

May 4, 1979

Santa Barbara, California

MINUTES OF THE WESTERN BIRD BANDING  
ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The May 4, 1979 Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Otis Swisher at the home of Barbara B. de Wolfe, 1361 Holiday Hill, Goleta. In addition to Mr. Swisher, those present included Dr. Martha Balph, first vice-president; Eleanor Radke, editor of the western section of the North American Bird Bander; Dr. Charles Collins, past president; and Fern Tainter, secretary.

Minutes of the 1978 meeting in Tempe, Arizona, were approved.

The treasurer's report was accepted, as was the budget for 1979-1980. Copies are filed herewith.

Mrs. Radke's summary on the publication and distribution of NABB was presented and is also filed.

Copyrighted maps, such as those furnished by George F. Cram, Indianapolis, Indiana, proved rather expensive for NABB's limited budget, said Mrs. Radke. Dr. Collins suggested that she write them asking for a reduction in price. If this produces no results, Mr. Swisher volunteered to find a student in scientific illustration at one of the Oregon colleges who would make a set of base maps for use in the journal.

It was decided by unanimous vote that authors who request changes in manuscripts after they have gone to the printer should pay for such changes themselves. This policy regulation will be submitted to EBBA for approval and should be publicized in "Suggestions to Authors" inside the cover of NABB.

Mrs. Radke receives requests from time to time to print announcements in NABB about other banding groups such as the Gateway Banding Association and similar subsidiary organizations. The Board voted to decline to publish items of this nature.

Dr. Collins reminded the Board that non-profit organizations like WBBA are limited regarding the amount of space which may be devoted to advertising without paying taxes. He volunteered to find out exactly how much tax-free advertising can be published in NABB, to report to the editor and to the Board.

EBBA editor Nadia M. Mutchler has requested a clear, concise statement regarding the new non-subscribing membership cate-

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*Dr. Collins*

gory approved by WBBA at their 1978 meeting. ~~Mrs. Radke~~ will send this to her at once so that EBBA can ratify it at their next convention.

Appropriate action was taken to amend the WBBA by-laws to include the new category. (For details, see minutes of the 1978 meeting.)

Mrs. Radke asked for a clarification of principle regarding requests by authors for copies of articles printed in NABB. The Board agreed that steps should be taken to assure each published author, whether a member or not, of one copy of the journal in which his article appears.

EBBA offers small grants to qualifying students who are using banding as a tool in their research. The question was asked: "Should WBBA do likewise?" Many ~~problems~~ arose as to the size of possible grants, how much money would be involved, what fund could safely support such a program, who would be eligible, etc. Because answers to these and similar matters could not be given without much thought, a motion was made and seconded to postpone decisions until the 1980 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Because of the timing of renewal notices, a few members have made duplicate payments. The Board advised Editor Radke and Treasurer Spittler to work out such improvements in issuing notices as seem necessary to avoid this problem.

The Board agreed that all non-members holding banding permits should be invited to join WBBA despite rising costs in postage rates, etc. Non-members publishing articles in the western division of NABB should also be invited, as well as those who submit annual banding lists to the journal.

Dr. Collins suggested that WBBA should encourage Canadian banders to take an active part in WBBA activities, including service on the Board or in an office. Dr. Balph volunteered to obtain a list of Canadian banders in the West, some of whom might be encouraged to cooperate with WBBA, thus closing the gap between the ~~Lower~~ States to the south and Alaska in the north.

NABB has received an invitation to display the quarterly at a library association workshop. They charge a fee of \$25. The invitation was declined.

Jon Atwood agreed to continue as color-banding editor provided the system could be simplified. Steps will be taken to assist him, either with reading letters of permit from the banding office or in some other way he deems necessary.

Dr. Charles Collins, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers for 1979-1980:

President-----Dr. Martha Balph  
1st Vice-president-----Dr. Charles Trost  
2nd Vice-president-----Dr. Carl Marti  
Treasurer-----Shirley Spitler  
Secretary-----Fern R. Tainter  
Director at large (2-year term)---Ralph Moldenhauer  
Director at large (1-year term)---Michael Rigney

This slate of officers was approved by the Board and will be presented for balloting at the general meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

  
Fern R. Tainter, secretary

MINUTES OF THE 54th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN  
BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION  
Santa Barbara, California May 5, 1979

The 54th annual meeting of the Western Bird Banding Association was called to order at 1:30 p.m., May 5, 1979 at the Natural History Museum in Santa Barbara, California. A small but enthusiastic group attended.

The minutes of the 1978 meeting at Tempe, Arizona, were approved as published in NABB, Vol.3, No. 3.

Pres. Swisher reviewed the treasurer's report, calling attention to a balance of \$1726.87. He also commented on the joint success of EBBA and WBBA in publishing the quarterly journal, now in its fourth year.  
membership

The non-subscribing/category which was approved at the 1978 meeting was explained again, along with the necessary addition to the by-laws.

The report of the nominating committee was unanimously accepted without further nominations from the floor. The officers for 1979-1980 are:

Dr. Martha Balph-----president  
Dr. Charles Trost-----1st vice-president  
Dr. Carl Marti-----2nd vice-president  
Shirley Spitler-----treasurer  
Fern Tainter-----secretary  
Ralph Moldenhauer-----director-at-large (2-year term)  
Michael Rigney-----director-at-large (1-year term)

The editor's report was read. She was praised and applauded for a difficult job well done.

Dr. Richard Mewaldt commented favorably on the short, informal articles published by eastern bird banders in NABB and suggested that amateur banders in the West might also contribute similar articles on projects at their banding stations.

Dr. Charles Collins followed Mewaldt's remarks with a reminder that suggestions to authors may be found on the inside cover of the journal. Scientific articles as well as informal items are also needed, he said.

Dr. Howard Cogswell called for a vote of thanks to out-going president Otis Swisher and to all those who helped make the 1979 meeting a success.

Martha Balph then took the chair and adjourned the meeting. She invited all those present to join the field trip to Tucker's Grove at 8 a.m. May 6, when she hoped to add the wrentit to her life list.

  
Fern R. Tainter, sec.

POST-CONVENTION MEETING OF THE WBBA BOARD

The 1979 post-convention meeting of the Board of Directors took place at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, May 6, under the shade of a spreading sycamore tree in Tucker's Grove north of Santa Barbara.

Dr. Charles Collins stated that he would soon resume publication of work sheets on western birds. He also said he has a full set of WBBA journals and would keep them in his office until a suitable repository for them could be found.

Out-going president Otis Swisher suggested that, in order to increase the number of members attending next year's annual meeting, a full page announcement of that event be published in an early issue of NABB, giving people more time to plan. He offered to defray the expenses of such an announcement.

Members of the Board agreed that those attending the general meeting made up for their small numbers with their enthusiasm and interest. The papers presented were of high caliber. They varied in subject matter and were both informative and entertaining.

On this optimistic note, the meeting was adjourned and the Board members joined the bird walk along a beautiful, tree-bordered stream through the canyon.

  
Fern R. Tainter, secretary

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WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Financial Summary  
30 September 1979

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance, 30 June 1979 \$1192.58

INCOME

Membership			
Active & Associate (8)	\$69.00		
Student (3)	20.00		
Sustaining (1)	<u>16.00</u>		
Total		105.00	
Sales - back issues		10.50	
Sales - worksheets		5.25	
Interest - 6/30/79, Financial Savings		40.13	
Advertising - NABB Account		76.00	
Maps - NABB Account		<u>2.00</u>	
Total Income			238.88

From Savings - General Fund (Valley National Bank) 400.00

EXPENSES

Eldon Publishing - NABB 4:2 printing	622.85	
Journal postage	66.28	
Labels, print-outs	46.20	
Phone, postage July-Sept	35.00	
Jolan Truan - postage, supplies (NABB Account)	20.02	
S. Spitler - postage	20.80	
EBBA - 1/2 of NABB Account	<u>26.04</u>	
Total Expense		837.19

Balance, 30 September 1979 \$ 994.27

SAVING ACCOUNTS

	Total	Endowment Fund	General Fund
Balance 30 June 79	\$4,981.46	\$2,450.00	\$2,531.46
to checking 9/10/79	(400.00)		(400.00)
Interest 3/79 VNB	32.22		32.22
Interest 6/79 VNB	<u>35.15</u>		<u>35.15</u>
Balance 30 September 1979	4,648.83	<u>2,450.00</u>	<u>2,198.83</u>

MEMBERSHIP

Total paid - 1979	
Renewal	378
New	58
Cancel	<u>2</u>
	434

Membership Classes:	
Active	296
Associate	24
Student	58
Sustaining	8
Life	25
Institution	44
Non-subs.	4
Exch. & Comp	<u>16</u>
	475

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Financial Summary

1 Apr 1978 - 31 Mar 1979

CHECKING ACCOUNT\*

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

INCOME

Membership Dues:

Active & Associate ( 367)	\$2,888.00	
Student (53)	303.00	
Sustaining (9)	140.00	
Non-subscribing (4)	11.00	
Life (1 1/3)	<u>200.00</u>	
Total dues. . . . .		\$3,542.00
Contributions . . . . .		62.00
Interest (Fin.Sav. acct.) . . . . .		170.35
Sales (back issues) . . . . .		103.00
Sales (worksheets) . . . . .		34.84
Advertising . . . . .		<u>35.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME ..... 3,947.19

EXPENSES

NABB production - 4 issues (Eldon Pub Co.) . . . . .	2,016.48
Postage, copyright . . . . .	186.78
Labels, roster print-outs. . . . .	97.35
Phone & postage. . . . .	30.00
Stationery . . . . .	102.75
Annual meeting flyer . . . . .	60.00
Annual report (extra printing charge). . . . .	75.00
Secretary for Scholarly Pub. (Radke membership). . . . .	20.00
EBBA (% of advertising inc.) . . . . .	15.00
Annual report expenses (Swisher) . . . . .	29.26
Treasurer (postage - Spittler). . . . .	168.67
Editor (phone, postage - Radke). . . . .	60.00
Membership Chr. (postage, supplies - Tainter). . . . .	50.32
Advertising Mgr. (postage, supplies - Truan) . . . . .	5.90
Canadian exch. adj. . . . .	<u>12.78</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES..... 2,930.29

TRANSFER TO SAVING ACCOUNTS:

Valley National Bank . . . . .	1,150.00
Financial Savings & Loan . . . . .	<u>450.00</u>

TOTAL TRANSFERRED..... 1,600.00

Balance 31 Mar 1979..... 1,726.78

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SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:

	Total	Endowment Fund	General Fund
Balance 31 Mar 78	\$3,325.48	\$2,250.00	\$1,075.48
Interest	55.98	-	55.98
Deposit	1,600.00	200.00	1,400.00
Balance 31 Mar 79	<u>4,981.46</u>	<u>2,450.00</u>	<u>2,531.46</u>

\* Checking account on deposit with Valley National Bank, PO Box 6069, Tucson, Arizona 85733.

1 Endowment Fund on deposit with Financial Savings and Loan, PO Box 54544, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles, California 90044. Interest is paid quarterly and deposited in checking account.

2 General Fund on deposit with Valley National Bank (same as above). Interest is accrued in account and shown in the Savings Accounts totals above, but not included in Total Income.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Dues paid 1 Apr 78 - 31 Mar 79:

	Renew	+	New	=	Total	-	1978	-	1980	=	1979
Active & Associate	327		34		361		36		5 +2*		322
Student	33		20		53		10				43
Sustaining	8		1		9		1				8
Non-subscribing	-		4		4		-				4
TOTAL	<u>368</u>		<u>59</u>		<u>427</u>		<u>47</u>		<u>5 +2*</u>		<u>377</u>

\*Pd prior to 1 Apr 78 for 1979

1 1/3 Life Membership Dues also paid during the period.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

	1979	1978	1977	1976
Active & Associate	322	352	335	321
Student	43	68	66	56
Sustaining	8	20	18	17
Non-subscribing	4	-	-	-
Life	<u>24</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>
	<u>401*</u>	<u>463</u>	<u>443</u>	<u>416</u>

\*compares with 415 on same day 1978

Respectfully submitted,

*Shirley Spitler*  
Shirley Spitler, treasurer



**WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION**  
**Proposed Budget 1979-80**

	----- 1978 -----			1979-80
	Estimate	Actual	over/(under)	
<b>INCOME</b>				
Membership	\$3550.00	\$3542.00	(8.00)	\$3700.00
Contribution		62.00		90.00
Sales	} 450.00	137.84	} (59.81)	130.00
Advertising		20.00		100.00
Interest		<u>170.35</u>		<u>280.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>4000.00</u>	<u>3932.19</u>	<u>(67.81)</u>	<u>4300.00</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
NABB Production	2500.00	2091.48	(408.52)	3000.00
Postage	200.00	186.78	(13.22)	250.00
Labels	90.00	97.35	7.35	100.00
Supplies (General)	100.00	102.75	2.75	150.00
President	30.00	-	(30.00)	30.00
Secretary	20.00	-	(20.00)	20.00
Treasurer	180.00	168.67	(11.33)	200.00
Editor	185.00	110.00	(75.00)	200.00
Memb. Chr.	60.00	50.32	(9.68)	70.00
Adv. Mgr.	-	5.90	5.90	20.00
Annual mtg. exp.	50.00	60.00	10.00	75.00
Sci papers, reports	75.00	-	(75.00)	75.00
Annual report	85.00	29.26	(55.74)	85.00
Misc. (adj., refunds)	<u>25.00</u>	<u>27.78</u>	<u>2.78</u>	<u>25.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>3600.00</u>	<u>2930.29</u>	<u>(669.71)</u>	<u>4300.00</u>

Report of the Editor--Western Bird Banding Association  
5 May 1979

Volume 3 of the North American Bird Bander was published in 1978. The four issues of this volume contained 184 pages, divided approximately equally between Eastern and Western Bird Banding Associations.

The circulation continues to hold at between 1200 and 1300, with WBEA's share approximately 500. The journal is being mailed to subscribers in South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia--as well as in the United States and Canada. Library and institutional subscriptions are increasing in number.

In 1978, WBEA began a policy of refereeing all manuscripts submitted. This policy, along with a concerted effort on the part of our Board members to obtain papers for the journal, resulted in a substantial increase in the number of manuscripts submitted.

Many people have contributed to the success of North American Bird Bander, but I should like to single out a few for special thanks. Our Recent Literature Editor, Susan Kaiser--and her staff, Noel Cutright and Martin McNicholl--have done a superb job in excerpting pertinent banding literature. This is a time-consuming task, but it provides a very valuable resource for our readers. Van Truan, our new advertising manager, has made a fine start on tracking down sources of advertising for NABE. Otis Swisher, Martha Balph, and Douglas Hay have all contributed countless hours toward preparing the huge volume of reports for our Annual Report. Inasmuch as 100 more contributors sent in their reports this year than last, it is apparent that our Annual Report is indeed useful. Finally, I should like to thank Charlie Collins and Dick Mewaldt for their advice and assistance; I could not have done my job without their invaluable counsel.

# Western Bird Banding Association



1979 ANNUAL MEETING

May 5 - 6

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History  
Santa Barbara, California

## PROGRAM

- 8:00 - 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 - 9:05 Welcome - Otis Swisher, President, W.B.B.A.
- 9:05 - 9:20 Some Comments on Color-banding Winter Flocking Finches  
Martha H. Balph, Utah State University
- 9:20 - 9:40 Fat, Latitude, and White-crowned Sparrows  
J. R. King and L. R. Mewaldt, Washington State University  
and San Jose State University (Mary Waldt)
- 9:40 - 10:05 Recent Results of the California Least Tern Banding Program  
Jonathan Atwood, California State University, Long Beach
- 10:05 - 10:15 Artificial Burrows for Burrowing Owls - Part II  
Ross A. Landry and Charles T. Collins  
California State University, Long Beach
- 10:15 - 10:30 - - - BREAK - - -
- 10:30 - 11:00 Factors Affecting the Incidence of Distress Calls in  
Passerine Birds  
Michael Perrone, Jr., H.D.R. Ecosciences, Santa Barbara
- 11:00 - 11:25 Observations at a Mixed Egret Colony - A Progress Report  
John P. Rieger, San Diego
- 11:25 - 11:50 Differential Growth Rates of Cattle and Snowy Egrets  
Mary F. Platter Rieger, San Diego
- 11:50 - 1:00 - - - LUNCH - - -
- 1:00 - 1:30 Annual Business Meeting, W.B.B.A.
- 1:30 - 2:30 Bird Photography - Problems, Solutions, and Results  
Dana Echols, Long Beach
- 2:30 - 3:15 Education of a Sparrow Trapper  
Barbara B. DeWolf, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 3:15 - 3:30 - - - BREAK - - -
- 3:30 - 4:15 Stalking the Wild Nutcracker: Trials and Triumphs!  
Diana F. Tomback, University of California, Riverside
- 4:15 - 4:30 General Discussion

## EVENING PROGRAM

- 8:00 PM The Natural History of Santa Cruz Island  
by Jonathan L. Atwood



# Western Bird Banding Association

January 11, 1979

To all Members of the Board of Directors  
Western Bird Banding Association

Greetings:

Please note the enclosed brochure and the cover letter for  
a new Society for Scholarly Publishing.

I personally believe that we should make a membership in this  
Society available to our Editor, Eleanor Radke, at no charge  
to her. Cost \$20.00/ Annually.

If each of you agrees with this sentiment, will you please  
initial your approval and send on to the next Board Member.

I believe that if there are a majority of the Board Members  
who agree, then when this arrives at Shirley Spitler's, she  
can take it as authorization to write the check. Please do  
your deciding quickly and send on to the next Member on the  
list.

Dr. Martha H. Balph MHB

Dr. Carl Marti CDM

Dr. Charles Trost CHT

Fern Tainter FT

Shirley Spitler SS

Otis D. Swisher ODS

Thanks for your help. I hope that everything is going well  
with each of you and that we'll be able to have a good number  
of you at the Annual Meeting and Meeting of the Board in Santa  
Barbara the first week-end of May.

Sincerely yours,

*Otis D. Swisher*

Otis D. Swisher, Pres.



# Western Bird Banding Association

February 3, 1979

To: Members of the Board of Directors of WBBA

re: correspondence from Robert Pantle, President EBBA

Dear Members of the Board:

Today I received a letter from Robert Pantle, President of EBBA, the contents of which I appreciated very much. Let me share those contents with you briefly.

Bob asked whether WBBA officers "may have some concerns that we here in EBBA land ought to be talking about at our upcoming council meeting".

Such a request is one of the "fringe benefits" we have gained from our joint publishing effort with EBBA.

I am writing to Bob today telling him that I am contacting you of the Board and that I have asked you to let me know at your earliest convenience any concerns that should be forwarded to EBBA, for their consideration.

Please take some moment of your busy schedule to write to me of any concerns that might be of mutual interest to EBBA and WBBA.

If a phone call would be more to your liking, please call me at (503) 772-9755 and let's discuss the items you have in mind.

If you have nothing of concern, please send in a "negative report". It will be helpful to me. Thanks so much.

Sincerely yours,

Otis D. Swisher, President WBBA