

ANNUAL MEETING - May 31 and June 1, 1963

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

The 38th Annual Meeting of the Western Bird Banding Ass'n was held on May 31 and June 1, 1963 at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge near Burns, Oregon. Twenty-~~six~~<sup>seventy</sup> members and guests, including our host, Eugene Kridler, were present. Some of them arrived a day or two before the meeting in order to spend more time enjoying the 184,000-acre refuge.

There were many activities to interest the early arrivals; the display pool with its ducks, geese and a pair of pinioned Trumpeter Swans, the excellent museum, Gene Kridler's net set-up on the grounds by the office and manager's home, a Great Horned Owl in a tree near the nets, antelope across the road, and the distant sound of Sandhill Cranes which we were later to see on our way to Frenchglen.

On Thursday, just before dusk, Gene took a group to a cliff some five or more miles from headquarters to see the nest of Golden Eagles. He ran a shuttle service with his jeep, taking a few at a time to the top of the cliff where they could peer over the edge and observe two young birds in the nest, fully feathered and looking as if they were not going to remain there much longer. He planned to photograph and band the young as he has in previous years.

There were more arrivals on Friday, May 31, and most of the members went on a field trip to Cole Island Dike to see White-faced Ibis, White Pelicans, and Burrowing Owls. Banding was done both at headquarters and in other likely looking spots in the refuge all during the session, and there were numerous field trips. Members scattered here and there by day, but in the evening they all gathered at an old CCC hall where Gene showed an excellent film on Malheur Refuge and also a short one on Trumpeter Swans. It was a gay, exciting gathering with all the fun and informality of camp. That's precisely what it was for most of the members, and shortly after the program ended Friday night the old hall was sheltering figures in sleeping bags and on cots, while every available table at the kitchen end was stacked with groceries, pots and utensils.

The business meeting was held at the schoolhouse in Frenchglen, about 30 miles from headquarters, on Saturday, June 1st. Don Bleitz, President, called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. After commenting on the superb job Gene Kridler had done in making all the arrangements, and on Malheur Refuge which he described as the largest and surely one of the most beautiful in the refuge system, Mr. Bleitz turned the meeting over to Mr. Kridler.

Gene Kridler said he had not been overwhelmed with offers for papers, but there would be one by Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt. Dr. Mewaldt then described his study of crowned sparrows which were displaced from San Jose to Baton Rouge, Louisiana and later to Patuxent, Maryland. Gene Kridler then presented what he called the "propaganda" --actually a very interesting and

enlightening description of the refuge and its role, not only at the national level but internationally, as well. He discussed some of the problems of management, and of the conflicting interests and pressures with which they must deal.

At 12:20 P.M. President Don Bleitz resumed the chair and the business meeting proceeded.

Minutes of the 1962 Annual Meeting, produced by Lillian Henningsen, were read and approved.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Dr. Mewaldt, Chairman, Mrs. Lucile Kline, Emerson Stoner, and Joseph Strauch, Jr., presented the following slate:

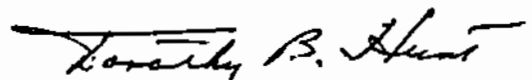
Eugene Kridler, President  
Lillian Henningsen, 1st Vice President  
Don Bleitz, 2nd Vice President  
Dorothy Hunt, Secretary  
Tom E. Balch, Business Manager

There being no other nominations from the floor, it was moved, seconded and carried that the nominations be closed and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as presented. Dr. Mewaldt announced that William K. Kirsher had agreed to continue as Editor of the Western Bird Bander for another year. Great appreciation was voiced by all members present for Mr. Kirsher's work.

Tom Balch, Business Manager, was then asked for a report and he presented facts and figures from the Annual Financial Report for the year ended March 31, 1963, copy of which is attached to these minutes. He announced two new life members: Chandler Robbins and Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Treasurer's report be accepted with many thanks to Mr. Balch.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 P.M. and the members went to the Frenchglen Hotel for luncheon.

In the afternoon, Don Bleitz demonstrated an ingenious set of poles which he has developed, and some new nets which will soon be available, too. The members then dispersed, some on field trips to other parts of the refuge, some to band, and some reluctantly to start home after a truly exciting and rewarding meeting.



Dorothy B. Hunt,  
Secretary

MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT AT ANNUAL MEETING OF WESTERN BIRD BANDERS  
ASSOCIATION, MALHEUR WILDLIFE REFUGE, OREGON, MAY 31 and JUNE 1, 1963

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Anholm, Corvallis, Oregon

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Enid Austin c

Tom Balch - Mrs. Balch c

Tom Balch's son c

Don Bleitz c

William A. Bechtel - Nevada

Florence Haas c

William K Henningsen c

Dorothy B. Hunt c

Eugene Kridler o

Floyd and Ida Kuhn - o

Dick Mewaldt c

Wayne Marschel (new member) Reno, Nevada

Vee Nealey w

Carl Richardson o

Mrs. Carl Richardson o

Dr. Robert D. Reinhardt - o

Constance Smedley w

Emerson A. Stoner c

Mrs. Emerson A. Stoner c

Joseph G. Strauch, Jr. o

Betsy Strauch o

Mrs. Lucile H. Kline w

Mr. G. L. Kline w

4 - Wash.  
2 - Nevada  
10 - Oregon  
10 - Calif.

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TREASURER'S COPY OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT Year Ending March 31, 1963

The report is made up of 3 pages.

Page 1. Simple picture of net gain.

Page 2. A full accounting of all funds, held, received, or expended during the year.

Page 3. A comparison of expenses for the current year (3-31-62 to 3-31-63) to the two previous years. This is included for the record and may help as a guide if income or disbursements should be adjusted in the future.

A detailed breakdown of all, or any part of the account will be made upon request.

MEMBERSHIP

1960 - 1961	220 members
1961 - 1962	205 members
1962 - 1963	216 members
and	
194 members to date:	May 15, 1963
1962- 1963	11 Sustaining members
1962- 1963	12 Life members.

T. E. Balch  
Treasurer

INCREASE IN ASSETS - TWELVE MONTHS - ENDING MARCH 31, 1963

Checking account balance	3-31-63	\$572.96
Checking account balance	3-31-62	656.97
Checking account balance	3-31-61	698.65

1963, Decrease... \$84.01

Savings account balance	3-31-63	\$524.55
Savings account balance	3-31-62	500.00
Savings account balance	3-31-61	433.02

1963, Increase... \$24.55

Total 1963, Decrease... \$59.46

Total income, 12 months	} See page 2	\$681.78
Total disbursements, 12 months		<u>741.24</u>
		<u>\$ 59.46</u>

March 31, 1962 - March 31, 1963

RECEIPTS -- PREVIOUS BALANCES      DISBURSEMENTS -- PRESENT BALANCES

RECEIPTS

Checking account balance ...3-31-62 .....	\$656.97	
Savings account balance ...3-31-62 .....	500.00	\$1,156.97
Interest on saving ...3-31-62 to 3-31-63 .....	24.55	
Dues & Miscellaneous receipts .....	657.23	681.78
	* * TOTAL * *	\$1,838.75

DISBURSEMENTS

"New" Expenses April, 1962 .....	\$ 152.98	
"       "        July, 1962 .....	107.69	
"       "        Oct., 1962 .....	142.16	
"       "        Jan. , 1963 .....	131.27	\$ 534.10
Presidents Expense .....	79.56	
Annual Banding Report Blanks .....	76.78	
Treasurers Miscellaneous Expense .....	16.90	
Emerson Stoner Miscellaneous Expense .....	16.50	
Membership- Enid K. Austin .....	10.15	
New Application Forms .....	3.00	
Refund on C.O.S .....	3.00	
Refund 1/2 year Membership (Neoco Corp) .....	1.25	207.14
		\$741.24

Balance on hand March 31, 1963:

Checking account .....	\$ 572.96	
Savings account .....	524.55	1,097.51
	* * TOTAL * *	1,838.75

T. E. Balch  
Treasurer

TOTAL EXPENSES For Service & Material Of	YEAR ENDING 3-31-61	YEAR ENDING 3-31-62	YEAR ENDING 3-31-63
News from the Bird Banders	\$390.51	\$432.17	\$534.10
Annual Report Forms	54.83	67.05	76.78
Treasurer's Expenses	68.85	22.49	16.90
Membership Expenses	.00	.00	10.15
President's Expenses	.00	26.73	79.56
Subsception to "The Ring"	12.00	.00	.00
Net Duty Memo.	34.94	.00	.00
New Application Forms	.00	2.50	3.00
Advertisment "The Ring"	.00	.00	.00
Contributions or Assessments N.A.C.B.B.A.	.00	.00	.00