

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE MEETING
4 June 1976

The meeting was called to order by President Michael San Miguel at 8:45 p.m. at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. Also present were: Dr. Charles Collins, Roger Boyd, Eleanor Radke, Shirley Spitler, and Van Truan. Charles Collins discussed the progress of the work sheets. Several were completed and a number of others were near completion. It was suggested that we publish an index in the near future. In selling the back issues, the association had made \$ 75 to \$100. We will continue to advertise back issues at \$15 a set.

Pres. San Miguel said that decals will be sold for 60¢ each at this meeting, but \$1 each afterwards. Future requests can be sent to David Foster. A discussion on patches followed. It was decided to wait another year.

Shirley Spitler asked about the income from back issues of worksheets. It was verified as being reasonable. Charles Collins asked about selling reprints. It was decided that all reprints will be purchased from the publisher to make less work for the editor. Shirley Spitler also asked about soliciting advertising. After a brief discussion, it was decided that we should solicit ads but leave it low key, with responses going through Shirley. Currently, the association that receives the ad is the one to receive the money.

The treasurer's report was presented by Shirley with a discussion following. Please refer to the attached report for details.

Eleanor Radke presented the editor's report (see attached sheet). Thanks was given to Charles Collins, David Foster, Richard Mewaldt, and Otis Swisher. There was a discussion concerning the manilla cover sheet used on NABB. This might be a good way to decrease costs further. Another method of cost reduction that was given favorable comments was that of using a 10 point type instead of 9 point. This would reduce the volume by about 25%. Charles Collins moved that

the subscription costs to Canadian and all other foreign addresses be increased sufficiently to cover increased costs of postage. This will take affect contingent upon a similar action be the EBBA board. Van Truan seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Eleanor reported that NABB #2 was complete except for the President's message. There was a discussion concerning the utilization of a list of articles published by banders. It was decided that notice would be made that there was such a list and interested parties could request a copy. It would also be channeled through the "recent literature" editor, Richard DeHaven.

There was a discussion of the immediate needs by the editor. The most important thing is to build up a backlog of articles to rely upon. It was suggested that methodology be pushed. It is easy to write up, can be helpful to others, and the detail is usually left out of the major ornithological journals.

The next topic of discussion concerned difficulties surrounding the journal merger. Everyone had praise for Eleanor's determination in seeing it work and methods for preventing any further difficulties were developed.

Pres. San Miguel read a letter from Enid Austin requesting that senior citizens be given a reduced subscription rate. The decision was made to take it under advisement for one year and consider the practices of other organizations. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger J. Boyd Sec. Pro Tem.

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
5 June 1976

The meeting was called to order by President Michael San Miguel at 1:45 p.m. on 5 June 1976 in Room 228, Student Center, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. In the absence of Otis Swisher, Roger Boyd was asked to serve as Secretary Pro Tem. Van Truan was asked to read the minutes of the last meeting. Charles Collins moved that the minutes be approved, Shirley Spitler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Shirley Spitler read the Treasurer's report. She reported there were 383 members for 1976, as compared to 382 members in 1975. The balance in the checking account 1 April 1975 was \$1,239.65. The income for the year was \$2,780.92; expenses were \$3,020.84, so the balance in the checking account 31 March 1976 was \$999.73. In the Endowment Fund in the savings account was \$1,850 with \$1,856.45 in the General Fund of the savings account. Total assets for the Association are \$4,706.18. Dick Mewald[†] moved that we accept this report with many thanks for Shirley's excellent record-keeping; Bruce Sorrie seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Eleanor Radke read the Editor's report. In 1975, 84 pages were printed of Western Bird Bander - the largest volume to date - and appropriate for our 50th year. Four worksheets were included. Approximately 40% of the publication goes to people in professional science departments and libraries. Using a modified ITEK process enabled us to cut printing costs about \$3.00 per page. This factor helped in the merging of Eastern and Western Bird Banding publications into NABB, which she showed us. There have been some problems with the merger but they are being worked out. WBBA now has a non-profit bulk mailing permit. Dick Mewald[†] moved to accept

the Editor's report with thanks for a job well-done to Eleanor Radke, as well as Charles Collins, for their perseverance with NABB. It was seconded by Charles Collins who also included the help of Michael San Miguel. It passed unanimously.

President San Miguel reminded us to submit articles to NABB to let other banders know new techniques and experiments.

He then introduced John Tautin, who brought a report from the Banding Lab. He reported on the most current events: 1) Merten Smith is the new ^{chief of Branch of Surveys} supervisor, 2) 2,000 permittees and 2,000 subpermittees are ^{of f. Migratory} banding, 3) Color marking requirements and data requests are increasing, 4) Band size 9^c is larger for the Trumpeter Swan and new size 7^D Lock-on is slightly smaller than 8 for the Red-Tailed Hawk, 5) Volume II will be out at the end of the summer 1976, 6) Return data will eventually be utilized but it will be limited to one per bird per year, 7) A new computer 370 Model 15 with 4 times the volume is being used. He then congratulated the Association on NABB. Dick Mewalt^h inquired why alpha codes aren't used in the new manual. Charles Collins stated it was in Volume II. ^{Key 5:} John Tautin said they would try to get out one standard code sheet.

Under Old Business, Dick Mewalt^h gave a report on the White-crowned Sparrow project. There was a mailing list of 61 with 24 responses this year. He felt it should be continued a third year, then re-evaluated. He also felt the Association should support the project because it may be valuable as an environmental indicator.

Charles Collins gave a report from the work sheet committee. It will continue with the same format - one or two work sheets per issue. A work sheet for Harris Hawk and Yellow-billed Magpie is ready. The only change was the addition of the alpha code. He requested more work sheet information from any bander who regularly handled a species.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for ^{Utah} Weber State University,
Legan, Utah.

Van Truan read a letter from Carl Marti of the Nominating Committee for the new slate of officers. The officers nominated for 1976-1977 are Charles Collins, President; Van Truan, First Vice-President; Reger Boyd, Second Vice-President, Otis Swisher, Secretary; Shirley Spidler, Treasurer; and Eleanor Radke, Editor. Dick Mewald[†] moved that these officers be accepted, Bev McIntosh seconded it, and the slate of officers was elected unanimously.

Dick Mewald[†] moved that a vote of appreciation go to Ronald Ryder and his committee for their excellent job of setting up this year's meeting. It was seconded by Charles Collins and passed.

Charles Collins moved that the meeting be adjourned, Reger Boyd seconded it, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reger L. Boyd

Reger L. Boyd, Secretary Pro Tem.

Editor's Report - Western Bird Banding Association

at Colorado State Univ., Ft. Collins, CO

June 5, 1976

The 1975 issues of Western Bird Bander were mailed to approximately 420 members. Complimentary copies of the Apr-Jun Annual Report issue were sent to contributors who were not W.B.B.A. members.

In 1975, 84 pages were printed - the largest volume to date. Content was:

Articles - 28 pages
Annual Report - 12 pages
Annual Meeting - 4 pages
Recaptures - 2 pages
Color Marking Auth. - 2½ pages
Recent Literature - 7½ pages
Information Exchange - 5 pages
Banding Supplies - 4 pages
Misc. & Covers - 15 pages
84 pages

Four Worksheets for Western Species were enclosed in the 1975 issues of Western Bird Bander.

Approximately 40% of our circulation goes to "professionals" -- that is, Game and Fish Departments, libraries, wildlife refuges, and to people connected with universities.

In the latter part of 1975, we began using a modified ITEK process for printing, which enabled us to maintain a typeset quality but cut printing costs significantly. Proof that this process was acceptable was one factor weighing significantly in the decision to merge Eastern and Western Bird Banding publications into NABB. W.B.B.A. now has, as of this date, its non-profit bulk mailing permit.

I wish to thank our Editorial Staff, Charles T. Collins, Richard W. DeHaven, David W. Foster, and Otis D. Swisher for their invaluable help and contributions to Western Bird Bander and, now, to NABB.

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Treasurer Report

1 Jun 1976

Memberships Paid - 4/1/75 - 3/31/76

	Renew		New	=	Total		1975		1976		1976
Active & Associate	283	+	23	=	306	-	28	-	4	+1*	= 275
Student	39	+	11	=	50	-	7	-	0		= 43
Sustaining	15	+	0	=	15	-	0	-	0		= 15
Life	-		2	=	2	-	0	-	0		= 2
	<u>337</u>	+	<u>36</u>	=	<u>373</u>	-	<u>35</u>	-	<u>4</u>	<u>+1</u>	= <u>335</u>

*pd prior 4/1/75 for 1976

Cancellations for period = 16 (14 active & assoc. + 1 student + 1 life)

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:

	<u>1976*</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
Active & Associate	297	293	260	251
Student	48	52	55	46
Sustaining	16	20	32	21
Life	<u>222</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>383</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>333</u>

*Paid as of 1 June 1976

Renewal notices were sent to 375 members on 5 October 1975 and 48 second notices were mailed to delinquent members on 5 May 1976. Those not responding by 5 June 1976 will be dropped. (Second notices should have been sent in February and members not responding dropped in March but was late.)

In addition Fern Tainter sent 141 invitations to non-members who had been granted federal banding permits in 1975, and 74 to non-members who turned in banding reports to Otis Swisher. Dick Mewaldt and Otis Swisher have sent several membership envelopes and letters to non-members who have contacted them.

Comments:

1. Membership rosters are for the calendar year rather than our new fiscal year.
2. Contributions and sustaining memberships decreased in 1976 - hopefully a temporary result of rate increase.
3. Otis Swisher has contributed a total of \$226.00 in the past three years, almost one-half of the contributions received.
4. At a current rate of approx. \$20.00 per 100 (cost of envelopes & postage), sending renewal notices and invitations is expensive. Approximately 85% response was received for renewal notices to current members. Invitations to non-members have brought a 25% response. This percentage will probably increase allowing more time for replies.
5. Our incorporated status will necessitate some procedural changes. Our fiscal year is now 1 Apr - 31 Mar. (I compiled summaries for this period for each of the last three years for your information.)
6. Our constitution stipulates that we maintain two separate funds: a General Fund and an Endowment Fund. The summaries include the two funds within our savings account listed separately.

7. A Proposed Budget for 1976-77 as prepared for the IRS tax exemption certificate application is included. Done on short notice, it is very general. If there are any comments or suggestions on the budget please let me know.
8. Eight members who are known EBB^A members living in the east and who did not respond by Apr 1976 were cancelled.

Questions:

1. Should we solicit advertising and from whom? Banding equipment, books, publications, guest ranches??
2. Should current inventories of back issues and worksheets be included in financial summary? Costs of reprints be listed separately?
3. Are contributions the only monies that are tax exempt? How about dues?
4. What can money from endowment fund be used for? Does Endowment Fund interest go directly into General Fund or a special category, ie is special board vote necessary to spend it?

Shirley S. Spitzer, June 76
Shirley S. Spitzer, treas.

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Financial Summary

1 Apr 1973 - 31 Mar 1974

CHECKING ACCOUNT

(Bank of America, McKee & Toyon, San Jose, CA)

Balance 1 Apr 1973.....\$1,456.17

INCOME

Membership Dues:

Active & Associate (264)	\$1,188.00	
Student (59)	206.50	
Sustaining (32)	288.00	
Life (1)	100.00	
Total.....		\$1,782.50
Contributions (27).....		193.00
Honorarie (Collins & Walls).....		40.00
Annual meeting profit (1973).....		61.58
Sales (worksheets).....		48.60
Sales (back issues).....		32.25
Canadian exchange adjustment.....		(0.03)

Total Income 2,157.90

EXPENSES

WBB Production.....	1,037.88
Postage.....	93.00
Membership envelopes & postage (treasurer).....	81.45
Annual report.....	50.00
Editor - postage.....	46.22
Reprints.....	10.92
Deposit savings account (life membership).....	100.00
Deposit savings account (General Fund).....	1,000.00
Unhonored check.....	4.50

Total Expense (2,423.97)

Balance 31 Mar 1974.....\$1,190.10

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

(Bank of America, McKee & Toyon, San Jose, CA)

	Total	Endowment Fund	General Fund
Balance (31 Mar 1973)	\$1,355.51	\$1,200.00	\$ 155.51
Deposits	1,100.00	100.00	1,000.00
Interest	83.95		83.95
Balance (31 Mar 1974)	\$2,539.46	\$1,300.00	\$1,239.46

General Fund (31 Mar 1974).....	\$2,429.56
Endowment Fund (31 Mar 1974).....	\$1,300.00
Total Assets	\$3,729.56

Shirley S. Spittler
Shirley S. Spittler, treas.

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
 Financial Summary
 1 Apr 1974 - 31 Mar 1975

CHECKING ACCOUNT

(Bank of America, McKee & Toyon, San Jose, CA)

Balance 1 Apr 1974..... \$1,190.10

INCOME

Membership Dues:

Active & Associate (323)	\$1,310.50	
Student (59)	205.00	
Sustaining (26)	234.00	
Life (3)	250.00	
Total.....		\$1,999.50
Contributions (36).....		196.17
Sales (worksheets).....		5.00
Sales (back issues).....		22.50
Reprints.....		<u>53.34</u>

Total Income 2,276.51

EXPENSES

WEB Production.....	\$1,656.45
Postage & permit.....	241.61
Treasurer (postage).....	40.00
Secretary (supplies & postage).....	48.00
President (record shipment).....	18.45
Annual report.....	22.45
Deposit savings account (Life membership).....	<u>200.00</u>

Total Expense (2,226.96)

Balance 31 Mar 1975..... \$1,239.65

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

(Bank of America, McKee & Toyon, San Jose, CA)

	Total	Endowment Fund	General Fund
Balance (31 Mar 1974)	\$2,539.46	\$1,300.00	\$1,239.46
Deposits	200.00	200.00	-
Interest	146.89	-	146.89
Balance (31 Mar 1975)	<u>\$2,886.35</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,386.35</u>

General Fund (31 Mar 1975).....	\$2,626.00
Endowment Fund (31 Mar 1975).....	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Total Cash Assets	<u>\$4,126.00</u>

Shirley S. Spittler
 Shirley S. Spittler, treas.

Financial Summary
1 Apr 1975 - 31 Mar 1976

CHECKING ACCOUNT*

Balance 1 Apr 1975..... \$1,239.65

INCOME

Membership Dues:		
Active & Associate (306)	\$1,771.00	
Student (50)	214.50	
Sustaining (15)	180.00	
Life (2)	200.00	
Total.....		\$2,365.50
Contributions (7).....		121.00
Sales (back issues).....		117.25
Sales (worksheets).....		50.25
Annual meeting profit (1975).....		111.92
Advertising.....		15.00
Total Income		\$2,780.92

EXPENSES

WBB Production (4 issues).....	\$1,645.47
Postage.....	103.00
Editor (postage & Xerox).....	64.30
Alice Ford (typing for WBB).....	65.00
Eldon Pub Co (1/2 of cost of NABB cover design).....	77.50
Bank of America (service charges-checking acct).....	4.00
Treasurer (renewal notices & postage).....	93.84
Valley National Bank (check printing).....	7.14
Membership chairman (postage).....	16.07
Eldon Pub Co (letterhead stationery).....	45.95
Emblem Manufacturing Co (decals).....	211.76
Ruth Rose (NABB address labels).....	36.82
Deposit savings account (Life memberships).....	250.00
Deposit savings account (General Fund).....	400.00
Total Expense	(\$3,020.84)

Balance 31 Mar 1976..... \$ 999.73

SAVINGS ACCOUNT*

	Total	Endowment Fund	General Fund
Balance (31 Mar 1975)	\$2,886.35	\$1,500.00	\$1,386.35
Deposits	750.00	350.00	400.00
Interest - to 9/30 BofA	81.14	-	81.14
Penalty - BofA	(40.55)	-	(40.55)
Interest - to 12/31 VNB	29.51	-	29.51
Balance (31 Mar 1976)	\$3,706.45	\$1,850.00	\$1,856.45

General Fund (31 Mar 1976).....	\$2,856.18
Endowment Fund (31 Mar 1976).....	1,850.00

Total Cash Assets \$4,706.18

*Both accounts on deposit at Bank of America, McKee & Toyon, San Jose, CA to Oct, 1975 and then on deposit at Valley National Bank, Main Street, Yuma, AZ.

Shirley S. Späthler, Treas.
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WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
Interim Financial Summary
1 Apr 1976 - 31 May 1976

CHECKING ACCOUNT
(Valley National Bank, Main St., Yuma, AZ)

Balance 1 April 1976..... \$999.73

INCOME

Membership Dues:			
Active & Assoc. (13r, 9n)	123.00		
Student (4r, 1n)	22.50		
Sustaining (1r)	12.00		
Total.....		\$157.50	
Contribution.....		50.00	
Sales (worksheets).....		7.70	
Sales (back issues).....		34.75	
Advertising (Donald Payne).....		25.00	
Total Income			\$274.95

EXPENSES

Eldon Pub Co. (annual meeting flyer & postage)...	\$ 37.48	
(renewal envelopes).....	37.00	
(phone expense for NABB).....	7.00	
Editor (postage).....	5.50	
Membership chr. (invitations & postage).....	35.81	
Treasurer (postage).....	13.79	
James Jackson (attorney fees - 10/75 thru 5/76)...	211.00	
Total Expense		347.58

Balance 31 May 1976..... \$927.10

SAVINGS ACCOUNT
(Valley National Bank, Main St., Yuma, AZ)

	Total	Endowment Fund	General Fund
Balance (31 Mar 1976)	\$3,706.45	\$1,850.00	\$1,856.45
Interest	47.84	-	47.84
Balance (31 May 1976)	<u>\$3,754.29</u>	<u>\$1,850.00</u>	<u>\$1,904.29</u>

General Fund (31 May 1976)	\$2,820.89
Endowment Fund (31 May 1976).....	1,850.00
Total Assets	<u>\$4,670.89</u>

Shirley S. Hester, Treas

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Proposed Budget
1 Apr. 1976 - 31 Mar 1977

INCOME

Membership dues (all classes)	\$2,200.00
Contributions	150.00
Sales (back issues & worksheets)	200.00
Advertising receipts	100.00
Sales (decals)	100.00
Interest	210.00
Total Income.....	\$2,860.00

EXPENSES

Production costs - 4 issues	\$2,200.00
Postage	160.00
Supplies & postage - WBBA officers:	
President	20.00
Secretary	20.00
Treasurer - renewal notices	100.00
Editor (other than magazine production)	35.00
Membership chairman	25.00
Annual meeting expenses	100.00
Scientific papers & reports -reproduction	50.00
Total Expenses.....	\$2,710.00

Shirley S. Spitzer
Shirley S. Spitzer
Treasurer
23 April 1976

This is a copy of the Proposed Budget submitted with the application to the IRS for tax exemption certification.

Please make any comments if you anticipate differences in these amounts.

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

APPROXIMATE WEB PRODUCTION COSTS:

1973

Jan-Mar (350)	\$156.46	
Apr-Jun (500)	348.99	
Jul-Sep (500)	271.42	
Oct-Dec (400)	174.80	\$ 951.67

1974

Jan-Mar (415)	\$239.03	
Apr-Jun (520)	367.86	
Jul-Sep (535)	473.47	
Oct-Dec (?)	452.97	\$1,533.33

1975

Jan-Mar (425)	\$440.35	
Apr-Jun (?)	518.19	
Jul-Sep (475)	314.69	
Oct-Dec (500)	372.24	\$1,645.47

Shirley S. Spitzer
 Shirley S. Spitzer, treas.
 15 May 1976