

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
April 22, 1977

The meeting took place in Room 32 of the University Motel, Logan, Utah.

Meeting was called to order by President Charles T. Collins, at 8:25 pm.
Present: Shirley Spittler, Eleanor Radke, Van A. Truman, Otis Swisher,
Jay Sheppard from the Bird Banding Laboratory, and Martha Balph.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman Michael San Miguel, by letter, sent the Committees' slate of nominees for officers for 1977-1978:

President - Dr. Charles T. Collins
1st Vice President - Van A. Truman
2nd Vice President - Dr. Martha Balph
Secretary - Otis D. Swisher
Treasurer - Shirley Spittler
Editor - Eleanor Radke

The persons will be placed in nomination for a vote by the membership, at the business meeting April 23, 1977

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Dr. Martha Balph presented copies of the program which will be held April 23, along with topics to be discussed and the names of speakers. See the copy attached.

INCREASE THE BOARDS' SIZE

Dr. Collins presented the case for increasing the size of the Board of Directors, as provided in the Constitution, by adding two (2) Directors to represent Members-at-Large. Each of the two will serve two (2) year terms after the first appointments which will have one with one year and one with two year terms. The new members will be appointed by the President.

NOTION by Swisher, seconded by Radke, that this suggestion be approved and implemented as soon as possible. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Collins will talk to the following on April 23, 1977 to see if they are willing to accept such appointments: Bruce Serrie for 2 year term, and Carl Marti for a 1-year term.

Also mentioned for future possible consideration: Leon Powers and Stephen Speich.

MEETING PLACE FOR 1978 and 1979 MEETINGS

By common consent, Dr. Collins will pursue the seeking of an invitation from the Cooper's Ornithological Society to meet jointly at Humboldt State University, Arcata, California in about mid-June, 1978; and seek a possible invitation to Santa Barbara for 1979.

EDITOR OF WAHB REPORT - See attached

In addition, Eleanor presented for information the following:

1. Kraft paper mailing covers for WAHB will be used for at least one more year.
2. Printing costs have increased by 10%, effective immediately; so what at present cost \$700-\$750 per issue to produce the WAHB will go up between \$70 and \$75 per issue.

3. ADVERTISING INCOME

There is immediate need for an individual, other than the Editor, to be an Advertising Manager. After discussion, this was approved and is to be implemented immediately.

Distribution of advertising income: it was suggested, and found a favorable hearing, that we seek an agreement with WERA that income from advertising be put to a direct offset of gross cost of publication, THEN remaining costs be divided according to a formula based on membership, the formula to be acceptable to both WERA & WABA.

4. Dr. Collins will write a letter to both Ontario Banding Association and to WERA reiterating a cordial invitation for them to join WABA.
5. AN INDEX for WERANDER will be written by Susan Kaiser, San Jose State University. The writing of an index for WABA has been volunteered for by Fred Schaeffer. A time period of 5 years was suggested.

BY LAWS CHANGE

6. Addition to ARTICLE VII, SECTION IV

"It shall be a duty of the Treasurer to prepare a tentative budget each year. This tentative budget shall then be approved by the Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting, or by mail. Line items of this approved Budget may not be exceeded without the approval of a 2/3 majority of the Board."

Motion to add this section as shown in quotation marks was made by Radke, Seconded by Truan, and passed unanimously.

7. EXCHANGE JOURNALS - On motion by Spittler, Seconded by Swisher, the Board unanimously approved the following:

That WERA donate the journals sent to the WABA Editor, after the WABA Editor and Publications' Review Editor have used them, to the Joselyn Van Tyne Memorial Library of the Wilson Ornithological Society.

8. THANKS Eleanor expressed thanks to the Board for the expense funds WERA made available for her to use which made possible her attendance at the 1977 WERA meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT - See attached

Besides the discussion of the Treasurer's Report, the present Dues Structure of WERA was discussed. By common agreement, no dues increase was felt warranted at this time.

Motion by Truan, seconded by Spittler, and passed unanimously that with regret, a \$2.00 surcharge to cover the increased cost of postage be added to all Canadian and foreign memberships, to take effect immediately.

NEW CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP

Eleanor moved, Truan seconded, that ARTICLE V, SECTION II of the By-laws include a new class of WERA membership to be named NON-SUBSCRIBING MEMBER. Non-subscribing members shall be those who have all the rights and privileges of Active Membership but do not receive the Journal. Their dues shall be less than those of Active Members, as determined by the Board.

(Change 7 to 8, and insert SEC III, as worded above).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING, April 22, 1977 (Continued)

WHITE CROWNED SPARROW PROJECT

The Board wishes to acknowledge that while the project has been successful, WERA is not able to underwrite the cost of expansion of the program and suggests that the Association look for another cooperative project. The Board also expressed thanks to all cooperators and to Dr. Newaldt who coordinated the project.

USE OF WERA MAILING LIST

Motion made by Swisher, Seconded by Spitzer, that a request for the use of the WERA mailing list for use by WRBO for fund-raising purposes be denied. The worthy purpose was not questioned, just the use of the list. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 12:15 A.M. on April 23, 1977, to meet at the end of the program and paper sessions this afternoon.

RECONVENEMENT OF THE BOARD

Board reconvened April 23, 1977 in Room 335 of the Student Union Building, Utah State University, Logan, Utah after the paper sessions following the Annual Meeting.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Otis D. Swisher

Otis D. Swisher, Secretary

Editor's Report - Western Bird Banding Assn.
Annual Meeting, Logan Utah
April 22, 1977

This past year was the first year of publication for North American Bird Bander. We were able to stay within estimated costs in spite of a general rise in printing cost.

Circulation was approximately 1200, split as 750 for Eastern Bird Banding Association and 450 for Western Bird Banding Association. Complimentary copies were sent to contributors to the Annual Report who were not WBBA members.

Approximately 200 pages were printed, with the breakdown as follows:

Articles	- 88 pages
Annual Report	- 12 pages
Atlantic Flyway Review	- 24 pages
EBBA & WEBA Regional News	- 34 pages
Recaptures	- 1 page
Color Marking Auth.	- 3 pages
Recent Literature	- 9½ pages
Information Exchange	- 6 pages
Banding Supplies	- 8 pages
Misc. & Covers	- 14½ pgs.
	200

Six worksheets for western species were enclosed in the four issues of NABB 1:1-4.

Because of improvement in quality and appearance of NABB vs Western Bird Bander and EBBA News, as well as increased circulation, we have received a generally higher quality of ms. recently as compared with previous years. In at least one case, a ms. was submitted to NABB because of the short lead time in getting to press.

Working with the EBBA editor has presented no problems whatever. We are constantly in touch - by phone and by mail. My WBBA-sponsored trip to the EBBA meeting was a valuable one, I believe, in that I was able to have informal talks with most of EBBA's officers, as well as being invited to sit in on one of their Council meetings.

I wish to thank the members of the Editorial Staff -- Richard W. DeHaven, Jon L. Atwood, Charles T. Collins, and Otis D. Swisher -- for their invaluable aid during this first year of NABB's publication.

Those aspects which I feel need the attention of WBBA's officers are the handling of exchange journals, dual memberships in WBBA and EBBA, and indices for NABB.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor L. Radtke

Editor

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Treasurer Report

20 Apr 1977

Membership Summary

1 Apr 1976 - 31 Mar 1977

Dues Paid:

	Renew		New	=	Total		1976		1978		1977
Active & Assoc	283	+	61	=	344	-	46	-	4	+4*	= 298
Student	42	+	20	=	62	-	13	-	0	=	49
Sustaining	17	+	2	=	19	-	2	-	0	=	17
Life	0	+	2	=	2	-	0	-	0	=	2
Totals	342	+	85	=	427	-	61	-	4	+4	= 366

*paid prior to 1 Apr 1976 for 1977.

Total Membership:

	1977*	1976	1975	1974
Active & Assoc	307	321	293	260
Student	55	56	52	55
Sustaining	18	17	20	32
Life	24	22	17	16
	404 ^x	416	382	363

*Pd through 4/20/77

^xThis compares with 368 memberships for 1976 paid by 4/20/76

- Income for Life memberships includes 1 (\$150.00) and a portion of 1 (\$50.00).
- Back issue sales included 8 clearance sale sets - 7/8 of total back issue sales.
- The \$200.00 transferred from savings to checking was general fund monies and needed for bills until membership dues started coming in later in the month.
- Approximately 30 of the new members (83) were the result of invitations sent by Fern Tainter. She said she did not have exact figures on response to invitations, response by libraries was the poorest, sub-permittees next, and permittees best.
- There have been 12 cancellations during the fiscal period. Of the 53 members for 1976 that have not renewed to date, approximately 30 will be cancelled. Second notices were sent to 44 members early in March and four have renewed. Thirteen of the 53 non-renewers are in the EBBA area and were not sent second notices. NABB 2-1 was sent to all of the non-renewing members.
- Our mailing list includes 380 paid members, 21 non-paid but good prospect members, 24 Life members and 12 exchanges, for of 438.
- The budget sheet includes last year's estimates and actual spending with differences noted and an estimate for 1977.
- Changes in dues proposed by EBBA would require change in by-laws.
- I propose we include renewal envelopes in Jul-Sep issue, would save much.
- Need a form card outlining our dues, when memberships begin, and what members are entitled to: worksheets, back issues available.
- I will have change of address hopefully by end of June (Apr-June issue).

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Financial Summary

1 Apr 1976 - 31 Mar 1977

CHECKING ACCOUNT*

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

INCOME

Membership Dues:

Active & Associate (344)	\$2,055.00
Student (62)	279.00
Sustaining (19)	228.00
Life (2)	200.00

Total.....\$2,762.00

Contributions.....	232.77
Sales (back issues).....	139.25
Sales (worksheets).....	26.20
Sales (decals).....	16.20
Advertising.....	25.00

Total Income

\$3,201.42

Transfer from Savings Account (General Fund)

200.00

EXPENSES

NABB Production - 4 issues (Eldon Pub Co).....	\$1,889.97
Postage.....	152.14
Annual mtg flyer & postage - 1976 (Eldon Pub Co)...	37.48
Annual mtg flyer & postage - 1977 (Eldon Pub Co)...	46.50
Worksheets production (Eldon Pub Co).....	24.35
Letterhead stationery, envelopes (Eldon Pub Co)....	81.42
Treasurer - postage (S Spitler).....	118.94
Editor - postage & phone (E Radke).....	82.38
Editor - expenses to EBBA mtg (E Radke).....	250.00
Membership chr - postage (F Tainter).....	35.81
Annual report exp - 1976 (O Swisher).....	74.89
Attorney fees - incorporation (J Jackson).....	217.00
NABB circ mgr - labels, PO chgs (R Rose).....	68.16
Refund - overpayment (FW Faxon).....	6.00
Canadian exchange adjustment.....	2.14
Checks (2) returned for non-pay (Valley Bank).....	8.84

Total Expenses

(\$3,096.02)

Balance 31 Mar 1977.....\$1,305.13

SAVINGS ACCOUNT*

	Total	Endowment Fund	General Fund
Balance (31 Mar 1976)	\$3,706.45	\$1,850.00	\$1,856.45
Interest -4/1/76	47.84	-	47.84
-6/76-3/77	198.40	-	198.40
Transfer to checking	(200.00)		(200.00)
Transfer GF to EF (Life mem)		200.00	(200.00)
Balance (31 Mar 1977)	\$3,752.69	\$2,050.00	\$1,702.69

*Both accounts on deposit at Valley National Bank, Main Street Office, Yuma, AZ.

Shirley S. Spitler, treas.

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

BUDGET

	1976 <u>Estimate</u>	1976 <u>Actual</u>	Estimate: over (under)	1977 <u>Estimate</u>
<u>OME</u>				
Membership - all cl.	\$2,200.00	\$2,762.00	(\$562.00)	\$ 2,700
Contributions	150.00	232.77	(82.77)	200
Sales	300.00	181.65	118.35	100
Advertising	100.00	25.00	75.00	50
Interest	<u>210.00</u>	<u>198.40</u>	<u>11.60</u>	<u>200</u>
Totals	\$2,960.00	\$3,399.82	(\$439.82)	\$ 3,250

EXPENSES

NAEB Prod.	\$2,200.00	\$1,889.97	\$310.03	2500
Postage	160.00	152.14	7.86	180
Supplies (stat)	-	28.42	(28.42)	50
President	20.00	-	20.00	20
Secretary	20.00	-	20.00	20
Treasurer	100.00	171.94	(71.94)	180
Editor	35.00	82.38	(47.38)	85
Mem chr	25.00	35.81	(10.81)	40
Ann. meeting exp	100.00	83.98*	16.02	
Sci papers, reports, w. s.	50.00	24.35	25.65	25
Annual report exp	-	74.89	(74.89)	85
Attorney fee-incorp.	-	217.00	(217.00)	
NAEB circ mgr. exp	-	68.16	(68.16)	90
Misc. (adj., refunds)	-	16.98	(16.98)	45
Editor, Ebba Mtg exp	-	250.00	(250.00)	87
Totals	\$2,710.00	\$3,096.02	(\$386.02)	\$ 3,407.00

*incl. 76 and 77



PROGRAM

1977 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN BIRD-BANDING ASSOCIATION

April 23-24, 1977

Utah State University, Logan, Utah

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

- 8:30 a.m. Registration at the Conference and Institute Division, Room 202, University Center (U.C.).
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome by Keith L. Dixon, U.C. Room 335.
- 9:30 a.m. Trends at the Bird Banding Laboratory, by Jay H. Sheppard, B.S.P., Patuxent, U.C. Room 335.
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee break.
- 10:30-11:45 a.m. First paper session, chaired by Martha H. Balph, U.C. Room 335.
- 10:30 a.m. A banding study of Evening Grosbeaks wintering in northern Utah. Martha H. Balph, Dept. of Wildlife Science, U.S.U., and Alice N. Lindahl, Bridgerland Audubon Society.
- 10:50 a.m. Estimability of age-specific survival rates from banding studies of young birds. David R. Anderson, Utah Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, U.S.U.
- 11:05 a.m. A project to rehabilitate raptors. Stellanie S. Ure, Salt Lake City.
- 11:20 a.m. Distinguishing Myrtle and Audubon's Warblers. Bruce A. Sorrie, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Bolinas, Calif.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch. U.C. Cedar Room.
- 1:30 p.m. Business meeting. U.C. Room 335.
- 2:30 p.m. Bird banding studies in Southeast Asia, by H. Elliott McClure, Camarillo, Calif. U.C. Room 335.
- 3:35 p.m. Coffee break.
- 3:45-4:35 p.m. Second paper session, chaired by James A. Gessaman, U.C. Room 335.
- 3:45 p.m. White-crowned Sparrow Project progress report. L. Richard Hewaldt, Avian Biology Laboratory, San Jose State Univ., Calif.
- 4:05 p.m. Weights, measurements, and migratory behavior of the Vancouver-Canada Goose. John T. Ratti, Dept. of Wildlife Science, U.S.U.
- 4:20 p.m. Changing status of the Blue Jay in the western U.S. Kimberly B. Smith, Dept. of Biology, U.S.U.
- 5:30 p.m. Banquet, informal dress. U.C. Center Colony Room. Laurence H. Ryel of the State of Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources will speak on the Kirtland's Warbler in northern Michigan.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast at a restaurant in Logan (to be announced), followed by a field trip to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

LOCAL CO-HOSTS: Keith L. Dixon, Martha H. Balph, and James A. Gessaman

MINUTES OF THE 52nd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
APRIL 23, 1977

The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Charles T. Collins, at 1:34 p.m. in room 335 of the Student Center, Utah State University, Logan, Utah.

The Minutes of the 51st meeting were read by the Secretary, Otis Swisher, and approved with corrections, on motion by Jay Sheppard and second by Dr. H. Elliott McClure.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Shirley Spittler, handed out copies of the Report, (see attached.) After discussion, motion to approve the report was made by Van A. Truan, seconded by Merlin L. Killpack, and passed unanimously.

EDITOR'S REPORT

Eleanor Radke included the following items in her oral report:

1. NABB has just finished its first year. The 200 pages contained in the four issues compare favorably with the 88 pages of articles put out previously in Western Bird Bander.
2. The backlog of articles is again running low. An appeal for articles was made.
3. Costs have been held down. Nevertheless, printing costs will increase by 10% with the publishing of the next issue.
4. Eleanor attended the EBBA spring meeting and was able to talk with officers and attend the Board Meeting. It was helpful to her to be able to go.
5. The two editors of NABB are working amicably.
6. Eleanor thanked the Editors of Departments of NABB for their work
 - a. Dr. Charles Collins - worksheets
 - b. Otis Swisher - Annual Report
 - c. John Atwood - Color Markings
 - d. Richard DeHaven - Literature Editor

Motion by Swisher, seconded by Truan, that we accept the Editors report, with thanks to Eleanor for a job well done. Motion passed unanimously.

PLEA BY THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Collins then made a plea that all WBBB members encourage others to become members.

WORK SHEETS

Dr. Collins then presented the report on worksheets. They are slightly behind at the present time. Bruce Sorrie will be getting one out for the Varied Thrush, probably in time for the next NABB.

Those who are working with species in the field are asked to peruse their data and give feedback to Dr. Collins; and/or to make up sheets for species; drawings may be used. Keys are especially needed for closely related species, (such as Carpodacus.) CARPODACUS

OLD BUSINESS

There being no Old Business, it was none-the-less noted of importance that this was the first year in several years that our business meeting lacked an item on the Great Journal Joining.

52nd ANNUAL MEETING OF WBBB, Logan, Utah, April 23, 1977 (Cont'd)

The Secretary then summarized the main actions by the Board at its meeting April 22, 1977, with supplemental items mentioned by Dr. Collins:

Special note was made of the fact that there will be NO DUES INCREASE for this year.

The Secretary then read the report from the Nominating Committee Chairman, Michael San Miguel, and placed in nomination the following persons for officers for 1977-1978:

President - Charles Collins, Long Beach, California
 1st V. President - Van Truan, Pueblo West, Colorado
 2nd V. President - Dr. Martha Balph, Logan, Utah
 Secretary - Otis Swisher, Medford, Oregon
 Treasurer - Shirley Spittler, Yuma, Arizona
 Editor - Eleanor Radke, Cave Creek, Arizona

Motion to close nominations and instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the above nominees was made by Van Truan, seconded by Dr. McClure, and passed unanimously. *cast*

NEW BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Collins then announced the appointment of the following two persons to the Board of Directors as representing Members-at-Large:

Bruce Sorrie - 2 year term
 Carl Marti - 1 year term

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Collins then read the following statement about the death of a WBBB member:

"Many of you have met or know by name, Mrs. Shirley Wells, of San Pedro, California. Shirley has been a most active and dynamic person contributing much to birding, banding, and conservation.

She served terms as both 2nd Vice President and 1st Vice President of WBBB just a few years back.

As some of you are aware she has also been waging a lengthy battle with cancer. Unlike the results of her many conservation efforts, she lost this battle and passed away Thursday afternoon.

The immensity of this loss can only truly be appreciated by those of us who were fortunate enough to have known her."

MOTION was made by Jay Sheppard, seconded by Dr. McClure, that WBBB send a letter of sympathy to the family. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Carolyn Vigos, seconded by Jay Sheppard, and passed.

Meeting was adjourned by President Collins at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Otis D. Swisher
 Otis D. Swisher, Secretary

(all)

Western Bird Banding Association



Charles T. Collins	President	Dept. of Biology, C.S.U., Long Beach, CA 90840
Van A. Truan	First V.P.	833 Harmony Drive, Pueblo, CO 81007
Roger L. Boyd	Second V.P.	622 S. Tell Hill Rd., Ft. Collins, CO 80521
Pete D. Swisher	Secretary	1002 S. Oakdale, Medford, OR 97501
Shirley B. Spitzer	Treasurer	P.O. Box 3128, YPG, Yuma, AZ 85384
Eleanor L. Radke	Editor	P.O. Box, Cave Creek, AZ 85331

10 December 1977

Mr. Bernie Brouchoud
 Woodland Dunes Nature Center
 P.O. Box 763
 Manitowoc, WI 54220

Dear Mr. Brouchoud:

During the past six years much consideration was given to merging the publications of the three major banding associations under a single cover (the so-called "great journal joining"). EBBA and WBBA felt there was much merit to this idea in that more information could be distributed to our memberships at the same or reduced cost. IBBA clearly indicated that it did not wish to participate in this venture. Starting with the 1976 volume, EBBA News and Western Bird Bander were merged into North American Bird Bander. There is a common section containing articles of general interest, news and notices, and recent literature. There are also separate sections dealing with news and activities of the two individual associations. EBBA and WBBA members now receive this merged journal, representing more published material than the total to the two earlier journals, for the same level of dues they paid for either one alone previously. We feel the advantages of this arrangement are obvious.

Although we respect IBBA's decision made two years ago, not to participate in this journal merger, it is still our hope that perhaps at some future date you may wish to reconsider and make NABB truly North American in scope. The door is always open!

Please do not hesitate to contact one or the other of us for more details than can be presented here on the actual mechanics and financial arrangements of this journal merger and what it might mean for IBBA to join with us.

Yours sincerely,

Charles T. Collins

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 President, WBBA

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