

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES of the 1995 ANNUAL MEETING
RIO GRANDE NATURE CENTER
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
22 SEPTEMBER 1995, 3:30 - 6:45 PM

PRESENT: Barbara Carlson, President
Tom Pogson, 1st Vice-President
Dennis Vroman, 2nd Vice-President
Ken Burton, Treasurer
Kay Loughman, Secretary

GUEST: Bob Tweit, WBBA Editor

ABSENT: Geoff Geupel, Immediate Past President
Stephanie Jones, Director at Large
Cathy Sandell, Director at Large

Previous Meeting Minutes: The Minutes of the 1994 Meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Burton submitted Treasurer's Report, 9/1/94-8/31/95, attached. The increase in interest was due to better investment, slightly higher interest rates, and more information about the CD at First Nationwide. With an increase in the cost of a membership, the income from dues went up slightly. The cost of postage more than doubled this year. The deficit of \$256.28 was due primarily to a loss on the 1994 annual meeting. It should be noted also that no grants were awarded in FY 1994; grants were awarded in FY 1995. Burton indicated that the membership figures reported in the previous year had a few inaccuracies and overlaps. The figure reported this year, 311 (Active: 246; Sustaining: 7; Life: 42; Non-subscribing: 13; Exchange: 3), is accurate to the best of his knowledge.

Current Meeting: In the absence of Sandell, there was no formal report on the arrangements for the current meeting.

NABB Report: Tweit reported it has been a slow year for *NABB*. He has received only four papers, two of which were published, and two returned to the authors for revision. He is concerned about the lack of submissions. The Board agreed there were two major issues to be addressed: The first, people (like Carlson) who have work ready to be written up, need to be encouraged to get their work submitted. A less tractable problem is that of name recognition, i.e. not enough people have even heard of *NABB*. To that end, it was further agreed that banding permit holders residing in the western region, should be invited to join WBBA. [See further discussion under 'Increasing Membership', below.]

In response to a question from Tweit, Board members agreed that they were more interested in reading abstracts of literature having to do with banding technique and methodology than with results obtained in studies which employed banding.

Tweit needs an electronic copy of the White-crowned Sparrow logo, adopted by WBBA a few years ago. Carlson would be glad to scan a good printed copy; others indicated that Mike Rigney at Coyote Creek Riparian Station probably already has the logo in electronic form. Carlson will attempt to contact Rigney concerning this. **ACTION: CARLSON**

Student Membership Report: Loughman reported that WBBA netted fewer responses for our Student Membership offer than in the previous year. Again, thirteen invitations were issued; but only three responses were received. The Board agreed that this year Loughman should put a notice in the *Ornithological Newsletter* inviting nominations from the western states and provinces. **ACTION: LOUGHMAN** Professors could nominate their own students or students could nominate themselves. In the latter case, we would require the endorsement of a professor. The first thirteen nominations to be received would be accepted. Burton requested that the 1996 student membership nominations be sent to him prior to the end of February 1996.

Grants Committee: Geupel reported to Carlson that we had very few applications for our grants, probably due to lack of publicity. In the future, we should advertise in the *Ornithological Newsletter* as well as in *NABB*. **ACTION: GEUPEL, but see below.**

Nominations, etc. for WBBA Board: Sandell's term is up; Pogson needs to resign from the Board. Terms are two years, except in the case of Treasurer where the term may be extended as long as the incumbent is willing and able to serve. Slate to be presented to the general membership will be: President, Barbara Carlson (continuing); 1st Vice-President, Dennis Vroman; 2nd Vice-President, Cathy Sandell (pending her agreement); Treasurer, Ken Burton (continuing); Secretary, Kay Loughman (continuing); Director at Large, Stephanie Jones (continuing); Director at Large, Bob Altman (pending his agreement). Alternate names suggested in case either Cathy or Bob decline are Jim Steele or Susan Blackshaw. Additional nominations to be accepted at the general membership meeting on 9/23/95.

Old Business

"Investor" of WBBA funds person: Discussed, but no decision, at 1994 meeting. Board agreed that we are comfortable with the way things are going now. If anyone knows of a CD earning more, we could be willing to invest up to \$5000. Let Burton know.

Annual Report - Funds needed if to be continued by CCRS. WBBA has supported production of Annual Report only to the extent of covering cost of postage and supplies. CCRS wants \$2000 to cover staff costs for data entry. Board agreed WBBA cannot provide funds for labor. However, production of the report should be continued if we can find volunteers to work on it. Tweit will put a notice in *NABB* indicating that CCRS can no longer handle the job, and requesting assistance. **ACTION: TWEIT** Discussion concluded with the decision that Carlson would ask for volunteers at the general meeting. It seemed

likely that no report would be produced for 1995. Loughman will discuss details with Chris Otahal and advise Carlson. **ACTION: LOUGHMAN**

Increasing Membership: New members will be solicited using the lists of permit holders residing in our region, supplied by the Bird Banding Lab. Apparently the BBL is willing to supply mailing labels upon request. The labels would have to be compared against the WBBA membership list, so that current members are not solicited. Each prospective member would be sent a letter, written by Carlson, and WBBA brochure - which needs to be updated by CCRS. **ACTION: CCRS** It was suggested that the letter mention recent articles which appeared in *NABB*. Carlson will contact BBL for labels and CCRS for updated brochure. **ACTION: CARLSON**

Computer consultant to assist banders: Unresolved issue from 1994 meeting. Vroman or Burton will ask Grant Ballard (PRBO) if he would be willing to have his name published as a consultant. Vroman will write an article for *NABB* outlining our idea, and requesting additional volunteers to act as consultants. **ACTION: VROMAN**

Archival materials: Carlson has sent one box of material to PRBO for safekeeping; recommended that Loughman take any other material accumulated to PRBO. Tweit urged that all archival material be donated immediately to the UC Berkeley Bancroft Library. Loughman indicated that our archival material must be sorted and cataloged before we can even approach The Bancroft Library. Even then, there is no guarantee Bancroft will accept it. At this point, Loughman is holding a box of papers from Dave DeSante; Tweit has a box of papers relative to *NABB*; Vroman has binders of minutes from previous meetings; Martin McNicholl has an unspecified amount of correspondence from the past; PRBO is holding records of the San Francisco Chapter of the WBBA. All of this material should be collected in one place, PRBO, until an archivist can be appointed. Carlson will talk about it in the general meeting on 9/23.

New Business

The 1996 Annual Meeting will be held in a private conference/retreat area (Camp Kuratli) near Portland, OR over the second weekend in September. Several options are available for banding demonstrations, field trips, and tourism. Bob Altman will coordinate local arrangements. **ACTION: ALTMAN** Despite potential difficulties, board members indicated a continuing interest in scheduling an annual meeting in Alaska.

WBBA members are also invited to attend the joint EBBA/IBBA meeting next April in Maryland. Notices will appear in *NABB*. Carlson will announce at general meeting on 9/23.

North American Banding Council - a new organization involved in training banders and trainers of banders [for further information, see Carlson's article in *NABB*, v.20:1, p.44-45.] Board approved WBBA's participation, with Carlson and Burton as our representatives. While we are not committing any funds at this time, we may need to do so in the future.

Other New Business

Twit expressed concern that we had not adopted a budget for the coming year. This issue is of particular interest since we lost money over the last year, and have already approved a membership drive for the next year. Burton said if we didn't show a profit this year, then we should not be supporting grants in this year. The Board agreed. Carlson will advise Geupel not to solicit for awards this year. ~~ACTION: CARLSON~~ No budget was discussed or adopted.

Burton suggested that memberships should begin with the next issue of *NABB* to be published, rather than with the calendar year. The By-Laws do not allow for this; but the Board was in general agreement with Ken's idea. Ken will continue the present system for the coming year; but will draft an amendment for the By-Laws in time for the next meeting.

~~ACTION: BURTON~~

The By-Laws also indicate that a Life Membership should cost 25 times that of an annual membership. When the Board increased the price for an annual membership, we neglected to adjust the price of the life membership accordingly. Ken was advised to increase the cost of the life membership to \$375. When the WBBA brochure is revised, it should reflect this change. ~~ACTION: CCRS~~

Respectfully submitted,



Kay Loughman
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT, 9/1/94-8/31/95

INCOME	INTEREST	789.73
	DUES	4468
	DONATIONS	77.04
	BACK ISSUES	233.25
	1994 ANNUAL MEETING	1368
	UNUSED CHECK REFUND	11.41
	BANK ERROR	19.5
	TOTAL	6966.93

EXPENSES	POSTAGE	354.18
	NABB	3781.06
	PHONE	57
	SUPPLIES	43.32
	PHOTOCOPYING	4.44
	NONPROFIT FILING FEE	5
	ANNUAL REPORT	538.93
	1994 ANNUAL MEETING	2045.15
	AWARDS	350
	1995 MEETING FLIERS	44.13
	TOTAL	7223.21

NET FLOW		-256.28
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WBBA ASSETS AS OF 8/31/95

Bank of Petaluma Interest Checking Account:	\$	50.00
Bank of Petaluma Money Market Account:		14178.19
First Nationwide Bank Classic CD:		8422.76
Undeposited money:		455.00

Total:		----- \$23105.95
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WBBA MEMBERSHIP AS OF 8/31/95

Active: 246

Sustaining: 7

Life: 42

Nonsubscribing: 13

Exchange: 3

Total: 311