

MINUTES OF THE 49th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Meeting was called to order by President Dr. Charles Collins, on May 11, 1974 on the campus of Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Michael San Miguel, and approved as corrected.

Business Manager and Treasurer, Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt, made a detailed financial report as printed on the insert to the minutes. Summary of report is as follows:

Checking acc't balance May 31, 1973	\$1,390.17
Total income	2,093.40
Beginning balance for 1973-1974	3,483.57
Total expenditures	2,215.39
Ending balance, April 30, 1974 (Checking Account)	1,268.18

**Savings Account**

Balance May 31, 1973	\$1,355.51
Deposits and interest 1973-1974	1,183.95
Savings Account balance April 30, 1974	2,539.46

Total Assets, April 30, 1974\* \$3,807.64

\*Bank of America, McKee and Toyon Branch, San Jose, California

In addition, Dr. Mewaldt told that there were 362 memberships in W.B.B.A. as of April 30, 1974.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to thank Dr. Mewaldt, and Mrs. Mewaldt, for their work.

Western Bird Bander Editor, Eleanor Radke, made her report. She appealed for articles to be used in future issues. A quality journal is a must if we are to attract new members and keep present members.

Note the change of format to a bound publication with artistic work and photos on the cover.

Still needed: sketches and photographs (black and white, or color), as well as articles.

OLD BUSINESS

President Collins reported that progress was being made towards a merging of journals. The possibility exists that the merging can be attained within the second publication year from now.

The shoulder patch for W.B.B.A. was discussed. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

It was reported that the Board had taken favorable action on a motion to proceed towards the incorporation of W.B.B.A. Dr. Mewaldt has been authorized to meet with a lawyer and begin drawing up the necessary documents, and to report back to the next Board Meeting.

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(Continued)

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Dates for Annual Meetings of the membership were reported:  
1975 in September at <sup>CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY,</sup> University of California, Fresno  
Invitation by Dr. Arthur Staebler was extended and accepted.

1976 in mid-June at Ft. Collins, Colorado  
Invitation by Dr. Ronald Ryder was extended and accepted.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE made the following nominations for officers for the year 1974-1975:

President - Michael San Miguel  
First Vice President - Shirley Wells  
Second Vice President - Richard DeHaven  
Secretary - Otis D. Swisher  
Business Manager - Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt

Nominating Committee was composed of Dave Foster, Grace Nixon, and Shirley Wells.

Motion was made to close nominations and elect the above slate by a unanimous ballot. Motion seconded. Passed unanimously.

A vote of thanks was given to the out-going officers.

The business session was adjourned after which the membership heard papers and reports about the following:

Dr. Arthur Staebler - the Cooperative Banding Project (White-crowned Sparrows)  
Jay Sheppard - report from the Bird Banding Laboratory (special emphasis on the Banding Manuals)  
Dr. Charles Collins - report on banding worksheets

Two papers were presented:

Dr. Arthur Staebler - "Observations on the fall migration of hummingbirds in the Sierra Nevada Foothills"  
Dr. Charles Collins - "A short-hand notation scheme for recording molt"

Respectfully submitted,

*Otis D. Swisher*

Otis D. Swisher, Secretary

The MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Western Bird Banding Association was held Friday, May 10, 1974 at the Time Motel, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Present: Dr. Charles T. Collins, Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt, Eleanor Radke, Michael San Miguel, Dr. Arthur Staebler, Otis D. Swisher, Shirley Wells.  
Visitors: Jay Sheppard of Bird Banding Laboratory

Meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by President, Dr. Charles T. Collins.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Editor, Eleanor Radke's report was received with compliments for the good work, and thanks for maintaining low production costs.

Report of the Treasurer and Business Manager, Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt, was received as printed on the insert. The Board tendered thanks to the Mewaldts for their work.

The proposed docket and program for tomorrow's general membership meeting was presented. Items were discussed, and the program approved, without changes. Dates and places for 1975 and 1976 meetings were approved: Fresno/in 1975 and Ft. Collins, Colorado in 1976. California  
President-elect Michael San Miguel was asked to write the president of the Inland Bird Banding Association and invite them to meet with us jointly in 1976.

Report by Dr. Charles T. Collins concerning species work sheets which will be available for inclusion with copies of Western Bird Bander.

READY or ALREADY PRINTED: waterthrush, orange-crowned warbler, redpoll, 4 on quails, and gnatcatchers.

BEING WORKED ON: varied thrush, chat, flicker, sapsucker, snowy plover and evening grosbeak.

PROMISED: cowbird, Cassin's finch, and the carpodacus family

These will be about enough to guarantee two worksheets per issue for 1½ years.

Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt presented the background history and advisability of having Western Bird Banding Association incorporate. Cost might be \$200.00 or more; it would give us tax exempt status; an annual report to IRS will probably be required; bulk rate permit for mailing will be available.

MOTION made by Dr. Mewaldt that the Board reaffirm a previous Board action to start the process of incorporation of W.B.B.A., and that Dr. Mewaldt be authorized to begin the process of discussion of necessary changes of By-laws and Constitution with an attorney.

Motion was seconded by Shirley Wells. Passed unanimously.

MOTION by Eleanor Radke, seconded by Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt, and passed, that mailing labels for Western Bird Bander be typed by a secretary under the supervision of Editor Radke, with the cost to be borne by W.B.B.A.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, which consisted of Dave Foster, Grace Nixon, and Shirley Wells, made a report through Shirley Wells. The following nominations were made, received, and approved (for officers for the year 1974-1975):

President - Michael San Miguel  
First Vice President - Shirley Wells  
Second Vice President - Richard DeHaven  
Secretary - Otis D. Swisher  
Business Manager - Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt

The MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Western Bird Banding Association, on Friday May 10, 1974 at the Time Motel, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Association-wide project on white-crowned sparrows which was proposed by Dr. Arthur Staebler in the January-March 1974 issue of Western Bird Bander will be undertaken under Dr. Staebler's tutelage, and chairmanship. Information and details will be given by Dr. Staebler for the general membership at the business meeting tomorrow.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED by President, <sup>Dr.</sup>/Charles Collins, at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Otis D. Swisher*

Otis D. Swisher, Secretary

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Financial Summary

May 31, 1973 - Apr 30, 1974

Balance in checking account May 31, 1973 ..... \$1,390.17

INCOME

Membership:

Active & Assoc.	Renew	(219)	\$985.50	
	New	(41)	184.50	
Student	Renew	(35)	125.00	
	New	(19)	66.50	
Sustaining	Renew	(31)	279.00	
	New	(1)	9.00	
(Life - Dorothy Hunt		(1)	100.00	
Total from memberships.....			\$1,750.50	
Contributions (29) .....			187.50	
Honoraria (Donated by Collins & Swisher).....			40.00	
1973 Annual Meeting profit .....			61.53	
Reprints .....			48.60	
WBB back issues .....			5.25	
Canadian exchange adjustment (minus 3¢) .....			0.03	
Total Income .....			\$2,093.40	

Beginning Balance + 1973-74 Income..... \$3,483.57

EXPENDITURES

<u>Western Bird Bander</u> (Production) .....	\$873.80
(Mailing) .....	93.00
Membership envelopes .....	29.45
Postage - Business Manager .....	52.00
Annual Report .....	50.00
Ship stock WBBs from Cave Ck to San Jose .....	6.22
Reprint lost reprints .....	10.92
(Actual expenditures = \$1,115.39)	
Transfer Life membership to savings .....	100.00
Transfer checking acct. surplus to savings .....	1,000.00
Total Expenditures .....	\$2,215.39

Ending Balance April 30, 1974 (Checking account) ..... \$1,268.18

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance May 31, 1973 .....	\$1,355.51
Deposites 1973-74.....	1,100.00
Interest 1973-74 .....	83.95
Balance April 30, 1974 .....	\$2,539.46

Total Assets April 30, 1974\* ..... \$3,807.64

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Membership Tally April 30, 1974:

Life (incl Honorary)	15
Active & Assoc.	260
Student	55
Sustaining	<u>32</u>
Total	362

Fran & Dick Mewaldt  
May 2, 1974

CONFERENCE

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION  
Northern Arizona State University  
May 11, 1974

PROGRAM

- 9:00 - Report from Bird Banding Laboratory,  
Federal Maryland  
  
Presented by Jay Sheppard, Assistant  
Director  
  
To be followed by period for open-house  
discussion
- 10:00 - Progress report - WBBA Banding Workshop  
Program
- 10:30 - Progress Report - WBBB Cooperative Banding  
Project - White-crowned Sparrows
- 11:00 to 11:30 - Coffee Break  
  
General Bird Topics
- 11:30 - Observations on the fall migration of  
Homingbirds in the Sierra Nevada for 1973  
  
Dr. Arthur Staebler, California State  
University, Fresno
- 11:30 - A shorthand notation scheme for recording  
data.  
  
Dr. Charles P. Collins, California State  
University, Long Beach.
- 11:45 to 1:00 - Annual Business Meeting, W.B.B.A.  
  
(Reports from committees and election of  
officers).