

MINUTES - WBBA Executive Committee Meeting

June 19, 1966

The Executive Committee of WBBA met on June 19, 1966, at 3:10 PM at the Lakeview Motel, Truckee, California.

Members of the Committee present:

Alam M. Craig, President
Ken Legg, Treasurer
Marie Mans, Secretary

Members absent:

William J. Hamilton III, Vice President
Bruce D. Swinehardt, Vice President

Others in attendance:

Lillian K. Henningsen (outgoing President)
Enid K. Austin (Membership Secretary)
Eleanor Radke (Editor of Western Bird Bander)
Earl Baysinger, Bird Banding Laboratory, Laurel, Md.
William Russell, " "

Mr. Baysinger addressed the group on the following points:

1. In response to his inquiry about the reasons for folding of the Pacific Chapter of WBBA, Mrs. Henningsen replied that this was primarily due to a change in Canadian permit regulations and their new policies, rather than the policies of the U.S. Banding Office. Mr. Baysinger gave the name of the new man in charge of Canadian Banding Office in Ottawa as Mr. William Thurlow.
2. Baysinger reemphasized the desire of the U.S. Banding Office to establish closer relations with the regional banding associations. He requested that he be given names of WBBA officials who should receive communications from the Banding Office dealing with permit renewals, procedures for issuing permits, etc. Henningsen/Legg suggested that the President of WBBA and/or the President of the Northern Chapter, Mrs. Florence Haass, be designated to receive this material. Baysinger expects written communication on this.
3. He advised that information on methods for aging and sexing will be published in BIRD BANDING NOTES, either as this information becomes available or as accumulated by family groups. In reply to a question by Craig/Radke as to handling of publication of this type of information in the WESTERN BIRD BANDER, Baysinger and Russell said that they will get together with Mrs. Radke on this. O.K. to publish information of this type in WBB before it is published in the NOTES; the Banding Office would like to get comments and suggestions from local banders.

4. Banding Manual- he again emphasized that.. "if you want non-game bird part of Manual you will have to get data to us". (As an example, he cited their lack of data on netting techniques in sage brush and desert which would have to come from western banders.)
5. In response to Craig's question about restatement of policy on banding of accidentally caught waterfowl ~~or game birds~~ by holders of restricted permits he replied that it was O.K. to band them if less than 25 in number, and if there is a definite reason to do so.
6. In response to question by Craig whether anything could be done on a local level to help weed out banders that are known to be incompetent, Baysinger replied that this is a local problem and should be handled on that level. Said that he "would prefer to make the bad bander a good bander, rather than an ex-bander". They are themselves making a definite attempt to weed out the bad banders, primarily on the basis of incomplete or erroneous banding schedules received. When discussing issuing banding permits to new banders in general, he mentioned that they frequently check back who sponsored the new bander who turns out to be incompetent.
7. In response to Craig's question as to possibility of local associations helping by having local experienced banders check all banding schedules of their members for correct AOU number etc. before sending them to the Banding Office, Baysinger replied that this does not work. It introduces too much delay. "He sees no reason why a bander cannot take the time to double-check his own records".
8. In response to Craig's question whether Laurel favors publicity of banding activities, he stated that they discourage wide local publicity ("send in your bird band") because it introduces bias into their (mainly waterfowl) recovery data. O.K. to mentioned their activities in talks to local naturalists and Audubon groups, as well as in nature articles. (He explained at length their system of getting consistent data from hunters reports).
9. He mentioned that they are planning to put out a Banding List in alphabetical order and in AOU numerical order to facilitate locating of proper number by the inexperienced bander. Craig questioned the advisability of this plan, and suggested that in addition a list in AOU check list order be provided.
10. Baysinger asked whether it would not be easier for banders to send in their schedules as they finish each sheet, rather than submitting a complete report on January 31 of each year. The year-end reports flood them during the height of hunting season reports. They would like comments on this plan.
11. He mentioned that he does not see the value of putting station returns on the Banding Office file cards (which was done until about 1960), and asked for comments on this point. When queried, he stated that in response to a request for information on returns, they could at present only furnish copies of banding schedules of particular banding stations, the station to be named by the requester. (He also implied that the banding habits of most cooperators are not consistent enough as to effort, place and time to make return records very meaningful.)
12. In response to Mrs. Rädke's inquiry re. regulations prohibiting holding a bird longer than needed to band it, he suggested that all banders who wish to work longer with a bird get a collecting permit. Russell and others pointed out that it is extremely difficult to get these permits in most states.

After Messrs. Baysinger & Russell left, the following WEBBA business was attended to:

1. There was some discussion as to the necessity of raising dues to cover the expense of issuing the WESTERN BIRD BANDER (until the end of 1965 the cost of printing this publication was partially obsorbed by facilities available at no cost to the former editor). Revenues from membership dues for 1966 as of 6/20/66 are as follows:

208 Active and Associate Members	@ \$2.50	-	\$520.- annually
21 Sustaining Members	@ \$5.00	-	\$105.- annually
			<u>\$625.- annually</u>

Estimated annual cost of issuing the
 WESTERN BIRD BANDER in its present form \$600 - \$650 annually
 (Mrs. Radke)

Mrs. Henningsen suggested an increase of dues for Active and Associate members to the level now charged by Midwest and Eastern banding associations (\$4-6 annually), and an increase of Life Membership from \$50.- to \$125.- Craig suggested that an increase to \$3.50 and \$100 respectively may be sufficient. The following motion was seconded and carried (Legg/Mans/Craig):

That effective July 1, 1966

Dues for Active and Associate Members
 of WEBBA be raised from \$2.50 annually to \$3.50 annually

Dues for Sustaining Members of WEBBA
 remain unchanged at \$5.00 annually

Life Membership in WEBBA be raised
 from \$50.- to \$100.-

*See letter
 A. Craig
 to
 Exec. Comm.
 7/12/66*

At the present membership rate this would yield an estimated income of \$833.- annually from Active, Associate, and Sustaining Memberships.

2. Mrs. Radke asked for an official directive as to the budget allowed for printing the July 1966 issue of WESTERN BIRD BANDER. She estimated her cost at around \$150.- The President advised her that an expenditure of approximately \$150.- for the July issue would be in order.

3. Mrs. Radke raised the question of paid advertising space in the WEBB - how much to charge - whether legal for non-profit organization. None of the members present could answer either question. Mrs. Austin was to determine from a relative working at the Sierra Club's YODLER as to appropriate charges. The Secretary will contact George Payton of Berkeley with regard to the legal aspect.

4. The question of an Editorial Board for the WESTERN BIRD BANDER was brought up by the President and the Editor. The President suggested that Guy McCaskie of San Diego be a member of that Board, with the responsibility of reviewing data concerned with geographical distribution of banding reports, and that an attempt be made to enlist one or two additional persons as members of such Board, preferably knowledgeable in (a) effective evaluation of data derived from banding activities, (b) techniques for determining age, sex, molt of banded birds, (c) banding techniques.

The Editor pointed out that an Editorial Board has its advantages and disadvantages, but that she would be agreeable to have copy checked as to accuracy of technical details. The Secretary pointed out that full authority for all matters concerning the editing and printing of the magazine (except the budget) should remain with the Editor, and that the Board should act only in an advisory and referee capacity.

There was general agreement that the WESTERN BIRD BANDER has some untapped potential for more effective dissemination of methods, ideas, and results of banding studies among banders and others interested in ornithology in the West.

5. The President relayed a suggestion by Dr. H. Cogswell to establish a Liaison Committee between WBBA and the Point Reyes Bird Observatory. It was decided that, before appointing such a committee, it would be desirable to determine its proposed functions and responsibilities. The President was to write Dr. Cogswell to clarify this point.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Marie L. Mans
Marie L. Mans
Secretary

Berkeley, Calif.
June 22, 1966

Read and approved by Alan Craig, President, July 1966.

12 July 1966

To: All members of Executive Council, WBEA

First, background information for the two Vice Presidents: At the annual meeting a resolution was passed to "recommend to the Executive Council that the matter of dues be studied and an increase be made if necessary to keep the organization financially sound." Following the meeting, the Executive Council met and decided to raise Active and Associate Member's dues from \$2.50 to \$3.50, to leave Sustaining Member's dues at \$5.00, and to raise life memberships from \$50 to \$100.

According to the By-Laws, as published in Western Bird Bandier, June 1962 (which I read for the first time when I returned to San Diego after the meeting), Sustaining dues must be twice the rate of Active and Associate dues, and Life dues are fixed at \$50. Technically I suppose we should have a meeting and vote on these matters, but it appears we have no choice but to set the dues as follows: Active and Associate, \$3.50; Sustaining, \$7.00; and Life \$50. M

If any of you have any opinions or information contrary to the above, please let me know as soon as possible. The Life Membership dues will have to be increased by a change to the By-Laws at our next annual meeting, unless you feel the matter is urgent enough to warrant a mail ballot, as provided for in the By-Laws. Meanwhile, since the interest income provided by the \$50 dues is less than the per member expenses of the Association, perhaps we should not publicize or encourage life memberships.

Respectfully,

Alan

Alan M. Craig
Pres.

Copy to:
Mrs. Erid Austin
Mrs. Eleanor Radke

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

41st ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 18 and 19, 1966

The 41st Annual Meeting of the Western Bird Banding Association was held at Donner Memorial State Park, Truckee, California, on the week end of June 18 and 19, 1966.

Members and guests met at the park at 8 A.M. for a field trip to Sage Hen Meadow led by Dr. Howard L. Cogswell. The area had been well chosen by Ken Legg and he had found a few nests in his scouting. After lunch there was another birding trip to Sugar Bowl and that night an owl prowl which Dr. Cogswell seems to have had pretty much to himself.

At 4 P.M. members met at the Emigrant Trail Museum in the park for the following program: "Spring Migration at Point Loma" by Alan M. Craig with charts to show peak days for banding of various migrating species, and a few slides of vagrants; "Nesting Birds" by Ken Legg, some excellent slides of nests supplemented by one of a "raccoon-proof" feeder complete with feeding raccoon; "California Condors" by Fred C. Sibley who is doing a five-year study of this species. He asked that anyone sighting a Condor let him know where it was seen and from what vantagepoint the sighting was made. Address: 1013 Sunset Place, Ojai, California. Eleanor Radke announced that she had banding pliers on display, and as the members left they examined the tools for various sized bands for sale by Roger N. MacDonald, 350 Main Street, Lynnfield, Mass. 01940.

At 5:30 the group dispersed, many going to China Cove in the park for a bring-your-own supper. Florence and Ken Legg furnished delicious cake and coffee. At 7 P.M. Historical Guide Bert Troelsen gave a talk on the Donner Party, after which members adjourned to campgrounds or motels.

On Sunday, June 19, there was a field trip for early risers, led by Dr. Cogswell. About 9 A.M. all the members, including some who had not been around the previous day, met at Emigrant Trail Museum for a program by Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt on Point Reyes Bird Observatory, a short talk by Arthur C. Felt of Whittier about banding Brown Creepers, and a stimulating and enlightening talk by Earl B. Baysinger of Laurel, Md. with interpolations at times by William Russell, also of the Bird Banding Laboratory. At about 11:40 A.M. the members adjourned to the Donner Lake Lodge for their noonday meal and the business meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting was called to order at 1:40 P.M. on Sunday, June 19, 1966 by Mrs. Lillian Henningsen, President. She greeted the members and expressed regret that the program chairman, due to illness in the family, was unable to be present. She thanked Ken and Florence Legg for making arrangements at Donner Memorial State Park and Donner Lake Lodge for meetings and dinner.

The minutes of the 40th Annual Meeting at Vancouver on June 14, 1965 were read by the secretary. Dr. Cogswell moved that they be accepted, Mr. Stener seconded, and it was carried.

In reply to a question by Ken Legg, Mrs. Henningsen explained that the reference to officers not succeeding themselves more than once applies to the president, vice presidents and secretary only; not to the Business Manager who may serve indefinitely.

Mrs. Henningsen said there had been no reply from Dr. Bergstrom of Bird Banding with regard to having WBBA represented on their editorial staff. The matter is still pending.

Mr. Stoner was asked to report on possible incorporation of WBBA which had been discussed by the Executive Committee subsequent to the last annual meeting. Nothing further has been done, he said. At this point Dr. Mewaldt referred to the expression "tax exempt" in the minutes and clarified it by saying that WBBA pays no taxes even now, but the point is that donations or contributions to WBBA are not deductible on income tax returns at present because we are not incorporated as a non-profit organization. (~~WBBA has not carried through on its plan to incorporate, Mrs. Henningsen added.~~) *See letter E.R. 7/18/66*

The secretary read a letter from John G. Sarles of the Pacific International Chapter of WBBA to Mrs. Lillian Henningsen explaining that their chapter had decided to disband. Mrs. Henningsen said she had acknowledged the letter and asked if it should be published. After discussion Dr. Cogswell moved that the letter be published in the next issue of the Western Bird Bandar. Motion seconded by Dr. Mewaldt and carried.

Ken Legg, Business Manager, read the Annual Financial Report for the year ended March 31, 1966, a copy of which is attached. Total increase in assets since March 31, 1965 of only \$25.35 showed the organization just holding its own. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Mrs. Austin, seconded and carried. Appreciation to Mr. Legg was expressed.

Membership Chairman Enid Austin had nothing to report.

Editor Eleanor Radke made a plea for articles, for results of banding projects, and particularly for data on aging and sexing of birds in reply to the request made by Mr. Baysinger. Costs of publishing are definitely higher since she has taken over the editorship, she said, but she fears quality will suffer if she "shops around" for a cheaper printer. "Do you want lower costs or lower quality?" was the question. The reaction was to keep the high standard she has set and, through other economies, increasing membership and perhaps higher dues meet the costs involved. The question of increasing dues was discussed and it was determined by reading the By-Laws that the Executive Council may take such action.

Dr. Mewaldt made the following suggestion for a resolution: Resolved that members of WBBA in annual meeting assembled recommend to the Executive Council that the matter of dues be studied and an increase made, if necessary, to keep the organization financially sound. There was a second by Mr. Felt. There being no further discussion the question was called and the resolution passed without dissent.

There was no further old business. Before passing on to new business, Mrs. Henningsen commented that her trusteeship was about at an end, expressed her gratification at having been able to serve and her appreciation for the support and cooperation of the members.

Mr. Emerson Stoner was then asked for the report of the Nominating Committee consisting of Mrs. Austin, Dr. Cogswell, and Mr. Stoner as Chairman. He presented the following slate for 1966-1967:

President: Alan M. Craig, of San Diego;
 1st Vice-president: Durward Bruce Swinehart, Jr., of Sacramento;
 2nd Vice-president: Dr. William J. Hamilton III, of Davis;
 Secretary: Marie L. Mans, of Berkeley;
 Business Manager: Ken Legg, of *Household, California*

There were no nominations from the floor. Capt. Hurlbert moved that the nominations be closed, that the slate of officers be accepted as presented and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. It was so ordered and Mrs. Henningsen asked ~~Mr.~~ Alan Craig to take the chair.

Addressing *Alan* Craig as the new president, Dr. Cogswell asked for a vote of appreciation and thanks to the outgoing officers, which was given with a round of applause.

Capt. Hurlbert proposed a vote of thanks to the Ken Leggs which was also given with applause.

Alan Craig expressed his appreciation for the nomination and election as president. Saying that he had much to learn, *about the Association* he added that he had received some fine ideas both from WERA members and Mr. Baysinger. He also thanked our "ambitious and capable" editor and said he hoped to have workshops at our annual meetings, perhaps attracting a larger attendance. He had never had close proximity to other banders, he said, and is aware of how much he could have profited from the experienced banders. He then asked if there were any ideas as to where the next annual meeting may be held.

X C. John Ralph suggested having it at Point Reyes Bird Observatory. The area would be crawling with birds, he said, and by that time they could set up a good workshop. There was discussion as to whether it should be held in May or June, but opinion was divided and uncertain. *Alan* Craig said he would entertain a motion to have the 1967 Annual Meeting and Workshop at Point Reyes. Dr. Mewaldt made such a motion, it was seconded by Capt. Hurlbert and carried. The time was left open.

Alan Craig expressed his thanks to the outgoing officers and to Mr. Earl Baysinger and Mr. William Russell for coming from Maryland to attend our meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M. *X*

Dorothy B. Hunt
 Dorothy B. Hunt, Outgoing Secretary

Marie L. Mans
 Marie L. Mans, Secretary

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Present:

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Argante
Mrs. Enid I. Austin
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Balch
Earl B. Baysinger, Bird Banding Laboratory Chief, Laurel, Maryland
Terry Browning, Australia (John Ralph's guest)
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Case (Dr. Evelyn H. Case)
Dr. Howard L. Cogswell
Lt. Alan M. Craig
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Felt
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Haas
Mrs. Ray N. Henderson
Mrs. Lillian Henningsen
Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hunt
Capt. and Mrs. Elgin Hurlbert
Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kaminsky
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Legg
Miss Marie L. Mans
Dr. and Mrs. L. Richard Mewaldt and son John Mewaldt
Mrs. Donald F. (Eleanor) Radke
C. John Ralph
Norbert Ralph (brother and guest of John Ralph)
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson
William Russell, Bird Banding Laboratory, Laurel, Maryland
Mrs. P. C. Scampini - cousin and guest of Mr. Felt
Mrs. Marianne R. Shepard
Fred C. Sibley
Mr. and Mrs. Emerson A. Stoner
Art Wang, 1060 Monterey Ave., Berkeley, Calif. Guest.

WESTERN BIRD-BANDING ASSOCIATION

Mr + Mrs Emerson Stoner
 EARL D. BOSSINGER
 Alan M. Craig
 Mr + Mrs T. E. Balch
 Howard L. Cogwell
 Fred C. Gibby
 May Richardson
 Carl Richardson
 Fran Mewaldt
 John Mewaldt
 L. Richard Mewaldt
 Lillian K. Hummer
 Florence E. Hoas -
 Eric H. Austin
 Mr + Mrs Gus Kominak
 Willie Argente
 A. J. Argente
 Florence A. Henderson
 Maude M. Mans
 Marianne Shepard
 Ant Wang (1060 Monterey Ave., Berkeley)
 Ellen Shepard
 Wini Hurlbut
 Oxy Hurlbut
 Arthur Felt + Mrs Felt
 Eleanor Radke
 A. John Raven
 Lillian K. Hummer

William Russell
 Mrs. P. C. Scampini ^{guest}
 (Mr. Felt's cousin)
 Mr + Mrs Ken Legg
 Dorothy + Roy Hunt
 Floyd + Eve Case
 (Saturday only)
 Terry Browning
 Australia
 Herbert Ralph
 guests of A. John Ralph

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TREASURER'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT Year Ending March 31, 1966

MEMBERSHIP

1963 - 1964 231 members

1964 - 1965 233 members

1965 - 1966 229 members

208 Active & Associated member to date June 15, 1966

21 Sustaining members to date June 15, 1966

10 Life members

INCREASE IN ASSETS - March 31, 1965 to March 31, 1966

Checking Account Balance	3/31/66	\$ 630.49
Checking Account Balance	3/31/65	632.30
Checking Account Balance	3/31/64	568.87

1966 Decrease \$ 1.81

Savings Account Balance	3/31/66	\$ 696.50
Savings Account Balance	3/31/65	669.34
Savings Account Balance	3/31/64	634.93

1966 Increase \$ 27.16

TOTAL 1966 INCREASE \$ 25.35

Total income, 12 months \$ 634.33

Total Disbursements, 12 months 636.14

- 1.81

TOTAL EXPENSES for Service & material	Year ending 3/31/64	Year ending 3/31/65	Year ending 3/31/66
News from the Bird Banders	\$ 530.65	\$ 456.64	\$ 522.64
Annual Report for 1964 & expenses	84.76	132.01	78.52
Treasurer's Expenses	29.60	28.00	26.88
Membership Expenses	7.50	8.50	7.00
President's Expenses	.00	.00	.00

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