

Minutes from the 1994 Western Bird Banders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Southern Oregon State College Campus
16 September 1994

Officers attending: Geoffrey Geupel, President
Dennis Vroman, Secretary
Ken Burton, Treasurer
Barbara Carlson, 1st Vice President
Tom Pogson, 2nd Vice President
Kay Loughman, Director at Large

Others attending: Robert Tweit, WBBA Editor

Meeting was called to order at 1425 by President Geoffrey Geupel.

Minutes: Minutes from the 20 August 1993 Board of Directors meeting at Sierra Nevada Field Campus, California were read and recommended for approval by Barbara Carlson and seconded by Kay Loughman. Minutes were approval (with some spelling edits) as written.

Election of Board Members and Officers: The positions of President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Secretary and one Director at Large position expire in 1994 and will need to be filled for 1995.

Nomination of Expiring Positions: The following persons were nominated for the expiring positions: President, Barbara Carlson; 1st Vice President, Tom Pogson; 2nd Vice President, Dennis Vroman; Secretary, Kay Loughman, Director at Large, Christopher Otahal or Stephanie Jones (one to be decided upon before membership vote on 17 September 1994). Additional nominations would be accepted prior to voting by the membership on 17 September 1994.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer presented current WBBA finances for the time period 8-01-93 to 8-31-94 (13 months due to meeting date). Income was \$4,634.53 and expenses were \$4,158.27 (positive balance of \$476.26). As of 13 September 1994 the WBBA had \$22,362.36 in assets invested. The Treasurers written report will be made part of the meeting documentation.

Question Concerning Treasurer Report from 1993: The amount of interest earned by the WBBA account in 1993 appeared to be low (\$67.95). Was this figure correct? The Treasurer indicated this figure was correct and that interest rate were low with the type of investment accounts the funds were invested in.

Treasurer Recommendations to the Board: The Treasurer recommended that the Board consider either an Investor Board Position, or a Financial Committee to better invest the Associations funds in order to receive high investment rates of return. Also, that the duties of Treasurer and Membership should be separated. These recommendations were not resolved at this meeting.

Treasurers Term of Office: Should the Treasurers term of office be only 2 years, or 2 year or more (depending on the person's willingness to continue the duties)? Geoff Geupel recommended, seconded by Barbara Carlson, that the Treasurer term of office remain as it now

is, 2 years or as long as the person in the position can, and is willing, continue the duties of the office. The measure was approved by the Board.

Editor's Report: Bob Tweit, WBBA Editor, provided the following information to the Board. In 1993, 5 papers submitted by WBBA were printed in NABB. In 1994, 7 papers were submitted, however, none were published. One paper was rejected and 2 were sent back to the authors for editing and not returned. He recommended that a statement be published in NABB detailing the requirements for publication of papers in NABB. This was not resolved by the Board.

Annual Report: Kay Loughman presented the concerns from Coyote Creek Riparian Station (CCRS) as to the expense, as well as, the value of the Annual Report. Some points were good (list of banders, captured species and their numbers published) and some not so good (amount of time and funds needed to compile and summarize data) about this report. CCRS would like some funds to help compile this report. The Board discussed this matter. Were other volunteers available to assist with the report? One concern was the spending of WBBA membership dues for the report (\$719.62 under 1994 expenses as "Annual Report," principally for postage). Kay Loughman was to request additional facts from CCRS on costs and time needed to do the report and bring this information back to the Board. This matter was not fully resolved by the Board at this meeting.

Membership Report: Ken Burton stated that overall membership in WBBA was up about 9 members in 1994.

Old Business: The following old business was discussed:

1. Back issues of NABB: More back issues of the 1st quarter issues were needed, but may not be available (needed for new subscribing members). Palomarin Field Station (PRBO) would be willing to store back issues of NABB and Ken Burton would handle the distribution of them.
 2. Meeting Location for 1995 Meeting: The location of Albuquerque, New Mexico was approved for the 1995 meeting location. Further details would need to be determined sometime following the meeting.
 3. Research Awards: The granting of one \$500 research award was approved by the Board. Persons wishing to obtain the award would need to submit a project summary and submit a paper for publication in NABB. The research would need to be on any of the following subject matter: Aging and sexing of captured birds, identification of captured birds, marking of birds, techniques for handling or marking birds, or capture of birds.
 4. WBBA History and Archives: Kay Loughman states that she is not interested in continuing holding this material and someone or place was needed for it. Martin McNicholl (British Columbia, Canada) has most of the archival material for WBBA. Dennis Vroman has all the past secretarial records. A safe location needs to be found for WBBA historic and archival records. The Board did not resolve this question at this meeting.
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5. Free Student Memberships: Of the 13 letters send to academia seeking recommendation of students for free student memberships for the avian research projects they were undertaking, 7 responses were received and 6 were affirmed. In future years, any graduate or under graduate student doing avian research (banding or marking birds) could be nominated. The acceptance of 2 student nominations from California, if only low numbers of nominations were received from other states, was approved by the Board.

6. Computer Consultant: WBBA could identify persons who would be willing to help others with Bird Banding Laboratory computer programs. The names of willing members could be published in NABB. No resolution was reached on this matter.

7. Increasing Membership Dues: The Board approved raising membership dues to: \$15 for Regular, \$30 for Sustaining and \$ 300 for Life memberships. Ken Burton would see that stickers were made for the brochures and that increases were changed on membership (renewal) envelopes to be sent out in 1995 or envelopes printed for the future. The effective date for the increases would be 1 January 1995.

New Business: The following new business was discussed.

1. Award Plaque: The Board approved the awarding of a plaque to Eugene Kridler for banding more that 50,000 individual birds. The plaque would be presented at the 17 September 1994 membership meeting.

2. Migration Monitoring: The reports were back from USFWS and CWS on recommendations for migration monitoring. These needed to be review.

3. Directory: To be published in NABB, Tom Pogson to report back on this matter.

4. Training: Should WBBA become involved in banding training? Should training be nationwide? Should USFWS (NBS) take the lead? These questions were not resolved.

5. Declining Membership: Concern was expressed over declining membership rates. In the membership report, it was stated that memberships had increased from 1994. Perhaps this should be revisited at the 1995 Board meeting.

Adjournment: The 1994 WBBA meeting was adjourned at 1750.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Vroman, Secretary
Western Bird Banding Association

WBBA TREASURER'S REPORT
8/01/93-8/31/94

Income

Interest	282.78
Membership Dues	3861.50
Contributions	135.10
Back Issues	22.15
Annual Meeting	333.00

Total	4634.53

Expenses

Postage	160.55
NABB	2939.73
Overpaid Dues Refund	11.00
Editor's Expenses	30.20
Phone	29.62
Supplies	262.31
Photocopying	0.24
Nonprofit Filing Fee	5.00
Annual Report	719.62

Total	4158.27
Net Flow:	+476.26

TOTAL ASSETS AS OF 9/13/94

Bank of Petaluma Business Money Market Savings:	15014.01
Bank of Petaluma Business NOW Account:	10.01
1st Nationwide Bank Classic CD:	7338.34

Total:	22362.36

1994 WBBA MEMBERSHIP

Active:	212
Sustaining:	9
Institutional:	30
Life:	43
Complimentary:	14
Nonsubscribing:	12
Exchange:	3

Total:	323