

Western Bird Banding Association (WBBA) meeting, Alaska Bird Observatory, Fairbanks, Alaska

Sept. 8, 2000 3:00 pm

Present: Bob Altman, Tricia Campbell, Ken Burton, Jim Steele, Dennis Vroman, Mary Gustafson, Anne-Marie Benson, Bob Tweit, Stephanie Jones. Ken Voget arrived, 4:01pm. Kay Loughman arrived, 4:12pm, Gary Blevins at 4:52pm

Stephanie Jones (taking notes, substituting for Rhonda Miliken)

Minutes from last year moved, seconded and passed.

Treasurer's report: Tricia Campbell provided a hand-out and report; board accepted Treasurer's report.

Board voted tremendous thanks to Nancy DeWitt, and all of Alaska Bird Observatory (ABO) for hosting the 2000 meeting.

Membership report (Ken Burton): Membership had a slight drop, from 287 (1999) to 280 (2000). Increase in membership dues are one probable cause of this decrease. Second renewal notices and web site membership application form has helped.

Jim Steele had a question about how to contact banders in a particular area; recommended that they be referred to the annual report which is posted on Chris Otahal's web site and that we maintain a link from WBBA to this web site.

Annual Report (Bob Tweit): Discussion. There are some questions about errors being fixed and suggestions to enter this report through a inter-active web site; also to see if the other banding associations would be interested in a annual report. Jim Steele and Anne-Marie Benson will see about costs and potential of these changes. For now, Chris Otahal will continue to do this report.

Current meeting report (Bob Altman): Nancy DeWitt (ABO) sent a spread sheet with final costs and money. Bottom lines, \$600-\$700 gain but this is probably a high estimate. Meeting well attended, with 44 people attending.

Web page (Jim Steele): Molt limits, and other useful stuff there now. WBBA web address will be posted at this meeting, and he would like folks to send him photos. Ken Burton wondered if we should post the membership list on the web, and Ken Burton will request that people to let him know if this is okay, and also ask for E-mail addresses. Jim Steele would like more feedback from folks using the web and pictures and other stuff for the molt limits. Mary Gustafson would like to post the molt limit portion as the BBL feature links. Links should be sent to Jim Steele.

### Froehlich

Molt Limits (Ken Burton): Dan Froehlich at IBP is working on a companion to Pyle, with pictures of the characters.

NABB (Bob Tweit): Bob Tweit is retiring as the WBBA editor and is looking for a replacement. He said that only one manuscript has been received so far this year, down from other years and this is a big concern. Eastern BBA sends in papers, but WBBA/IBBA do not contribute enough papers per issue. Jim Steele: target preliminary data from observatories and organizations, such as preliminary data from Masters students. Ken Burton: publication in NABB should be a requirement to receiving a grant. Jim Steele: publishing color pictures of molt limits; Ken Burton suggested an insert. Bob Tweit wondered whether there is a need to publish the back issues on the web page. Maybe more station summaries should be encouraged. Perhaps keep the summaries more personal (e.g. per each bird observatory) rather than sub-regional as EBBA. Bob Altman: provide banding protocols for submitting proposals to BBL according to MTAB #3. Ken Burton: send a questionnaire to the membership about their expectations to NABB. Tricia Campbell: write a brief description of WBBA to send out to various places. Ken Burton suggests all folks here get one ms. to NABB/year either by them or someone they can talk into it. Jim Steele suggests breaking the journal into discrete sections, targeting the four different area of interest: regional, technical, techniques, news. Jim Steele promises two articles by the end of year; Bob Altman, Tricia Campbell and Steph Jones promise one each.

Bob Tweit explained to Kay Loughman and the board what is needed to get NABB out, four issues per year, WBBA page: one is meeting report; one is annual report; two more needed. Bob said it takes about 40 hours in an easy (light) year. It could be a lot more in a busier year. Papers should be peer reviewed. Kay accepted the editorship; the board voted an unanimous acceptance.

Next meeting: Mary Gustafson suggested dove-tailing this meeting to the hummingbird meeting, which is usually in the west and usually a couple of weeks before this. Gary Blevins offered Spokane, WA area and made some suggestions for opportunities for banding and facilities (Stephanie offered Missoula, MT but presented little information); board selected Spokane, WA.

BBL/Policy changes: Report from Mary Gustafson on these changes, from the Buckley report and committee and from the MTAB's, particularly MTAB #3. Referred us to MTAB #3.

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Continuing meeting at 11:15, September 9.

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North American Banding Council (NABC) report (Ken Burton): Council didn't allow CJ's Certification session, and decided that all certification must first be accepted by the NABC certification committee. Agreed that WBBA could offer a bander course; but not trainer in Alaska. Anne-Marie Benson asked that we ask NABC for Alaska to be an exception to the rule that a trainer cannot certify people that trained them. Bob Altman suggested WBBA (and the agencies) help ABO get trainers. Ken Burton will forward WBBA's concern about site bias and trainers to NABC.

A question came up about the NABB publication committee = 3 editors + 3 presidents (Bob Tweit) and Ken Burton suggested getting this committee together at next NABC meeting, and get a page in NABB dedicated to NABC activities but we had no input yet from the NABC outreach committee. Ken Burton will get the write-up to the NABC outreach committee, for their okay for publication in NABB.

Certification at WBBA went well, and Ken Burton -Rita Colwell will put on a session next year. NABC Bander certification at the 2000 meeting had 11 applicants and 9 were certified by 7 trainers.

BBL policy changes (Bob Altman): WBBA has concerns about these changes and wants to send a letter as an association; all board members want extensive input into the letter; Bob Altman will do the first draft for the board, and send out for review. History of the BBL changes and other organizations responses may be posted on the OC web site.

Other: Bob Altman and Ken Burton: (1) have a library request for free sample issue, potential new member. Ken Burton felt that individual and institutional members should be treated equally in this regard. Bob Tweit suggests that we post a sample on the web. Jim will do this with a back issue. Bob Tweit will send an electronic copy ASAP. (2) subscriptions in exchange for abstracting? Board voted "No" on this, and voted to refer it to the Inland BBA.

Board positions, new slate: Passed at Business meeting, 5:00pm

President: Jim Steele (2002)

Secretary: Stephanie Jones (2002)

Treasurer: Tricia Campbell (on-going)

1st Vice-President: Ken Burton (2002)

2nd Vice-President: Rhonda Milliken (2002)

Director-at-Large: Anne-Marie Benson (2002)

Director-at-Large: Ken Voget (2001)

Regional Rep.: Gary Blevins, west-side inter-mountain (2001)

Editor of NABB: Kay Loughman (ongoing)

Grants/Committee: No information except that grants have not been decided yet. Need more information from Tricia Campbell and Geoff Geupel on endowment fund and life memberships. Bob Altman will get this information and get back to the board, on e-mail.

New WBBA by-laws were handed out by Bob Altman.

Ken Burton suggested that the dues be increased to \$20.00/per year. Passed. Presented to membership at business meeting, no discussion.

Tricia Campbell will take over back issues from Ken Burton.

Meeting ended at 1:00 pm

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OTHER:

WBBA Board agreed to conduct a raffle at the 2001 meeting in Spokane to raise money for the research grants (Steph Jones will coordinate).

Jim Stele agreed to handle the mailing to members for contact information, Web-posting of membership list, and NABB views.