

MINUTES OF THE 53rd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN
BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

TEMPE, ARIZONA

MAY 13, 1978

President Charles Collins called the 53rd annual meeting of WBBA to order at 1:30 p.m. May 13, 1978 in the Pima room of the Memorial Union Building on the campus of the Arizona State University in Tempe.

In the absence of Otis Swisher, secretary, Fern Tainter read the minutes of the 1977 meeting. A motion by Jay Sheppard, seconded by Bob McKearney, to accept the minutes as read, carried.

In order to acquaint the membership with various items discussed by the board of directors at their May 12 meeting, Martha Balph read a summary of business conducted by them.

Pres. Collins presented the new membership category of "non-subscribing member" proposed by the board to eliminate duplication of the NABB journal in households where more than one person belongs to WBBA, the dues for such a member being reduced to \$3.00, effective Jan. 1, 1979.

A motion to accept this new category, with appropriate changes in the by-laws, was made by Jay Sheppard, seconded by David Bradley. During a short discussion period, it was suggested that the board consider the terms "active-subscribing member" and "active non-subscribing member" in differentiating between the two classes. In answer to a question from the floor, Collins explained that non-subscribing members of WBBA who are also members of EBBA will receive only one copy of the journal, but will be entitled to worksheets on western birds. The membership approved the new category by unanimous vote.

Editor Eleanor Radke reported that the North American Bird Bander had completed its second year of publication and is mailed to approximately 1300 persons per issue. "Each volume contains about 200 pages," she said. "We have tried to strike a balance between articles that will appeal to professionals and those that will be of interest to amateur banders." She thanks Otis Swisher, Jon Atwood, Charles Collins, Susan Kaiser, and EBBA editor Nadia Mutchler for their assistance in making the journal a success.

President Collins then explained the need for an efficient advertising manager and Jolen Truan volunteered to serve in that capacity. Jay Sheppard quickly moved that the

association accept Mr. Truman's services. Elliott McClure seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

In a report on worksheets, Dr. Collins announced that hopefully one or more of them would be forthcoming for each issue of the journal. These, he said, would include such species as Clarke's nutcracker, Anna's hummingbird, roadrunner, bushtit, and verdin, the last two being revisions based on new information. He indicated that a cooperative program on banding the common flicker is under consideration and that a scoring system for characterizing hybrid flickers is planned. Collins also expressed the hope that worksheets on shorebirds will be published soon.

Dr. Richard Mewaldt, chairman of the recent cooperative banding project on white-crowned sparrows reported that the data are being analyzed and will eventually be published in NABB and elsewhere. "Data," he said, "are lacking from several key areas, such as the Northwest and Alaska and banders in those areas are encouraged to submit their data to aid in completing the study."

In the absence of Mike San Miguel, chairman, Bruce Sorrie read the following slate of officers for approval:

Otis Swisher, president

Martha Balph, 1st vice-president

Charles Trost, 2nd vice-president

Fern Tainter, secretary

Shirley Spitler, treasurer

Carl Marti, director-at-large, 2-year term

A call for further nominations from the floor was answered by silence. Elliott McClure moved that the slate be accepted as read. Howard Cogswell seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Ron Reynolds from the Bird Banding Lab reported that a total of 2008 master permittees are actively banding birds in the USA, and an equal number of sub-permits have been issued to students and aides. He stated that the bald eagle is now declared endangered in all but five states, but even there a special permit must now be obtained to band them. He reminded those in attendance not to use color markings if the permit to do so had expired. If a bander is no longer using a color permit, he should so report to the banding lab so that some one else might be given those markings, he said. He mentioned that the banding lab file conversion is progressing. He ended his remarks by urging banders to record complete data on every bird banded.

Treasurer Shirley Spitler presented an oral report on WBBA's financial status for 1977. Approximately \$3400 income was sufficient to defray expenses and leave a small balance. During 1977, membership increased to 439. She indicated that an average of 30 new members had joined WBBA during each of the last four years. Dr. Howard Cogswell moved that the report be accepted as presented. Jay Sheppard seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Sorrie from the Point Reyes Bird Observatory recommended that banders organize their data in the form of charts and graphs which could be made available to others in publications. He suggested that banders use standardized data sheets for easy computerization. Both Drs. Mewaldt and Collins stated that they also encourage this form of record keeping.

Eleanor Radke then made a motion that the association express its thanks to out-going president Collins for his "fine" service during his term of office. Seconded by McClure, the motion met with the approval of all members, who applauded appreciatively.

Not to be outdone, Collins then moved a similar expression of thanks to Eleanor for her service as editor. Jay Sheppard seconded that motion and it, too, met with unanimous approval.

The business of the 53rd annual meeting having been concluded, Dr. Collins called for a motion to adjourn. Jay Sheppard obliged, Elliott McClure seconded, and the motion carried. Collins then declared the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern R. Tainter
Fern R. Tainter, Sec.

Board Meeting, WBBA.

May 13, 1978

Following the general business session of WBBA, a short director's meeting, required by the by-laws, was held in the lobby outside Pima room, Union Building. Those in attendance were Charles Collins, Martha Balph, Shirley Spitler, Eleanor Radke, Bruce Sorrie, and Fern Tainter. After congratulations on a successful meeting were exchanged, Collins moved that the meeting adjourn. Sorrie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously--to the surprise of no one. Collins declared adjournment at 3:17 p. m., and the secretary, for one, hurried away into the 105' heat for a short beer!

Respectfully submitted,


Fern R. Tainter, Sec.

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Financial Summary

1 Apr 1977 - 31 Mar 1978

CHECKING ACCOUNT*

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

INCOME

Membership Dues:

Active & Associate (354)	\$2,164.00
Student (75)	337.50
Sustaining (20)	240.00
Life (1 1/3)	<u>200.00</u>

\$2,941.50

Contributions (incl \$100 to editor's spec fund)

235.00

Sales (back issues)

189.07

Sales (worksheets)

49.80

Sales (decals)

15.00

Interest (Financial Savings acct)

93.52

Total Income

3,523.89

EXPENSES

NABB Production - 4 issues (Eldon Pub Co)

\$1,946.55

Postage, copyright

106.17

Label costs

78.25

Supplies

3.20

Worksheets

70.60

Letterhead stationery

22.00

Envelopes (business, window, renewal)

65.35

Annual meeting flyer and postage

25.50

Advance payment - cover stock

100.00

Cover, add. of color (from editor's special fund)

100.00

Labels and print-out, renewal notices

22.40

Treasurer - renewal notices postage (Spitler)

66.34

Treasurer - postage

74.79

Editor - balance EBBA trip (Radke)

80.70

Editor - postage & phone (Radke)

49.68

Membership chairmen - postage & Xerox (Tainter)

32.91

Annual report - 1977 (Swisher)

80.82

Annual report - 1978 (Swisher)

75.49

President - postage (Collins)

5.32

Checks - printing (Valley Nat Bank)

7.42

Canadian exchange adjustment (Valley Nat Bank)

5.65

Total Expenses

(3,019.14)

Transfer from Savings (General Fund)

500.00

Balance 31 Mar 1978..... \$2,309.88

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SAVINGS ACCOUNTS*

	Total	Endowment Fund	General Fund
Balance (31 Mar 1977)	\$3,752.69	\$2,050.00	\$1,702.69
Interest (VNB)	72.79	-	72.79
To checking	(500.00)		(500.00)
Transfer Gen to End	-	200.00 ← 200	(200.00)
Balance (31 Mar 1978)	\$3,325.48	\$2,300.00	\$1,025.48

*Deposit of \$2,000.00 of Savings Account is on deposit with Financial Savings and Loan, PO Box 54544, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles, CA 90044. Interest (6.50%) from this account is paid quarterly by check and is deposited to the checking account and included in total income.

Deposit of \$1,325.48 of Savings Account is on deposit with Valley National Bank, PO Box 6069, Tucson, AZ 85733. Interest (5.75%) from this account is accrued in the account and is not included in total income.

Deposit of \$2,309.88 is on deposit with Valley National Bank, PO Box 6069, Tucson, Arizona 85733.

Membership Summary

Dues Paid 1 Apr 1977 - 31 Mar 1978:

	Renew	+	New	=	Total	-	1977	-	1979	=	1978
Active & Associate	289	+	65	=	354	-	40	-	2 +3*	=	315
Student	52	+	23	=	75	-	18	-	0 +1*	=	58
Sustaining	18	+	2	=	20	-	1	-	0	=	19
Life	—		1 1/3	=	1 1/3		—		—		—
Totals	359		90		449		59		2 +4		392

*Paid prior to 1 April 1977 for 1978

Total Memberships:

	1978*	1977	1976	1975
Active & Associate	335	335	321	293
Student	62	66	56	52
Sustaining	19	18	17	20
Life	23	24	22	17
	439 ^x	443	416	382

*Paid through 5/10/78

^xCompares with 411 memberships on same date in 1977.

Radke

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WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
Financial Summary
1 Apr 1978 - 30 sep 1978

Balance 31 March 1978.....\$2309.88

INCOME

Membership dues:

Active & Associate (41)	\$260.00
Student (10)	45.00
Sustaining (1)	<u>12.00</u>
Total.....	\$317.00
Sales - worksheets.....	34.84
Sales- back issues.....	74.00
Interest - Fin Savings.....	<u>98.28</u>

TOTAL INCOME..... 524.12

EXPENSES

Eldon Pub. WABB3:1&2, printing.....	\$1002.70
postage & copyr.....	170.30
labels.....	24.50
Annual mtg flyer.....	60.00
Envelopes & postage.....	94.00
Fern Tainter (mem chr) postage, etc.....	50.32
Shirley Spitler(treas) postage, etc.....	81.86
Eleanor Radke(editor) postage, etc.....	45.00
Canadian exch adj.....	<u>1.92</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES..... 1530.60

Balance 30 September 1978..... 1303.40

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

	TOTAL	ENDOWMENT	GENERAL
Balance 31 Mar 78	3325.48	2250.00	1075.48
interest VNB	18.17		18.17
Balance 30 Sep 78	3343.65	2250.00	1093.65

MEMBERSHIPS

Active & Associate	20 renew + 21 new
Student	0 renew + 10 new
Sustaining	0 renew + 1 new
Total	<u>20 + 32 = 52 paid memberships</u>

Total paid memberships include:

438 (1978), 7 (1979), 1 (1980)

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

BUDGET

- 1977 -

1979

INCOME

	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(under)</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Membership -all cl.	\$2,557.00	\$2,941.50	\$384.50 +	
Contributions	200.00	235.00	35.00	
Sales	100.00	253.87	153.87	
Advertising	50.00	00	-(50.00)	
Interest	200.00	166.31	-(33.69)	
Totals	\$3,107.00	\$3,596.68	489.68 -	\$4,000.00

EXPENSES

NABB Production	\$2,500.00	\$2,146.55	(353.45)	\$2,500.00
Postage	180.00	106.17	(73.83)	200.00
Labels	90.00	78.25	(11.75)	50.00
Supplies (stat, etc)	50.00	90.55	40.55	100.00
President	20.00	5.32	(14.68)	30.00
Secretary	20.00	00	(20.00)	180.00
Treasurer	180.00	163.53	(16.47)	185.00
Editor	85.00	49.68	(35.32)	60.00
Membership Chr	40.00	32.91	(7.09)	50.00
Annual mtg expenses	50.00	25.50	(24.50)	25.00
Sci papers, reports, ws	25.00	70.60	45.60	85.00
Annual report exp	85.00	156.31	71.31	25.00
Misc (adj., refunds)	25.00	13.07	(11.93)	0.00
Editor, EBBA trip	80.70	80.70	-	
Totals	\$3,430.70	\$3,019.14	(411.56)	

Cost per copy NABB about 91¢

Cost per invitation to join, not counting envelopes, about 19.5¢



Western Bird Banding Association

August 23, 1978

To: Members of the Board of WBBBA

From: Otis Swisher, President

re: recent meeting in Madison, Wisconsin of persons from WBBBA, EBBA, IBBA

Background: The original proposal for merging of publication into one Journal was made to WBBBA, EBBA, and IBBA. Though IBBA chose not to participate, WBBBA and EBBA started the joint venture in January, 1976 and called it NORTH AMERICAN BIRD BANDER. Both WBBBA and EBBA have felt that IBBA should be a part of NABB and we have left the standing invitation to IBBA to join the publishing effort. The occasional correspondence with IBBA found no positive response, up to now.

The A.O.U. meeting in Madison, Wisconsin lent itself to being the right time and place for persons of WBBBA, EBBA, and IBBA to meet on an informal basis to talk about NABB. Questions were asked and answered by all present. There were no references to past decisions, policies, or personalities.

WBBBA's intent, and I presume EBBA's also, was to be a source of information to IBBA, to show how things are working between WBBBA and EBBA in publishing NABB, and to show that we are open for future contacts if and when IBBA wishes to talk again. In my opinion, we accomplished these objectives.

In order that Board Members of WBBBA may have some information in one readily accessible letter, and that they may be aware of a few details and thereby be informed for possible future decisions they may be asked to make, here are a few items to consider:

- 1) It should be understood that the Madison meeting was not an "official" meeting for any of the three organizations mentioned. As indicated above, it was just to discuss and answer questions. No time schedule was mentioned. No further decisions will be made unless or until IBBA wishes. But, we stand ready to talk with them and their representatives at their or our pleasure.
- 2) Our very successful start in NABB has laid a good ground work if and when IBBA should wish to join with us. Costs per organization, number of pages available for each group, and other details are now worked out and are being managed and arranged amicably and satisfactorily.
- 3) The dues increase by WBBBA and EBBA is such that no increase is likely for several years. Most persons realize that even with the dues increase a bander is now receiving the equivalent of two journals which might be costing \$6.00 each, and therefore is indeed getting a financial benefit. In addition, the quality, and size of the Journal is better than either organization might be able to do individually.
- 4) IBBA has a new Editor. He has experience, and has previously evidenced the ability and willingness to work with our present Editors of NABB.
- 5.) It is my personal hope that others who were present feel as I do - that we have had good discussion that will be helpful to us all, and provided for future contacts. I think it is not too presumptuous to suggest that we look to the long range goal of having all three banding organizations as participants in NABB.

What do we of WBBBA do now? First of all, have patience. Suggestions you may have for workable contacts are most welcome. But, I believe that specific planning will have to wait until IBBA indicates it is ready to step forward with us.

Persons present at Madison, August 16: WBBBA - Martha Balph, Charles Collins, Otis Swisher.
EBBA - Valerie Fryer, Mary Clench
IBBA - Bernie Bruzoud, Arthur Wiseman



Western Bird Banding Association

October 22, 1978

To: Members of the Board of Directors of WBBA
From: President, Otis D. Swisher

As you know, our Editor Eleanor Radke is in a never-ending search for MSS for NABB. Editing is a big job by itself. The additional load of searching for and requesting MSS should be something we can help her carry. I am writing to ask you if you will try.

For the time between now and the Annual Meeting in May, I should like to ask each of you to write to people whom you may know, or even to those you may not know, asking them, encouraging them, and even cajoling them if necessary, to write something for NABB. I feel certain that a personal letter (or a phone call, perhaps) would bring substantial response of a favorable nature.

To avoid unnecessary duplication, I suggest that the following division of WBBA territory be tentatively used: (1)

Utah, Colorado, Nevada - Dr. Martha Ralph and Dr. Carl Marti
Washington, Idaho, Montana - Dr. Charles Trost
New Mexico, Arizona, (and Texas) - Eleanor Radke and Shirley Spittler
California - Dr. Charles Collins and Mrs. Fern Tainter
Oregon, Canada - Otis Swisher

Naturally, you may ask others to assist you. Surely you know some one to whom you may be able to make a personal appeal. Surely you have some idea of what kind of contribution needs to be made to our Journal by people in your general area.

Obviously we'd hope for a variety of topics, long and/or short. Capture methods, and trapping pitfalls to avoid, are always welcome. Master-permittees should be encouraged to have their Subs write; and professors could ask for the same from their students.

Since Eleanor should be aware of people who are likely to contact her, try to send a carbon copy, or some brief of your letter, to Eleanor. It will help if she needs to make a follow up.

I hope that this request will solicit from each of you an affirmative response.

This letter is meant to try to get things underway. Any suggestions on how to improve the plan? Make it more workable? Please write me.

You might use the last Annual Report as a start for finding active banders and their addresses. NABB, April-June 1978, Vol 3, No. 2.

(1) If you wish to contact someone not in your "territory", go ahead and do so, but inform the person in charge of that "territory" so as to avoid duplication of effort.

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May I now ask your advice and counsel on a related matter.

Dr. Richard Mewaldt, in response to my request for suggestions as to how we might encourage MSS for NABB, made some suggestions which I believe we should consider and discuss. I take the liberty of quoting him:

- 1) "Since NABB is not a 'refereed' journal - it thus does not 'count' in the usual situation as a scholarly publication worthy of consideration for promotion in a college or university", then the question arises "should NABB adopt a policy of having its regular papers (not association notes, letters, lists, reviews, etc) refereed by 2 or more authorities in that particular subject prior to Editor decision on possible acceptance?"
- 2) "Perhaps a semi-personalized form letter to likely WBBA members would be helpful - an invitation for papers."
- 3) "Although costly, a 'come on' would be to publicize a policy (if adopted) of 50 free reprints of papers (not letters, etc) published."

Formal action on these, and other suggestions which you send to me, may wish to wait until we consider them as a Board at the Annual Meeting in May. In the meantime, we can certainly try some of your suggestions to have some idea of how the membership responds to them.

If the idea of 'refereeing' sounds good, do you have suggestions for persons to do it? How many should we have? Do we need a "pool" of such resource persons so we don't over-burden a few people? We may even have volunteers from the Board to act in this capacity while we are giving it a trial run - any volunteers? And, should there be a separate Committee Chairman who could work closely with the Editor on this?

I should prefer something in writing from each Board member, but if you should just like to pick up the phone and talk about it some evening, my number again is (503) - 772-9755.

Thanks for your consideration. I hope to hear from you.

Very sincerely,



Otis D. Swisher

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MINUTES OF THE WESTERN BIRD BANDING
ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The WBBA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Pres. Charles T. Collins at 7:30 p.m. in room 624 at the Howard Johnson Motel in Tempe, Arizona, May 12, 1978. Those attending, in addition to Dr. Collins, were 2nd vice-president Martha Balph, treasurer Shirley Spitler, director at large Bruce Sorrie, and editor Eleanor Radke. Also present were Nadia M. Mutchler, EBBA editor; Fern Tainter, membership chairman, and veteran bird bander Enid Austin.

In the absence of Otis Swisher, secretary, Dr. Collins read the minutes of the 1977 board meeting, held at Logan, Utah. He pointed out that the office of the WBBA editor is not elective, but appointed by the board, and that any change in the by-laws must be approved not only by the board, but by the membership. Motion was made by Shirley Spitler, seconded by Bruce Sorrie, to accept the corrected minutes. Motion carried.

After a discussion of possible places for the 1979 annual meeting, it was decided to try to convene in Santa Barbara in early May, business affairs to be conducted on Saturday and a field trip on Sunday.

Looking ahead, board members expressed the hope that the 1980 meeting might be held somewhere in Oregon.

Pres. Collins read the report of the 1978 nominating committee which consisted of Mike San Miguel, chairman, Douglas C. Wilson, and Dr. Collins. The suggested slate was as follows:

- Otis Swisher, president
- Martha Balph, 1st vice-president
- Charles Trost, 2nd vice-president
- Fern Tainter, secretary
- Shirley Spitler, treasurer
- Carl Marti, director at large
- Eleanor Radke, editor

It was further agreed that the immediate past-president of WBBA would automatically serve as the chairman of the nominating committee for the next year because that officer has his finger on the pulse of the organization, as it were. Charles Collins will fill that post in 1979.

Treasurer Spitler presented the financial report, which showed a small balance for 1977. A copy of the report is attached.

Pres. Collins then read a letter from Robert Pantle (accent on last syllable) who was recently elected president of EBBA. He commended the work of WBBA editor Radke and EBBA editor Mutchler and congratulated them on their success in making the NABB journal an outstanding publication.

Mr. Pantle also recommended that dues for both EBBA and WBBA be raised, indicating that EBBA would have to operate in the red if this were not done. Editor Mutchler urged that his suggestion be accepted.

Since costs for WBBA can also be expected to increase and since dues in both organizations must be equal, the following changes in fees were recommended:

Active membership, \$8.00 (up from \$6.00)
Student membership, \$6.00 (up from \$4.50)
Sustaining member, \$16.00 (twice active)
Life membership, \$200 (25 x active, as set
by by-laws)

A non-subscribing membership category was discussed for one of two persons in the same family or to a person belonging to both EBBA and WBBA and paying full dues to one of them, the idea being to avoid duplication of NABB journals in a given household. The board agreed that a fee of \$3.00 should be charged for this new category, subject to approval by the WBBA membership at the general meeting.

Bruce Sorrie made a motion to adopt the proposed dues structure to take effect Jan. 1, 1979, subject to the approval of both EBBA and WBBA members. Motion seconded by Eleanor Radke and it passed unanimously.

In light of the proposed changes in dues, a revised budget was estimated for 1979, expected income calculated at about \$4,000.00. It then followed that certain expenses might be increased where necessary. A copy of estimate is attached.

The problem of dues-in-arrears and the resulting extra cost to WBBA were discussed. Pres. Collins moved that a surcharge of \$1.00 be added to dues not paid by February 15 following the renewal notice mailed in November of the previous year. The motion, seconded by Martha Balph, carried. Collins also suggested that a reminder to pay dues promptly should appear on the NABB cover in late fall. The editors agreed.

Dues notices will continue to be sent separately from the journal as a more effective means of calling attention to them, the costs being about the same.

Pres. Collins read a letter he and the president of EBBA sent to the president of IBBA encouraging them to join in the NABB journal merger. No answer was forthcoming.

Eleanor Radke presented an oral report on the business of editing NABB. She stated that printing costs are rising at an annual rate of about 10%. Individual issues average about 200 pages each. She stated the need for an efficient advertising manager, for ads would help defray costs.

Pres. Collins praised Eleanor's work as editor and declared her irreplaceable.

Martha Balph accepted the responsibility for preparing the association's annual banding report, formerly compiled by president-elect Otis Swisher. She will bring the list of species up to date, including nomenclature, lumpings, and splittings recently recommended by AOU. She will include sub-species where pertinent. Hawaiian species will be printed on a separate sheet for banders who need it.

The meeting adjourned shortly before 10:30 p.m.

These minutes were compiled by me from notes taken by Martha Balph.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern R. Tainter
Fern R. Tainter, Sec.

02-02-79

Fern,

I believe this Board action should be filed with the Secretary's things, don't you?

Rather than write up a separate minute for this action, please remind me at the Santa Barbara meeting and we can have the Board re-affirm this action and put it in the minutes of that meeting. Does this sound like the right procedure?

Best wishes for a fine spring,
Otis