

Minutes from the 1993 Western Bird Banders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Sierra Nevada Field Campus
20 August 1993

Officers attending: Geoffrey Geupel, President
Dennis Vroman, Secretary
Barbara Carlson, 1st Vice President
Kay Loughman, Director at Large

Members attending: Otis Swisher (only part of meeting)

Meeting was called to order at 1430 by President Geoffrey Geupel.

Minutes: Minutes from the 23 October 1992 Board of Directors meeting at Motte Rimrock Preserve, Perris, California were recommended for approval by Kay Loughman and seconded by Barbara Carlson. Minutes were approval as written.

Election of Board Members and Officers: All positions are currently filled with the exception of one Director at Large.

Nomination of Directors: Persons considered for expiring Director at Large position were: Kristin Shields (CCRS), Jim Steele, Charles Collins (University of California), and Cathrine Sandell. Cathrine Sandell was recommended for the position by Barbara Carlson and was seconded by Geoffery Geupel and was approved by the Board. Cathrine Sandell is to fill the term expiring Director at Large position, replacing Michael Rigney.

Treasure's Report: The Treasure was unable to attend the Annual Board meeting; a written report was submitted for approval. It will be made part of the meeting documentation.

Upon review, several questions about the 1992 budget were determined.

1. The amount of interest earned by the WBBA account appeared to be low (\$67.95). With the amount in the account (approximately \$21,800) the amount of interest earned should have been larger.
2. A bank service fee was noted. The board felt this may have been in error and should be verified.
3. The Board questioned what the 1992 survey expense was for.
4. There should have been an expense of \$500.00 for the annual research award.

The Treasure, Ken Burton is to be contacted regarding the above questions related to the 1992 budget. The budget, as it now stands, was not approved following the outcome of the above questions.

Editor's Report: Bob Tweet, acting Editor, did not attend the meeting and submitted a written report, which will be made part of this

meeting documentation. He reported:

The publication of NABB was running nearly on schedule. The submission of manuscripts by members was variable and slow. Mike Rigney and CCRS did a good job compiling the Annual Report of birds banded in the Western Region for publication in NABB and should be commended for their effort. He stated that he was willing to continue to act as editor.

He also suggested that the Board consider the following:

1. A \$13 fee for non-members, if they attend meetings (to be used as a registration fee for the non-member). This matter was referred to Ken Burton (Treasurer) and was to be evaluated for implementation in the future. Not resolved at this meeting.
2. If WBBA finances were tight as compared to incoming funds, along with the increasing publishing costs of NABB, then the membership fee should be raised to \$15.00. Upon discussion, the Board decided to keep membership fees at \$13.00 for 1994 membership renewal.

Old Business: The following old business was discussed:

1. Grants to individuals/organizations were recommended, within the Western states to be used for the accomplishment of bird monitoring using banding. Some guidelines for grants should be determined. The amount of the grant or grants should be in the area of \$300 to \$500. The Board liked this idea, however, no decision was reached at this meeting on its implementation.
2. Annual Report: Mike Rigney reported that CCRS, due to the increased amount of time needed for its completion (more banded birds/larger report in general), might not be able to continue completing the WBBA Annual Report that is published in NABB. The amount of CCRS staff time needed was getting to be a problem. He requested approximately \$2000 from WBBA for the completion of the Annual Report. The Board questioned what precisely was the problem: data entry, equipment needs, personnel needs, etc. Kay Loughman was going to speak with Mike Rigney about this and determine if any alternatives or other solutions could be arrived at before the Board would consider funding the Report directly. Results were to be reported to the President.
3. The Board discussed the possibility of assigning a person as an "official" WBBA computer consultant, to be contacted with any questions regarding personal computers (such as: PC systems in general, data entry, Schedule Generator System, database software, etc). The Board agreed that this was desirable, however, no conclusion was reached regarding how to approach assigning this position and how a person (volunteer or otherwise) might be assigned this duty.

New Business: The following new business was discussed.

Membership: The classification of members and the number per

classification were noted. Membership appeared to be stable, but the Board agreed that new members should be recruited if possible. The fact that there were no "student" membership rates was discussed; new members should be recruited from students/academia. Geoff Geupel suggested that membership be granted "free" to a student with an accomplishment in avian research (preferably research using banding), from each of the 11 states within the WBBA (11 free student memberships). A student could be nominated by a College or University professor for consideration by the WBBA Board. A motion to approve this proposal was made by Barbara Carlson and seconded by Dennis Vroman; the proposal was passed by the Board. Kay Loughman was going to draft a letter entitled, "Student Membership Award" and submit it for approval to the President and it then could be send off to a number of professors in the 11 Western states for submission of qualified applicants.

Back Issues: Barbara Carlson brought it to the Board's attention that back issues of some current NABB were not available; with some issues, there were no back issues at all. Back issues are needed to send to new members (would receive all issues for a calender year). The Board discussed the fact that some current members have reported that they had not received some current issues of NABB. Barbara suggested that the number of available back issues might be due to coordination with the Eastern publisher (Robert Pantle). Our Editor (Bob Tweit) was to be contacted to see what could be resolved with this matter; Geoff Geupel would be the contact with Bob.

Barbara Carlson announced to the Board must find a replacement for her to deal with back issues of NABB starting in late in 1994; she could no longer do this task.

Barbara announced to the Board that there were a large number of WBBA "Banding Worksheets" and that the demand for worksheets was low and that storage was a problem. Something needed to be done with them. Dennis Vroman made a motion that one worksheet for each species be archived and the remainder be recycled, this was seconded by Kay Loughman and passed by the Board.

Barbara Carlson announced that storage of back issues of WBBR and NABB were also a problem. Is was suggested that it might be better for the Treasure to have and distribute back issues, funds would need to be submitted to the Treasure for them. This was not fully resolved at this meeting.

Barbara Carlson announced that she would bring the WBBA decals to the next Annual Meeting.

Future Annual Meeting of Membership: Future locations for WBBA Annual Meetings was discussed. Geoff Geupel was going to check into locations in the States of Colorado (perhaps the Colorado Bird Observatory)and New Mexico for 1994/1995. Dennis Vroman was going to check into the possibility of the 1994 meeting being held in Ashland, Oregon.

Awards: The following were discussed by the Board related to WBBA awards.

Barbara moved to change the current annual student award to one in the amount of \$350 and that it be granted before the end of March (before the field season normally begins). This was seconded by Kay Loughman and passed by the Board.

A WBBA Awards Selection Committee was established consisting of Steve Russell and Geoff Geupel as members.

WBBA Brochure: It was announced by Geoff Geupel that a WBBA brochure was completed and is available to handout to prospective new members.

WBBA/PIF Matters: It was announced that currently no one has been approved to attend the Migration Workshop to be held in early September in Toronto, Canada. This matter was not resolved at this meeting. The WBBA should encourage members to attend PIF meetings. Dennis Vroman agreed to compose a short article on this to be submitted to NABB for publication.

BBL Banding Permits: The policy of the BBL to cut off banding permits for education banding was discussed. Nothing was resolved regarding this matter at this meeting.

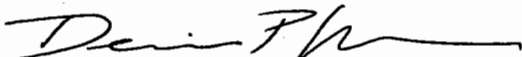
Training of Banders: The need of for training new individuals to perform banding activities was discussed. Certification of banders was discussed. The Board suggested that new banders should work as "assistants" at banding stations in now operation as an appropriate way to educate new banders.

WBBA Logo: The new WBBA logo can be made available for T-shirts for Annual meetings, or other approved uses, but it was left up to the discretion of those responsible for the Annual Meeting to determine if they wish to use it or not.

Local Meeting Committee: The Officers and Directors of the WBBA gave thanks to Geoff Geupel, Jim Steel, and the members of his crew, who help put together the 1993 Annual Meeting of the WBBA.

Adjournment: Dennis Vroman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1800 and was seconded by Kay Loughman and was passed. Meeting was adjourned at 1800.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Vroman, Secretary
Western Bird Banding Association
