

MINUTES OF THE 56TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Turkey Creek, Arizona
April 18, 1981

The 56th annual meeting of the Western Bird Banding Association was called to order at 4:40 p.m. at the El Coronado Field Station of the University of Arizona, Chiricahua Mountains, by President Martha Balph. Approximately thirty people attended. The Minutes of the 1980 meeting at Corpus Christi, Texas, were approved as published in NABB, Vol. 5, No. 1, after being amended to state the meeting began at 7:20 p.m., not 8:20 p.m. as published.

The Secretary, Jane Church, briefly summarized the following results of the WBBA Board meeting the night before:

The Treasurer's report and the budget, as amended, for the coming year were approved. Up to a \$5 surcharge for mailing to foreign addresses by surface mail was approved. EBBA's Board has already approved this charge.

If EBBA agrees, authors will be asked where possible to make a voluntary contribution towards defraying NABB page costs. The Board stressed that this would be completely voluntary, that no article would be turned down because of a lack of ability to pay, and pointed out that frequently institutional or contract funds are available for this purpose.

The possibility of spending WBBA funds to help defray start-up costs of the Banding Data Analysis Service being initiated by the Point Reyes Bird Observatory was discussed.

The Board asked Dr. Collins to arrange for WBBA to sell two types of T-shirts.

The Treasurer, Shirley Spitler, then summarized her report. The current checking account balance is \$3,125.83 after annual income of \$4,906.63 and expenditures of \$3,711.83. The Endowment Fund has a current balance of \$3,600 which includes \$1,050 deposited from current income this year. The General Fund has a balance of \$2,393.26. Mrs. Spitler commented on membership numbers which are about the same as last year at this time (394 - final figures for 1980 were 470), and noted that Fern Tainter has had a very active mailing campaign to keep new membership coming in. Next year's budget of \$5,620 is a deficit budget which we hope to be able to balance. President Balph thanked Mrs. Spitler for her excellent work as Treasurer and her report was then approved.

Mrs. Radke presented the WBBA Editor's report, noting that five years had passed since NABB's first issue and that she's still greatly pleased by the excellent cooperation between the organizations which has made this a personally highly rewarding experience. She thanked WBBA's review board for its promptness in refereeing articles and also thanked Martin McNicholl for handling the current literature review (Dr. McNicholl had been unable to attend the Board meeting the night before because of a delay caused by a serious automobile accident the previous weekend. He arrived from Alberta just in time to give a paper at the afternoon session following a 2,000-mile drive with a badly broken and painful right arm).

There is still no backlog of articles for NABB. One Board member had agreed to talk with the editors of the major U. S. ornithological journals, which are cutting out methodology sections, to ask them please to refer authors to NABB if they have suitable methodology papers. Dr. Collins reiterated that such methods, both successful and unsuccessful, should be sent to NABB for publication and noted that banders have excellent material to prepare.

Ensuing issues of NABB will have changes including columns widened 2 picas. Paper size has been increased to obtain 10 percent more type per page and only 40 pages instead of 44 will be required. A title page will be added and the cover stock changed to a white center to show photographs to greater advantage. After Dr. Balph thanked Mrs. Radke and Mrs. Mutchler for their fine work, the editor's report was accepted.

The President then reported the following:

The \$250 annual grant, similar to EBBA's, which was initiated last year was given to Richard Clearman for work entitled "Purple and Common Gallinules' social organization and habitat use in south Texas".

The 1982 annual meeting's date and locale have not been firmly established but it will probably be a joint meeting with the Western Field Ornithologists in San Diego in the fall.

Among by-law changes to be voted upon by the membership by mail later in the year would be one to change the length of time officers may serve from no longer than two years to no longer than five years, subject to annual election.

The Texas Bird Banders Association, which has about 60 members, has asked to join WBBA. WBBA by-laws would have to be changed to include Texas in its geographical area. Those WBBA members present at the meeting showed approval by a show of hands. A formal vote by WBBA members on whether to approve TBBA's request will occur at a later time. All TBBA members would belong to WBBA and receive NABB.

Dr. Stephen Russell commented that he was not convinced that so many separate banding organizations are necessary and asked if people weren't willing to have a single national organization. Dr. Balph stated that at this time WBBA would be willing to discuss such a change but that EBBA and IBBA do not seem to favor such. She added that she had written a letter to Vernon Kleen stating that IBBA is always welcome to join with EBBA and WBBA to publish NABB. Dr. Collins expressed the opinion that regional meetings are a necessary and good thing as banders' geographical distribution is so enormous in this country and Canada.

In the absence of Otis Swisher, the chairman of the Nominating Committee, Shirley Spittler presented the slate of officers for the upcoming year:

President: Charles T. Collins
First Vice-president: Martin K. McNicholl
Second Vice-president: Ralph R. Moldenhauer
Secretary: Robert C. Tweit
Treasurer: Jane P. Church
Directors at Large: Charles H. Trost (two-year term)
Stephen M. Russell (one-year term)

There were no nominations from the floor and it was moved and seconded to accept the slate as presented.

Dr. Balph thanked Robert Tweit for bringing books for sale from the Tucson Audubon Society and announced that Barbara McKnight will serve as historian for WBBA. Martin McNicholl discussed the NABB Recent Literature section, noting that four people are abstracting articles for him. He will publish a list of all journals to be covered and will welcome abstracts from anyone. As editor of the Journal of the Federation of Alberta Naturalists, he is preparing a history of banding in Alberta as well as reprinting various old papers in a special publication for the A.O.U. meeting to be held in Alberta later this summer.

Jolan Truan next distributed ad rate schedules for NABB and was heartily congratulated both for his successful and unsuccessful efforts during the past year.

The Membership Chairman's position is open due to Fern Tainter's resignation. Suggestions for this job should be sent to Dr. Collins.

George Jonkel, the chief of the Bird Banding Laboratory, was the final speaker. He noted that there were orders for 1,800,000 bands and that the BBL on occasion ran out of certain sizes but hopes to have corrected the problem. Banding totals, however, were down to 1,000,000 from 1,300,000 the year before. There are sufficient funds available for current band orders for regular bands but not enough funds to cover purchase of stainless steel bands of which there are only a few left.

A banding manual revision is scheduled for next year with loose-leaf sections to be sent to "old" banders and a new manual for "new" banders. Master permittees number 2,200, up from last year, and there are 2,400 sub-permittees; about 10 percent of the permit holders are inactive.

One of the major jobs at the BBL is the forecasting of waterfowl numbers. At present Landsat satellite pictures are being used successfully to forecast nesting success related to snow cover. Tyros satellite pictures are used as supplements.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane P. Church
Jane P. Church, Secretary

April 17, 1981

El Coronado Field Station
University of Arizona
Turkey Creek, Arizona

MINUTES OF THE WESTERN BIRD BANDING
ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The April 17, 1981, Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Martha Balph in the dining room of the El Coronado Field Station of the University of Arizona in the Chiricahua Mountains. In addition to Balph, those attending were Jane Church, Charles Collins, George Jonkel, Eleanor Radke, and Shirley Spitler.

Minutes of the 1980 Board meeting were approved as amended.

The Treasurer's Report and the proposed budget for 1981 were discussed and the budget was slightly increased. It was moved and seconded (1) that the treasurer investigate putting excess funds into higher yielding accounts and (2) that at the changeover of treasurers (Church will replace Spitler on September 1) checks need only be signed by the treasurer.

Editor's Report. Radke was asked how much time and effort she has been volunteering for NABB's paste-up. Time, which she valued at \$10/hour, has come to forty hours per issue. After discussion, it was suggested that (1) Eldon charge the banding societies for the actual cost of paste-up; (2) the societies should make every effort to pay at least part of the costs; and (3) Eldon should make a tax-deductible contribution to the societies were the societies unable to pay the full amount of \$1,600/year. Spitler agreed to write to EBBA's treasurer to ask for discussion of the above by EBBA's Board. The Treasurer's Report and the budget, as amended, were accepted and copies are filed herewith.

Radke went on to report that at the recent EBBA annual meeting there was discussion of the following three points: (1) Until necessary, no charge should be made to authors for graphs and charts (Tables cost \$25-\$50 apiece). (2) Foreign subscribers should be charged \$5 to defray postage charges. (3) EBBA does not wish to limit articles to those concerning banding only. Radke felt that in that last event the journal's name should be changed but Mutchler felt this would not be necessary as most articles come from banders anyway and could be added to to include references to their banding effort. The WBBA Board encourages articles related to banding.

With reference to Point 1 above - after discussion about page costs (NABB's are now about \$30+), it was moved and seconded that EBBA be asked if it would be interested in asking authors to consider making a voluntary contribution towards their publication costs. WBBA Board members would be interested in this but stressed that no worthy article would be turned down for a lack of author contributions. In many cases institutional funds are available to help defray the cost of publication. An author could be sent a notice of the amount of his page costs (and an invoice, if needed).

There is still no backlog of articles. After discussion of the fact that most major journals limit the methodology sections in the articles they accept, Collins volunteered to alert the editors of The Auk, The Wilson Bulletin, Condor, and Journal of Wildlife Management to the availability of space in NABB for just such items.

Point 2 above - Overseas surface charges now come to \$3.28/year, those for Canada and Mexico to \$3.20/year. However, foreign airmail comes to \$11.40, airmail to Canada and Mexico to \$9. WBBA's Board approved a motion to approve "up to \$5.00" to cover foreign postage. If rates go higher, then that charge might have to be raised. It was agreed that correspondence "at a high level" (1) be instituted before the printing of the next dues notices which will have "Plus Postage" printed on them.

Point 3 above - Some EBBA members believe there has been wasted space in NABB. However, Radke pointed out that pages come in foursomes and that what might appear wasteful is actually not.

"Vulture Vibes" author Nancy Karner has been using our logo on her letterhead. Both Radke and Mutchler have felt that the quality of her work is not very good and her recent request to continue to use the "Vulture Vibes" logo on her letterhead was not approved. It was noted that NABB is copyrighted. Radke will talk to Mutchler to discuss how to advise Karner.

NABB mailing was next brought up. Despite the fact that plastic covers use petroleum (and we are a conservation group), Eldon will try mailing in plastic. Jonkel agreed to check on the effectiveness of plastic vs. brown paper.

Because NABB is now printed on larger stock, there is 10 percent more type/page and therefore four less pages. Radke has been using new type placement to improve page appearances, has added a title page, and has new cover stock so that cover photographs will be much clearer. The Report was approved with thanks to both editors for their continued successful effort.

President's Report. The \$250 new banding award goes to Richard Clearman whose proposal was "Purple and Common Gallinules' social organization and habitat use in south Texas".

Next year's annual meeting will probably be either a joint meeting with the Western Field Ornithologists in the fall in San Diego or else with the new group, Southern California Banders, in Long Beach. Collins is working on this.

The following slate of officers for next year was presented by Balph in the absence of Otis Swisher, Nominating Committee Chairman:

President - Charles T. Collins
First Vice-president - Martin K. McNicholl
Second Vice-president - Ralph R. Moldenhauer
Secretary - Robert C. Tweit
Treasurer - Jane P. Church
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The Board agreed to ask the membership to vote on a by-laws change to change the current limit of two one-year terms for president, the vice-presidents and the secretary to five years, subject to annual election. By-law changes may possibly be sent out this fall with dues notices.

Balph asked for discussion on the proposed merger of the Texas Bird Banders Association with WBBA. Collins suggest that TBBA members join individually. WBBA by-laws will require an amendment to include Texas in WBBA territory (Jonkel stated that the BBL has no objection to this). Collins was asked to bring this up at the annual meeting the next day for an indication of support; the by-laws change will come later.

After discussion of the new computerized Banding Data Analysis Service being initiated by Point Reyes Bird Observatory which Russell will report upon at tomorrow's meeting, Church stated she felt WBBA should contribute to the start-up costs.

Miscellaneous. Collins requested work sheets from banders. Jonkel stated there is insufficient staff at the BBL to work on the new banding manual. Collins announced that a logo has been completed for WBBA T-shirts; he was asked to investigate sales contracts with an outside firm with a small percentage to come to WBBA. Radke mentioned that she has WBBA decals. The last item of business concerned student members who have been student members for much too long. This problem was discussed but no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.; however, board members had taken a long recess to enjoy an excellent slide show of Arizona birds by Tucson photographer Dan Fischer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane P. Church
Jane P. Church, Secretary

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1 April 1980 - 31 March 1981

BALANCE 1 APRIL 1980 \$2,981.03

INCOME

Membership	
Active, Associate (332)	2,757.20
Institution (52)	433.00
Student (33)	200.00
Sustaining (9)	145.00
Non-subscribing (9)	31.00
Life (2 + 2 inst.)	<u>525.00</u>
	4,091.20
Sales - decals	5.00
Sales - back issues	75.70
Sales - worksheets	16.00
Advertising (NABB account)	393.25 *
Contribution	133.00
Annual meeting fees	45.00
Interest (Fin. Savings - End. Fnd)	<u>147.48</u>

TOTAL INCOME 4,906.63

EXPENSE

Eldon Pub. Co. (NABB Prod., 4 issues)	2,398.84
Postage	302.12
Labels, rosters	122.85
Stationery	93.75
Annual report costs	127.05
Radke (editor-phone, postage)	108.07
Spitler (treasurer - postage)	67.51
(to Eldon Pub.- Renewals: stat., postage)	32.34
Tainter (mem chr., ann. report - postage, exp)	275.69
Church (secretary - postage)	18.37
EBBA - share of NABB acct. adv. income	136.44 *
Miscellany (refunds, fees, Can exch. adj.)	<u>28.80</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE (3,711.83)

Deposited to Endowment Fund (1,050.00)

BALANCE 31 MARCH 1981 \$3,125.83 #

*Net advertising income was \$156.86. A liability of \$99.95 (EBBA's share of advertising income for the 4th quarter) was paid after 31 March 1981.

#On deposit at Valley National Bank, Tucson, AZ 85712.

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

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1 April 1980 - 31 March 1981

ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance 31 March 1980	\$2,550.00
Deposit 2/81 \$1,050.00	
Balance 31 March 1981	\$3,600.00 *

*The Endowment Fund is on deposit at Financial Savings & Loan Assoc., Los Angeles, CA 90022 in a 4-year Investor's Certificate (7.5%) to mature on February 27, 1985. Included in this total is \$525.00 of General Fund monies.

GENERAL FUND

Balance 31 March 1980	\$2,260.21
Interest \$133.05	
Balance 31 March 1981	\$2,393.26 #

#The General Fund is on deposit at Valley National Bank, Tucson, AZ. 85712 in a 90-day Premium Savings Plan account at 5.75% to mature July 1, 1981.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>1981*</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>
Act, Assoc, Inst.	326	389	364	352
Student	26	39	58	68
Sustaining	7	11	8	20
Non-subscribing	8	6	5	-
Life	27	25	25	23
	<u>394</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>463</u>

*paid through 3/31/81. Total paid memberships last year at this time was 371 compared with 367 thus far in 1981.

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET - 1981-82

	1980-81		over	1981-82	
	Estimate	Actual	(under)	Estimate	
INCOME					
Membership	\$3700	\$4091	\$391	\$4100	
Contribution	150	133	(17)	150	
Sales	75	97	22	100	
Advertising	150	157	7	150	
Interest	300	280	(20)	300	
Total	4375	4758	383	4800	Changes below made at board meeting
EXPENSE					
NABB Production	3300	2399	(901)	3000	3600
Postage	275	302	27	400	
Labels, Print-outs	120	123	3	125	
Supplies (General)	65	94	29	110	
Expenses: President	40	0	(40)	50	100
Secretary	20	18	(2)	25	
Treasurer	240	100	(140)	200	
Editor	220	108	(112)	200	
Mem. Chr.	110	276	166	150	
Adv. Mgr.	30	0	(30)	30	
Annual meeting exp.	95	0	(95)	125	
Scientific papers, reports	75	0	(75)	75	
Annual report	85	127	42	130	200
Misc. (adj, refunds, fees)	25	29	4	30	
Scholarship	250	250	0	250	
TOTAL	4950	3826	(1124)	4900	5620

As you may note the "Actual" figures are not the same as those in the financial summary. Actual income in the Proposed Budget includes +\$133 interest (General Fund), and less \$45 annual meeting fees for this year's meeting, and includes the net advertising income rather than the gross. Differences in the Expense section are the Scholarship which was paid after 31 March but for planning purposes is part of the 1980-81 budget; and does not include the amount paid to EBBA for advertising.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley Spittler, Treasurer