

MINUTES OF THE 48TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

REPORTS

The 48th Annual Business Meeting of the Western Bird Banding Association was called to order by President Dr. Charles Collins on 16 June 1973 at Morro Bay, California. The minutes of the 1972 meeting were read by Secretary <sup>Shirley Wells</sup> Wells. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

The annual financial summary was submitted and read by Treasurer Mewaldt. Total assets as of May 31, 1973 were \$2,745.68. Total membership at the end of the same period was reported at 333. The reasons for our dramatic fiscal improvement is due to the large increase in membership. A special note of thanks was given to membership chairman Terry Whal for his efforts to increase the association membership. Decreased printing costs also accounted for additional financial improvements.

President Collins stated that Terry Whal would no longer act as membership chairman and asked for a volunteer to fill the position. He then asked the membership at large to recruit new members, especially libraries, colleges and other institutions.

Editor Eleanor Radke reported that her backlog journal articles has been expended. She asked the membership to submit papers, articles and any projects that could be written for the The Western Bird Bander. It is likely that the Journal would go to 55 to 75 pages and a format and style change is likely to take place in the near future. The 8-1/2" x 11" page size will likely remain because graphs and illustrations are easy to ~~report~~. Presently the annual report takes 15% of yearly Journal space. It was discussed and agreed, in spite of the expense and utilization of space, that the annual report is worthwhile to the membership.

OLD BUSINESS

The question of Journal merger was asked by Mrs. Enid Austin. President Collins reported that he had sent letters to the other bird banding associations asked to participate in the merger and that Inland Bird Banding was the only association opposed. Each of the consenting associations have agreed to send a member to a joint committee meeting to be held in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

The Executive Board approved the 49th Annual Meeting to be held in Flagstaff, Arizona with the Cooper Ornithological Society during a concurrent session. Plans for the 49th meeting will be announced in the next issue of WBB's. The Board also studied the possibility of holding the 1975 meeting in Fort Collins, Colorado. This meeting could be concurrent with Inland BBA's meeting. Dr. Ron Ryder had agreed to investigate the possibility of this meeting.

President Collins submitted sketches for an emblem patch for the association which had been discussed during the Board Meeting the night before. He suggested that the membership vote upon its choice. It was agreed that the patch depicting the Western Tanager was preferred over the other sketches presented.

President Collins then discussed the annual report. The Banding Lab will make available a computer printout of all banding activities on an annual basis that could be used for our annual report.

The nominating committee, Howard Cogswell and Richard Mewaldt, presented the slate of officers for the coming year. They were as follows:

President	-	Dr. Charles Collins
1st Vice President	-	Shirley Wells
2nd Vice President	-	Mike San Miguel
Secretary	-	Otis Swisher
Treasurer	-	Dr. Richard Mewaldt

There being no additional candidates, the nominations were closed and the slate was approved by unanimous vote.

In concluding, Dr. Collins thanked Eleanor Radke for her continued dedication to editing the WBB's. The meeting was then adjourned.

Mike San Miguel  
Secretary