird-life in the area. The director unfortunately was leaving town as Mr. Pray arrived and thus was only able to converse with him over the phone for a short time.

It is to be hoped that in the future Arizona will be a more active state regarding banding and indeed during the next year more may be expected.

Best wishes to you and the WBBA at the annual meeting and during the coming year.

Ronald T. Reuther  
Regional Director  
Arizona.