

33rd ANNUAL MEETING  
WESTERN BIRD BANDERS

May 18, 1958

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. <sup>at the Hutton Ranch, Salinas Calif. (1958)</sup> by President Howard Cogswell. The minutes were read, corrected, and approved. The minutes of the Pacific Int. Chapter were read by Howard Cogswell.

Mr. Payne, Rt. 4, Box 512, Hood River, Oregon wrote of a banders meeting in Portland in August. He expressed the hope that some of the other Western Bird Banders would attend.

The government wants licensed netters to schedule as many net demonstrations as possible to train others to net and remove birds from nets as a prerequisite to a netting license. They would like us to maintain a roster of qualified netting instructors to teach the use of nets to prospective net owners. Qualified netting instructor volunteers are to be registered with the Fish and Game Department.

Mrs. Dater of E.B.B.A. wrote a letter suggesting a national organization to solve problems common to banders all over the country. She suggested a council of banders from each association to meet at the A.O.U. meeting to discuss such a group.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mr. Francis H. Boynton, Treasurer and Business Manager of the W.B.B.A. for eight years, tendered his resignation. It was moved and seconded that the association extend a vote of thanks for the many years of service he has rendered, and that the secretary write a letter to that effect.

Mrs. Linsdale announced that Mr. Ericson, who was business manager for many years, before Mr. Boynton, had died last year.

Mr. Laidlaw Williams gave a report on ~~the~~ "The Ring" - international banding magazine. The editor is a refugee and works in a factory during the week and on week ends gets out the journal. He has asked for cooperation from editors of banders' news. John Dennis of N.E.B.B.A. suggested that editors get information together and send it in. The editor of "The Ring" gets the News, but Mr. Williams would like a summary of articles of the year which would not duplicate what is in our Banders' News. The editor wants to obtain information on a dictionary of banders' terms to standardize the terms and words banders of world should use. The subscription price is \$2.50 per year. It was decided to give him a "boost" in the Western Banders' News. Mr. Felt made a motion for our organization to spend \$10.00 at this time for four subscriptions to be distributed to each chapter. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Leland Stallcup was nominated as Business Manager of the W.B.B.A. The following nominees were unanimously elected; for President, Howard L. Cogswell; Vice-Presidents, Dr. L. R. Melwaldt, Mr. T. E. Balch, Mrs. Otis Smith, Mr. William Webb, and Mr. W. G. Kirsher; Secretary, Mrs. Enid Austin; and Business Manager, Mr. Leland Stallcup. E.K. 8

It was decided that an amendment be made to the By-laws to make the Regional Representatives appointed instead of elected.

The secretary (pro tem) was asked to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Enid Austin, our secretary, for having served in that capacity so well so long.

The session was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. for lunch (under the trees at beautiful Hatton Ranch near Salinas, where the meeting was held.)

The meeting resumed at 2:50 p.m. Dr. Richard Mewaldt spoke on "A Bird in the Net is Worth Two in the Bush." He wanted to learn whether there was any habitat preference between the two Golden Crowned Sparrows (Gambels or Puget Sound) in the Santa Clara Valley. He set up nets in various places in the vicinity and recorded the numbers of each kind of bird caught at each spot.

Mr. Arthur C. Felt of Whittier talked on "Observation by an Amateur of Bush Tits."

Mrs. Otis Smith Spoke on variations of head markings of Golden Crowned Sparrows and illustrated her talk with colored slides.

Mr. <sup>LaKata</sup> LaCetta of Wasco showed colored slides of various traps, and birds he has banded.

Mr. Stallcup showed slides of waterfowl taken in the Sacramento Valley Refuges.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

*Jean Stallcup,  
Secretary, pro tem.*