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WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
1992 WBBA Board of Directors Meeting
Motte Rimrock Preserve
Perris, California
23 October 1992

Present. (Board Members, Officers and guests) Geoff Geupel, 1st vice-president, Ken Voget, Secretary, Hal Wasserman, Treasurer, Mike Rigney and Barbara Carlson, Directors-at-Large, Dave DeSante, immediate past-president, Bob Tweit, Editor for WBBA portion of NABB.

President Carl Barrentine could not be present due to his new job and location in North Dakota. Meeting was called to order by Vice-president Geupel at 1:50 pm.

Minutes. It was moved by Rigney that minutes from the 11 Oct. 1991 be approved; second by Carlson; approved.

Election of Board Members and Officers. After discussion, the only new addition to slate was nomination by Dave DeSante of Ken Burton for Treasurer. Due to a need to consult with prospective Board Member nominees, the slate of officers was tabled until the end of the meeting. Results:

President	- Geoff Geupel
1st Vice President	- Barbara Carlson
2nd Vice President	- Tom Pogson
Secretary	- Dennis Vroman
Treasurer	- Kenneth Burton
Director	- Kay Loughman

At the general meeting, slate of officers was presented. Motion was made by Hal Wasserman, seconded by DeSante that slate be approved by acclimation; passed; unanimous.

Treasurer's Report. At the direction of the Board, following the 1991 Annual Meeting, a more detailed report was submitted by the Treasurer this year. After review, it was determined to be sufficient for the needs of the Board in 1992; motion to approve by Tweit, second by Rigney; passed.

It was suggested at the 1991 meeting that more funds be placed into CD accounts if larger funds for normal expenses are not necessary. Hal reported that the interest bearing checking account earned interest at only 1% less than a CD.

It was also reported that difficulties remain in the accounting process as membership year (Jan-Dec) is still different than the fiscal year (July-June).

Outgoing Treasurer Wasserman gave extreme gratitude to Harold

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Cogswell for his "outstanding" job as Treasurer in the past.

The 1992-1993 budget proposals were submitted; moved for approval by DeSante and Tweit, seconded by Carlson; passed. Included was verification that endowment fund was sufficient and the expenditure of \$300 printing costs of new brochure. Rigney was going to check for possible corporate sponsor of brochure costs.

Editor's Report. Tweit reported a general lack of articles being submitted to WBBA for NABB. He had one, with two additional articles due to come in. He informed the Board that EBBA produces more papers than IBBA and WBBA combined. EBBA is now sharing the cost of "Significant Recoveries and Returns"; prior this had been a WBBA initiative.

Discussion followed on what is appropriate material to submit to WBBA section of NABB. Generally, what is being done by who, where and other noteworthy information to banders. A need to solicit for "agency" input, illustrating/indicating opportunities for banding.

All commended Bob for a fine job as Editor.

NABB Committee Report. EBBA is now sharing in cost of "Significant Recoveries and Returns". This had been an issue of long standing. Nothing else to report.

Annual Banding Report. Rigney reported that even fewer people than last year are banding; fewer responses than a year ago. It was concluded however, that the Annual Banding Report is extremely valuable.

Back Issues and Monographs. Barbara reported she was out of "Body Weights" monograph. It was suggested she check with author then if opportune, get xerox copies made and sell for about \$8.

Membership. Current membership is at 287, down from 294 in 1991. There were only 8 or 9 new members, reflecting a continued gradual decline. It was suggested, but not resolved, to offer life memberships at 4 equal payments over 4 years.

NABB Advertising. This task was passed on to EBBA in 1992.

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Local Committee. Barbara Carlson reported about 42 people were attending, 10 papers had been submitted, and three talks on "Partners in Flight" were expected.

Future Meetings. First choice is to join in with a MAPS project being conducted at Sierra Nevada Field Campus of San Francisco St. Univ. Second choice was to coordinate with AFO/WFO annual meeting in Tucson, AZ. Geupel will check into times and coordinate.

Annual Research Award. One award was given to Kathy Molina working with the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles Co., for her work on "Aspects Of the Reproductive Biology of the Gull-billed Tern, Sterna nilotica". \$250.

It was motioned by Wasserman and seconded by Tweit to expand this award up to two awards per year, \$250 each. Passed. Criteria for award must have banding a main aspect of study - a primary focus of the study.

Director's Award. Nothing to report.

Bird Population Committee. Nothing to report.

History and Archives. Kay Loughman reported that all records which she had at her home, were lost in the Berkeley fire. Fortunately, Martin McNicholl has retained copies of everything he had sent her.

OLD BUSINESS

--Rigney presented a new brochure. A new logo was to be determined by voting at the general meeting. This was done with the Gambel's white-crowned sparrow being voted in by general membership, as the new logo. This will now be incorporated into the long awaited new brochure.

--Contributions into the Mewaldt fund were \$575.

--It was moved by Wasserman, seconded by Voget to honor Howard Cogswell and Elliott McClure with life memberships. Passed.

--It was proposed by Tweit that a committee be appointed to propose a recipient of the Director's Award. Tweit and DeSante

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are to be the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

--Carlson reported difficulties with Cal. Fish and Game regarding Salvage Permits being required plus an MOU (for banding?). It was recommended the Executive Board have a meeting with CDF&G for an informal talk.

--Problems still exist with all suppliers of mist nets. Avinet sent alert fliers to almost all banders soliciting for a concerted effort to obtain supplies through congressional channels.

--Several items of importance from BBL were presented and then deferred to the general meeting as information for all.

BBL is still experiencing budget problems in being the central office for all banding, particularly non-game birds.

There are several who want to stop banding during migration (this proposal makes no sense).

Problems from the field with BBL:

- difficulty with getting subpermits
- difficulty with electronic data entry

Recommendations by Board members:

- banders pay for bands
- don't submit data if no national interest
- submission of data only by data disc
- another agency/organ. assume responsibility of banding activities

There was a great deal of discussion relevant to this entire topic. VP Geupel was to draft a letter to BBL with recommendations for improvement.

WBBA needs to some how encourage new members, new banders, along with long term banding stations.

(Past Secretary's note: Federal and State agencies are receiving Federal \$'s to study Neotropical Migrants, and are funding

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numerous studies. If you are a bander looking for a place to study and band on a continuing basis, consult your nearest National Wildlife Refuge, National forest, or Park.)

Adjournment. It was moved, 2nd and passed to adjourn. 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Voget, Secretary
Western Bird Banding Association
