

NAMES AND ADDRESSES FOR THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, WBBA, 1980-1981

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DRAFT OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN E.B.B.A. AND W.B.B.A. CONCERNING N.A.B.B.\*

The Eastern and Western Bird Banding Associations hereby agree that each will pay for the number of copies of North American Bird Bander it requests. Advertising costs and proceeds will be split between the two associations in proportion to the number of copies requested by each.

Should either association decide to terminate its participation in the publication of North American Bird Bander, it agrees (1) to provide a notice at least three months prior to the next annual meeting of the other association and (2) to terminate only at the end of a volume.

\* As amended at 3/20/80 meeting of W.B.B.A. Board.

March 20, 1980

Corpus Christi, Texas

MINUTES OF THE WESTERN BIRD BANDING  
ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING\*

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The board is considering a joint annual meeting with the Western Field Ornithologists in the fall of 1982, probably in San Diego, CA.

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WBBA directors have approved a draft of a formalized agreement between EBBA and WBBA concerning time limitations in the event either wishes to discontinue joint publication of NABB. Splitting of journal costs is also spelled out in the agreement. A copy of this draft is filed herewith.

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A WBBA Advisory and Review Board will be established to assist in the reference process for NABB. The names of several potential members were suggested.

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During 1979, Canadian banders have been contacted in the hope that they might be interested in cooperating with WBBA and EBBA in a sort of unification effort. Several groups and individuals have responded, notably the Ontario Bird Banders Association. They may join EBBA at their annual meeting April 25-27, 1980. If so, WBBA may send a representative. Dr. Charles Collins was selected as a tentative candidate. He was not sure he would be free at that time.

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Referees to edit manuscripts for NABB were suggested in addition to Dick Mewaldt (WBBA) and Chandler Robbins (EBBA). Persons to be contacted include Charles Collins, Willis C. Royall, Jr., and Keith Arnold.

It was decided that WBBA can now afford to offer a grant of \$250 to either a non-professional ornithologist or an amateur for outstanding projects involving banding, at least for one year. Regulations governing submissions will follow those used by EBBA in order to facilitate handling details. Mrs. Mutchler volunteered to send a copy of their requirements to WBBA, and to see if EBBA wishes to cooperate in some sort of a joint offer. If not, each group can work independently.

Dr. Moldenhauer indicated that members of the Texas Bird Banding Association had suggested joining one of the larger groups (EBBA or WBBA) so they could cooperate with us and be eligible to receive NABB. It was suggested that the TBBA make a formal request if their members approve.

Burgess, a company that sells lists of names, has contacted Mrs. Radke for our membership roster. She declined, according to previously discussed policies, but Dr. Collins suggested that she ask for a price should such a request be made. His idea is that we might find it profitable.

Jon Atwood, who has been handling reports on color-banding, is a candidate for a Ph. D. and has found it necessary to simplify his reports.

Advice from Attorney (?) Jackson, who helps WBBA with legal matters, indicates that Mrs. Radke might be accused of a "conflict of interest" because she is a member of the board and also publishes NABB. The problem was solved by making her an "Ex-officio" or non-voting member (she herself thought this a good solution). A motion to this effect was made and seconded and carried unanimously.

The following slate of officers submitted by Otis Swisher, chairman of the nominating committee, was accepted by the board and will be presented to WBBA March 21 at their annual business meeting:

President -- Dr. Martha Balph  
First Vice-president -- Dr. Charles Trost  
Second Vice-president -- Dr. Carl Marti  
Treasurer -- Shirley Spitler  
Secretary -- Jane Church  
Director at large -- Ralph Moldenhauer (finishes 2-year term)  
" " " -- Martin Mc Nicholl (2-year term).

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Fern R. Tainter*

Fern R. Tainter, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 55TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Corpus Christi, Texas

21 March 1980

The 55th annual meeting of the Western Bird Banding Association was called to order at 8:20 p.m., 21 March 1980, at the Quinta Royale Motor Inn, Corpus Christi, Texas, by President Martha Balph. Approximately 40 people attended.

The Minutes of the 1979 meeting at Santa Barbara, California, were approved as published in NABB, Vol. 4, No. 3.

As Shirley Spitler, treasurer, was unable to be present, her report was summarized by David Balph. The current balance is \$2,834.09, an increase since 1979, after income of \$5,020.39 and expenses of \$3,913.08. Membership totals are running slightly below those of last year. An estimated budget of \$4,375 with expenses of \$4,700 was submitted. Dr. Martha Balph reported that a \$250 research grant for a student or non-professional ornithologist for research involving banding had been approved at the previous night's Board of Directors' meeting and is in this year's budget. The treasurer's report was approved.

Eleanor Radke, editor of North American Bird Banding for the western region, then presented her report, thanking the anonymous donor who enabled her to attend and expressing gratitude to Mickey Mutchler for her cooperation. She needs articles on equipment and techniques and noted that articles are sent to referees. Galleys go to authors when time allows. Printing costs are soaring but she's within her budget. The editor's report was accepted as read. Dr. Balph then thanked Mrs. Radke and Mrs. Mutchler, the editor for the eastern region who was present, for their excellent work and noted that she had recently received a letter from Robert Pantle, EBBA's president, saying he also is well pleased with the joint publication.

In the absence of Otis Swisher, chairman of the nominating committee, the outgoing secretary, Fern Tainter, presented the following slate of officers for 1980-1981:

President -- Dr. Martha H. Balph  
1st Vice President -- Dr. Charles H. Trost  
2nd Vice President -- Dr. Carl D. Marti  
Secretary -- Jane P. Church  
Treasurer -- Shirley S. Spitler  
Directors-at-large -- Dr. Ralph R. Moldenhauer (1-year term)  
Dr. Martin K. McNicholl (2-year term)

There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was adopted unanimously. Dr. Balph then extended her thanks to Mrs. Tainter for her excellent contributions as secretary during the last two years.

Next year's annual meeting is to be held April 17-19, 1981, at the El Coronado Ranch, Turkey Creek, Chiracahua Mountains, Arizona. This is a conference facility for the University of Arizona. Dr. Stephen Russell and Shirley Spitler have been working on arrangements.

The Board of Directors last night discussed a request for the sale of the WBBA mailing list as a method for raising money. Members present expressed their approval by a showing of hands. The business portion of the meeting was then adjourned.

Dr. Charles Collins asked that anyone so able contribute information to him for future WBBA keys to species aging and sexing as well as identification. He also requested that more papers be submitted for publication in NABB. He noted that more information is needed on color markings; for example, what fades? May leg tags be used on certain species? What auxiliary marking works well? What marking fails? When? Why?

Dr. Balph then introduced George Jonkel, the chief of the Bird Banding Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland. He urged any bander visiting in the Washington, D. C., area to come to the laboratory (he would provide local transportation if necessary). A facilities tour results in a more tolerant bander! About 2,000 master banders with 2,000 sub-permittees banded 1,300,000 birds last year, up from the previous year's 1,000,000. There were 60,000 recoveries processed, many from the 400,000 game birds banded. Despite having lost personnel at the height of the hunting season and the fact that they had to write for information on 30,000 of these recoveries, they are only about a month behind in processing. They will be using a new computer in downtown Washington in the future, however, and will no longer have priority - he hopes this change will work out successfully.

There was an increase to 200 in the number of requests for data this past year. Most of these requests, which are handled by Kathleen Klimkiewicz, require programming. There was also an increase in requests for auxiliary markings (as well as unauthorized markings). Requests are coordinated with the Canadian banding service. Because reports come in using broad general names such as "seagull", colors are necessarily limited. He mentioned that patagial markings no longer are being used on eagles as it interfered with their pair bond. When later asked if other species had suffered because of this type of marker, he said that the Least Tern had also been affected.

He requested banders to send in their schedules as soon as a string of bands is used in order to preclude their having to write so often for information (25 percent of reports require a letter to the bander). Although little work as been done on volume 2 of the manual, 35 aging/sexing sheets are completed.

Dr. Collins noted that some species suffer trauma as a result of banding. Mr. Jonkel asked to be advised of any such problems. In response to questions, Mr. Jonkel said there is no pamphlet on temporary markings.

As there were no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane P. Church

Jane P. Church, Secretary

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION  
 FINANCIAL SUMMARY - page 2  
 1 April 1979 - 12 March 1980

ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance 31 March 1979	\$2450.00
Deposit (1/19/80)	<u>100.00</u>
Balance 12 March 1980	\$2550.00*

\*On deposit at Financial Savings & Loan Assn, Los Angeles, CA 90022. On 19 January 1980 the account was transferred from a one-year Investor's Certificate (6.5%) to a four-year Investor's Certificate (7.5%).

GENERAL FUND

Balance 31 March 1979	\$2531.46
Withdrawal to checking acct	(400.00)
Interest 3-12/79	<u>128.75</u>
Balance 12 March 1980	\$2260.21+

+On deposit at Valley National Bank, Tucson, AZ 85712 in a 90-day Premium Savings Plan currently (as of 1 Jan 80) at 5.75%.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Memberships paid 1 April 1979 - 12 March 1980:

	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>81-83</u>	<u>Total</u>
Act, Assoc, Inst	43	318	3	364
Student	15	30		45
Sustaining	2	9		11
Non subscribing		4		4
Life	( <u>1/3</u> )	( <u>1/3</u> )		( <u>2/3</u> )
Total	60	361	3	424

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS BY CLASS

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>
Active, Assoc, Inst	318	364	352	335
Student	30	58	68	66
Sustaining	9	8	20	18
Non subscribing	4	4	-	-
Life	25	25	23	24
Total	<u>396*</u>	459	463	443

\*Compares with 395 at same time last year



WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED BUDGET--1980-81

	1979-80		over (under)	1980-81 Estimate
INCOME	Estimate	Actual		
Membership	\$3700	\$3553	(\$147)	\$3700
Contribution	90	154	64	150
Sales	130	78	(52)	75
Advertising	100	144	44	150
Interest	280	254	(26)	300
Total	4300	4183	(117)	4375
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
NABB Production	3000	2363	(637)	3300 <sup>1</sup>
NABB Postage	250	249	(1)	275
Labels	100	116	16	120
Supplies (General)	150	20	(130)	65
President	30	21	(9)	40
Secretary	20	0	(20)	20
Treasurer	200	182	(18)	240 <sup>2</sup>
Editor	200	118	(82)	220
Membership Chr	70	59	(11)	110
Advertising Mgr	20	20	0	30
Annual Mtg Expenses	75	86	11	95
Sci. papers, reports	75	0	(75)	75
Annual report	85	0	(85)	85
Misc. (adj, refunds)	25	14	(11)	25
<del>Scholarship</del>	-	-	-	250
<b>RESEARCH AWARD</b>	4300	3248	(1052)	4700 <sup>3</sup> 950

<sup>1</sup>Proposals for 1980-81 usually reflect a 10% increase. NABB Production includes a 40% increase over actual 1979-80 costs reflecting increases in photography (silver) and paper.

<sup>2</sup>Includes additional costs for return postage for undeliverable journals.

<sup>3</sup>The total General Fund balance is \$5094.30 plus an estimated income from now to 30 September 1980 of \$1000. Thus after estimated expenses we would have a balance of \$1300. Some of this (\$500-\$1000) could be used for scholarships. It is not to our advantage to maintain a large balance (inflation > interest income) and a balance of more than \$5000 at end of year puts us in a more restrictive bracket relative to our tax exempt status. Currently that merely means we must submit a longer report.

We increased our subscription rates in cooperation with EBBA's needs although we did not need the increased income at the time, thus we have accumulated this General Fund balance. With increasing expenses I am sure our rates will have to be increased in another year at least.

In addition proposed expenses are higher than we really expect the actual expenses to be and will be (under) budget for the year again this year.

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1 April 1979 - 12 March 1980\*

Balance 31 March 1979..... \$1726.78

INCOME

Membership		
Act, Assoc, Inst (364)	\$2991.00	
Student (45)	272.00	
Sustaining (11)	176.00	
Non subscribing (4)	14.00	
Life (2/3)	<u>100.00</u>	
Total		3553.00
Contribution		154.00
Contribution (designated for Radke)		200.00
Sales - back issues		44.50
Sales - worksheets		33.25
Advertising & maps (NABB acct)		289.07#
Annual meeting (1979)		93.00
Interest - Valley National Bank		128.75
Interest - Financial Sav (endowment fund)		<u>124.82</u>

4620.39

From Savings (General Fund)

400.00

EXPENSES

Eldon Publishing Co (4 issues-production)	2158.61
Postage & copyright	248.53
Labels and printouts	116.20
Table of Contents - Vol 3	28.80
Royalties-Cram maps	15.20
Color covers	160.00
Flyer (annual mtg-prtg & post)	52.19
Collins (annual mtg exp)	76.41
Univ of Ariz (deposit-ann mtg 1981)	50.00
Spitler (postage, supplies)	125.71
Renewal env (Eldon Pub)	37.45
Renewals (postage - Eldon Pub)	19.08
Radke (designated cont-annual mtg trip)	200.00
Radke (supplies & postage)	118.00
Tainter (supplies & postage)	58.50
Swisher (supplies & postage)	21.28
Soc for Scholarly Pub (subs)	20.00
Sec of St, Calif(report fee)	2.50
EBBA (share of NABB acct -after expenses)	100.07
Truan (NABB acct expenses)	40.02
Transfer from NABB acct (EBBA share) to memb	24.00+
Interest to VNB Savings Acct	128.75
Life memb income to Endowment Acct	100.00
Canadian & foreign exch adj, fees	<u>11.78</u>

(3913.08)

Balance 12 March 1980.....\$2834.09@

\*A complete annual report through 31 March 1980 will be made later.

#Net advertising income (less EBBA share & expenses) is \$124.08.

+Memb paid to EBBA by mistake by subscriber and transferred from their share of acct to us.

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