

MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

The meeting was called to order by President Michael San Miguel, at 9:10 p.m. in Room 131, Ramada Inn, Fresno, California, September 19, 1975

Present: Dr. Charles T. Collins, Richard DeHaven, Fran Mewaldt, Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt, Eleanor Radke, Otis Swisher.

Absent: Shirley Wells

Visitor: Phyllis DeHaven, briefly.

President San Miguel presented a revised copy of the proposed docket for the membership meeting which will take place tomorrow, September 20, 1975. Docket revision was made necessary in order to take care of changes in procedure as made necessary by requirements for incorporation of W.B.B.A., as recommended by Attorney James Jackson.

Discussion took place. Agenda was adopted as corrected.

Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt moved that Mr. James Jackson, Attorney, be elected to honorary membership in Western Bird Banding Association, to become effective at the time of the completion of his work in assisting us to incorporate.

Second by Dr. Collins, and passed unanimously.

The Board by unanimous approval, voted life memberships to Emerson Stoner, McBee Robertson, and Laidlaw Williams in recognition of their long service to banding in general, and to the W.B.B.A.

Motion by Dr. Collins; Second by Eleanor Radke.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Dr. Mewaldt was presented in writing (see insert) and items were discussed. Motion to receive and approve the report was made by Dr. Collins, seconded by Swisher. Unanimous approval was given.

REPORT by Dr. Mewaldt that there is a near complete file of Notes to Bird Banders and Western Bird Bander from Vol. 1, issue 1. (These are publications of W.B.B.A.)

Discussion centered around the lack of request for back copies, the need for a large amount of storage space, whether they might be used as reference materials by such organizations as Wilson Ornithological Society, etc, and whether full sets can be made available to interested libraries.

It was decided to announce tomorrow at general meeting: 1) the Editor will maintain a file back to 5 years; 2) a "bargain sale" will be held during the year and information made available in W.B. Bander (to be sold \$1.00 per volume, or 25¢ each up to 1970); 3) that we are considering donating sets to places such as U.S. National Museum, Wilson Ornithological Society, some museums and some libraries and universities.

GREAT JOURNAL JOINING PROGRESS: President San Miguel reported the response from E.B.B.A. has cooled since last May of 1974.

Eleanor Radke reported on the cost of printing our W.B. Bander, and that without negatives and plates (by using ITEK PROCESS) we can save money; and that further savings can be made by going to 9/10 type (a smaller type than that presently used which is 10/12).

It was decided that we would produce Western Bird Bander by ITEK PROCESS up to January 1, 1976, then we would present to Eastern Bird Banding Association and Inland Bird Banding Association our actual costs, and ask them for a decision on joining journals based on those costs; and if they agree to join journals, to ask for establishment of editorial policies which may make the joining of the journals an actuality.

WORKSHEET COMMITTEE Dr. Collins presented new worksheets on towhees, 1 each for green-tailed, spotted, brown and Abert's.

We shall still try to have 2 worksheets per issue available.

Dr. Collins has been promised a sheet on red-wing - tri-color blackbirds. Announcement was made by Dr. Collins that the first 50 species worksheets to be put out by the Bird Banding Lab may be ready by January 1, 1976.

#### DUES

Information presented by Eleanor Radke about present finances, included the fact that with the ITEK PROCESS being used for W.B.Bander the cost would run to \$4.60 per person per year. This is based on our present membership, and is greater than our present dues.

Motion was made by Dr. Collins that the Board approve a raise in dues for W.B.B.A. memberships as follows:

\$6.00 for regular and active classifications

\$4.50 for students

Other memberships will scale according to our By-Laws.

Motion seconded by Dr. Mewaldt and passed unanimously.

#### W.B.B.A. PATCHES AND DECALS

Decals can be secured at a cost of 35¢ each.

Patches cost is \$1.00 each for a 2/color patch.

The Board authorized President San Miguel to proceed with purchase of 500 decals at 35¢ each, to be sold at \$1.00 each postpaid. A decal will be given to each person who becomes a sustaining member.

The president will present to the membership tomorrow the cost of the individual patches to us, and will help us determine the charge for patches from the discussion which comes from the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Otis D. Swisher*

Otis D. Swisher, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 50th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

September 20, 1975

The meeting was called to order by President Michael San Miguel at 1:13 p.m. in the Science Lecture Room of California State University, Fresno, California.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Otis Swisher. Motion to receive the minutes as read was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt presented his report by using slides which showed details of the report. Explanations were given of various items and questions answered. See enclosed insert for full report.

Dr. Mewaldt's report included a membership total of 380 active, paid-up memberships as of September 15, 1975.

MOTION TO RECEIVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with thanks to the Treasurer and Mrs. Mewaldt for their fine work.

EDITOR'S REPORT

Eleanor presented the report as printed on the insert, along with explanations.

From the floor a request for an index to the Western Bird Bander was made. Dr. Howard Cogswell volunteered to index the year 1976. Other indexes perhaps in 10-year increments, are needed and volunteers to do them will be accepted by the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE by Dr. Cogswell to accept the Editor's report, with great thanks. Seconded by Dr. Collins. Motion passed unanimously.

PROPOSAL TO INCORPORATE W.B.B.A.

President San Miguel opened the meeting for questions or comments on the proposal to incorporate W.B.B.A.

ARTICLE VIII was discussed. Mention was made that ALL Board Members may not be available. It was requested that Dr. Mewaldt raise this point with Attorney James Jackson to see if some number less than ALL Board Members would be suitable and acceptable.

MOTION WAS MADE by Dr. Arthur Staebler and seconded by Dr. Howard Cogswell, that the Articles of Incorporation be accepted with the above action noted. Motion passed unanimously.

President San Miguel then opened the meeting for questions or comments on the proposed new By-Laws.

THE QUESTION AROSE as to why the Board of Directors would meet AFTER the Annual Meeting. It was explained that this meeting, after the Annual Meeting, was a time for the newly-elected officers to meet, and undoubtedly a "work meeting" will be held before each Annual Meeting, also.

MOTION WAS MADE by Dr. Collins and seconded by Dr. Staebler to accept the By-Laws as presented and explained. Motion carried unanimously.

The Unincorporated Meeting was adjourned by President San Miguel at 1:45.

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The new corporation WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION was convened by President Michael San Miguel at 1:50 p.m. in the Science Lecture Room of California State University, Fresno, California.

MINUTES OF THE NEWLY INCORPORATED WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION  
(CONTINUED)

September 20, 1975

Dorothy Hunt moved to waive Article 4, Section 5 of the By-Laws. Motion seconded by Fern Tainter, and passed unanimously.

The following slate of nominees for officers for 1975-1976 was read from a letter by Dr. Carl Marti, chairman of the Nominating Committee (he being unable to attend this meeting), and formally placed in nomination:

President - Michael San Miguel  
First Vice President - Van Truan  
Second Vice President - Roger Boyd  
Secretary - Otis Swisher  
Treasurer - Shirley Spitler  
Editor - Eleanor Radke

President, San Miguel then asked for further nominations from the floor. MOTION BY Dr. Howard Cogswell that the nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the above nominees. Motion seconded by Dr. Arthur Staebler. Motion passed unanimously.

President San Miguel made public the information discussed by the Board of Directors on September 19, 1975 concerning the possible savings in cost of printing of Western Bird Bander when ITEK PROCESS is used, and when size of print is slightly reduced (to 9/10 from the present 10/12).

He also announced that it had been decided by the Board to run Western Bird Bander by the ITEK PROCESS up to January 1, 1976. At that time we will present to E.B.B.A. and I.B.B.A. our actual costs of publication and ask them for a decision about joining journals, and for establishment of Editorial policies which will make joining of journals an actuality.

President San Miguel asked indulgence and patience from W.B.B.A. to permit further pursuing of the merger of the Journals of W.B.B.A., I.B.B.A. and E.B.B.A.

REPORT ON SPECIES WORKSHEETS

Dr. Charles Collins reported that worksheets on the four towhees were in print and would be mailed out with the next W.B. Banders. He asked for persons to contribute sheets from their work with species they are familiar with. He mentioned that worksheets on red wing-tri-colored blackbirds and another on House sparrows have been promised.

NEW BUSINESS

President San Miguel brought up the need for a dues increase, and announced that at the Board meeting the following dues structure will be in effect as of January 1, 1976: was approved and

Students: \$4.50 (up from \$3.50)  
Active and Associate members \$6.00 (up from \$4.50)  
Sustaining memberships - to be twice the active memberships  
Life memberships - to be twenty-five times the active memberships (but will be \$100 until January 1, 1976).

Otis Swisher, Compiler of the Annual Report mentioned problems of details that need to be in writing on the Reports, and the need to have them sent in on time.

Reminder was made of the place of the 1976 meeting - Ft. Collins, Colorado - probably in mid-June.

A letter from Dr. Carl Marti with an invitation to come to Logan, Utah for our Annual Meeting in 1977 was read.

Motion by Dr. Howard Cogswell to adjourn was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Otis D. Swisher, Secretary

Otis D. Swisher

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION  
Financial Summary  
1 May 1974 - 15 Sep 1975

*Received & Approved  
by Board of Directors  
@ Fresno, Calif.  
09-19-75  
OAS*

Balance in checking account 30 Apr 1974 ..... \$1,268.18

INCOME

Membership:

Active & Assoc.	Renew (244)	\$1,098.00
	New (63)	283.50
Student	Renew (36)	126.00
	New (24)	84.00
Sustaining	Renew (23)	207.00
	New (3)	27.00
Life (Mrs. A. J. Argante)	(3)	300.00
	(Mr. Clarence Gervais)	
	(Mr. Michael Holst)	

Total from memberships .....	\$2,125.50
Contributions (37) .....	265.67
Work Sheets .....	29.50
WBB back issues .....	28.50
Reprints .....	53.34
Total Income .....	<u>2,502.51</u>

Beginning balance + 1974-75 income ..... \$3,770.69

EXPENDITURES

<u>Western Bird Bander</u> (Production) .....	\$2,509.22
(5 issues) (Mailing + permit) ..	241.61
Treasurer (Postage) .....	40.00
Secretary (Supplies + postage) .....	48.00
President (Records shipment) .....	18.45
Annual Report .....	22.45
Stop payment charge on check .....	2.00
To endowment fund -- Life Memberships ...	<u>250.00</u>
Total Expenditures .....	\$3,131.73

Ending balance in checking account 14 Sep 1975 ..... \$ 638.96

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 30 April 1974 .....	\$2,539.46
Deposites 1974-75 .....	250.00
Interest 1974-75 .....	<u>186.72</u>
Balance 31 August 1975 .....	\$2,976.18*
(* Includes \$1,000 from checking acct.)	

Total Assets 15 September 1975 ..... \$3,615.14  
(Bank of America, McKee & Toyon, San Jose, CA)

Memberships:	1975	1974	1973
Active & Associate	307	260	251
Student	60	55	46
Sustaining	26	32	21
Life (incl. Honorary)	17	15	15
	<u>410*</u>	<u>362</u>	<u>333</u>

\* Actual paid up memberships 15 Sep '75 = 380.

Avian Biology Laboratory  
San Jose State University  
San Jose, California 95192

Fran & Dick Mewaldt  
15 September 1975

Received & approved by  
membership at Fresno, Cal.  
Sept. 20, 1975  
O.D. Swish

Editor's Report - Western Bird Banding Association

at California State University, Fresno September 20, 1975

The Jan.-Mar., Jul.-Sept., and Oct.-Dec. 1974 issues of Western Bird Bander were mailed to approximately 365 members. Additionally, 14 complimentary and/or exchange copies were provided. For the Apr.-Jun. Annual Report issue, 87 extra copies were mailed to contributors who were not W.B.B.A. members.

In 1974, 80 pages were printed - the largest volume to date. Topics were:

Articles - 24 pages, including 7½ pages on techniques  
Annual Report - 13 pages  
Annual Meeting - 5½ pages  
Returns & Recoveries - 2 pages  
Color Marking Auth. - 1 page  
Reviews - ½ page  
Recent Literature - 7½ pages  
Banding Supplies &  
Information Exchange - 7½ pages  
Misc. & Covers - 19 pages  
80 pages

Roughly the same apportionment has occurred in the first two issues of 1975, except that more pages were allotted for Color-Marking Authorizations.

• Approximately 10% of our circulation goes to educational institutions, Game and Fish Departments, and National Wildlife Refuges,

The cost of publishing Western Bird Bander in 1974 was approximately \$1700. Postage was an additional \$150. Publishing industry costs continued to climb in 1974 and 1975, with three 7% increases in the period of a year. We are investigating the use of a different process to cut printing cost but still maintain the quality of a typeset publication. A further savings can be made when W.E.B.A. becomes incorporated and we can mail the Western Bird Bander under a non-profit permit rather than the present bulk-mailing permit.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Meeting took place in the Science Lecture Room of California State University, Fresno, California on September 20, 1975.

Meeting called to order by President Michael San Miguel at 2:25 p.m.

Present: Michael San Miguel, Dr. Charles T. Collins, Eleanor Radke, Otis Swisher.

Motion made by Dr. Collins and seconded by Eleanor Radke to accept the By-Laws of Western Bird Banding Association as printed in the report from attorney James Jackson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Otis Swisher to accept the invitation to meet for our 1976 Annual Meeting in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Motion seconded by Eleanor Radke, and passed unanimously.

Invitation for us to hold our 1977 Annual Meeting in Logan, Utah is noted.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Otis D. Swisher*

Otis D. Swisher, Secretary