

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING
CAMP KURATLI, BORING, OREGON
SEPTEMBER 13, 1996, 3:00 PM

PRESENT: Barbara Carlson, President
Dennis Vroman, 1st Vice-President
Ken Burton, Treasurer
Kay Loughman, Secretary
Stephanie Jones, Director at Large
Bob Altman, Director at Large

GUEST: Tom Pogson

ABSENT: Geoff Geupel, Immediate Past President
Cathy Sandell, 2nd Vice-President
Bob Tweit, Editor, Ex-Officio

Previous Meeting Minutes: The Minutes of the 1995 Meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Burton submitted the Treasurer's Report, covering the period 9/1/95-8/31/96. ~~There was a profit of \$982.22 due primarily to a profit on last year's~~ meeting, and to the facts that no grants were awarded and we weren't billed for the Annual Report until after the fiscal year. Interest was nearly the same as the previous year's. Income from dues was down 13%, due to a slight (3.5%) decrease in membership and the lack of new life members. Only one back issue was sold all year. Outflow for supplies went up substantially due to the need for new envelopes. Total assets as of 8/31/96 were \$23,655.89, up 2.4% from last year.

Current Meeting: WBBA to extend a thank you to US Forest Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service people for helping with the meeting, along with Bob Altman.

NABB Report: It was indicated that four papers from WBBA were published in NABB this year.

Student Membership Report: Loughman reported that our notice in *Ornithological Newsletter* netted only one response, and that from a person outside the western region. She recommended that this approach to gain new members be abandoned. The Board agreed.

Grants Committee: Carlson indicated that one grant was to be, or already was awarded. Geupel was handling the grant aspects. **ACTION: GEUPEL**

Nominations, etc. for WBBA Board: The following persons were nominated to serve on

the WBBA Board of Directors for the coming year: Dennis Vroman (President), Stephanie Jones (1st Vice-President), Cathy Sandell (2nd Vice-President), Jim Steele (Secretary), Ken Burton (Treasurer), Bob Altman (Director at Large), Ken Voget (Director at Large), Barbara Carlson (Immediate Past President). [NB: This slate was presented to members at the general meeting on 9/14/96; no further nominations were submitted; the slate was approved by the membership.]

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Report: A thanks should be extended to Joan Tweit for her offer to help with the annual report. Loughman reported that CCRS would be able to accomplish the annual report again this year without additional funding from WBBA. CCRS needs new computer software to facilitate preparation of the annual report. It was recommended that Grant Ballard be contacted for assistance along this line. **ACTION: WHO?**

Increasing Membership: Jones remembers that we talked about getting the names of western banders from the BBL and sending all of them a brochure and invitation to join WBBA. Carlson was going to look into it; but Burton thought we should wait. **ACTION?**

Computer consultant to assist banders: Vroman reported that Grant Ballard indicated a willingness to help. Vroman will get a note into NABB after checking again with Ballard. **ACTION: VROMAN** Also, the Band Ops program is now available to banders, which is somewhat easier to use.

By-Laws change: The By-Laws currently require that membership begin with the calendar year and that members joining mid-year be provided with back issues of NABB. Burton pointed out that providing back issues of NABB is awkward and sometimes expensive. He suggested that subscriptions to NABB be started with the next issue to appear after a member has joined, and that we not send them all back issues for the year. The Board agreed; but it will take a change in the By-Laws, which Ken has already written up. The problem of informing members 30 days in advance of voting on the change was resolved by agreeing to put the notice of the changes in NABB where members could see and then send in their votes. While reviewing the by-laws on this issue, Ken noticed that the by-laws also state that the officer's meeting must be held after the members' meeting. All agreed that this by-law should be changed to allow for officers' meetings at any time in conjunction with the members' meetings. It was decided that the proposals would be published in NABB and that a ballot would be mailed with renewal notices. Subsequently, it was agreed that the proposals and the ballot itself could be distributed either in or with NABB in addition to being mailed to non-subscribing members. **ACTION: BURTON**

Back Issues of NABB: Ken suggested that back issues of NABB should cost \$5.00 (plus postage?) Approved by the Board.

Adopting a budget yearly: The Board was notified that WBBA should have and pass a yearly budget. The Board approved a budget for the amount of last year's budget. Included in the 1997 budget would be one grant for \$500 (Geupel to put in NABB). **ACTION:**

GEUPEL

WBBA brochure: We need a new brochure made up. Both Loughman and Carlson indicated there are disks with brochure data all ready (one is in Burton's possession). Burton agreed to check into getting it produced on desktop publishing software. We need some photos for the brochure.

NABC - Monetary support? New representative for after February 1997?: NABC needs funding for support. Board agreed it's worth funding; but we are a bit short ourselves at this time. It appears that representatives from last year will remain representatives in 1997 (Carlson and Burton; but maybe only one person will be needed).

NEW BUSINESS

Next Annual Meeting(s): The Board agreed to accept Ken Voget's offer to host the next WBBA annual meeting near Las Vegas [currently scheduled for October 3-5, 1997]. The 1998 meeting will be held at Pt. Reyes (Ken Burton and Kay Loughman to organize); the 1999 meeting may be held in the Rocky Mountains - Colorado, Wyoming, or Montana (Stephanie Jones to organize). 2000 in Alaska.

Support for Fish and Wildlife Funding Initiative: Board voted to send a letter of support. Vroman will write **ACTION: VROMAN**.

Simple Money-making projects for WBBA: At the next annual meeting we will try to make some money by collecting donations of banding equipment and raffling them off. Jones will coordinate **ACTION: JONES**.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

Meeting adjourned - late.

Disclaimer: As most WBBA Board Members are aware, the recording equipment used to tape this meeting malfunctioned. No tape was produced, and the Secretary had not taken any notes. The 'minutes' above represent the compiled recollections of several attendees.

Respectfully submitted,


Kay Loughman, Secretary