

Western Bird Banding Association

2012 Board of Directors Meeting

Board Room, Running Y Ranch, Klamath Falls, OR

12:30pm -3pm, Friday, June 22, 2012, and 7:30am-9am; 12-1pm, Saturday, June 23, 2012

[Meeting notes were taken by Andrea Wuenschel, Secretary, who was unable to complete the process of preparing minutes. Further annotations were added by various Board members; but no serious attempt was made to produce formal minutes. The following notes were accepted by the WBBA Board at its September 2013 meeting. KHL]

Attendees: C.J. Ralph (Pres), Howard Browers (VP), John Alexander (NABC representative), Josee Rousseau (at Large), Danielle Kaschube (membership), Andrea Wuenschel (Secretary)
Absent: Pat (Treasurer), Michael Boyles (At Large), Walt Sakai (Editor NABB),
Conference call: Kay Loughman (at Large) on conference call for Friday and morning Sat session; Renee Cormier(Grants) for Friday session.

ACTION ITEMS:

JA-look for poster for last year's recipient

When people load talks?, and mention at BBQ, list of housekeeping announcements

1248pm CJ call to order

Agenda—discuss/JA added new business to meeting

JA moves accept agenda –HB seconds. Agenda passes.

JA moves to accept 2011 Minutes with track changes (minor changes).

2012 meeting details:

JA (2012 local meeting chair)—appreciates CJ & HB taking on meeting . This meeting is a joint meeting of Oregon Field Ornithologists (OFO) and WBBA, attendance up at last minute

HB: Contact people know to get people to do papers; 70 total OFO & WBBA (WBBA 27 members attending; last year attendance was 29 WBBA members). More OFO members participated on field trips today than expected

JA: members should talk up importance of banding and the “ever-changing” art of field ornithology as a profession during this meeting and outside this meeting

CJ talk with OFO pres about what happening tonight

OFO is “hosting” banquet, WBBA is “hosting” the BBQ

Confirmed: Andrea, morning moderator; Josee, afternoon moderator

15min for opening remarks on Sat am, JA open with welcome

Profits split by registration fees & by attendees

Silent auction announcement at BBQ; in foyer; set up by 4:30pm

(1:20pm RC joins conference call)

NABB Report (Appendix?): Not sure a report was submitted (khl)

CJ—no report from Walter about NABB; has talked to WS regularly, NABB seems to be going ok

CJ speaking for WS: issues with NABB: Not having enough good publishable material; NABB report connected to membership report; organization has the same amount of money coming in, because WBBA increased membership rates, have fewer members than before.

Grants Program (RC) (Appendix A)

Adverting the same places as last year (see appendix)

Deadline in the guidelines for Grants –Aug 1st

CJ—defer award amount vote of 2 \$1000 grants until Pat arrives & we can go over budget

Aside on technology in the 21st century: In this meeting we are sending the agenda over Skype while having a conference call and using email all at the same time through the wireless connection provided by the hotel.

NABC Report (JA)(Appendix B)

WBBA Rep of NABC

Now a _____ for NABC

Loosing our trainer community, not communicating enough with them

Julie _____, try to get good contact info, & put in database, listserv up and running, only one removal

Trainers should be encouraging –

Relevance of WBBA—invigorate!!!!!!- org—how to get out

Ellen Paul—director of the _____—write a rebuttal to Condon article _____?

Received well

(discussion ---executive session)

—what **put in for nabc john for meeting w/ann?**

Strategic plan accepted

New website—online tools-ages & sexes

<http://www.natureinstruct.org/piranga/index.php>

Piranga?

NABC approved sanctioned workshop—how do you apply to be a banding training

Buzz, Ruth, Steve Russell—resigned

Booth at NAOC conference—Josee & _____mackensize

“PIF village” NABC booth, _____KBO_____ booth, _____ booth, –August in Vancouver BC

Minutes will be on the NABC website at some point

CJ—board nominees
JA-at large
MB-at large
HB-1st VP to President
Back issues-Tricia—more involved
RC-2nd vp
1st vp-howard john wade—annual meeting
DK-Membership
Wade Leitner—join at Large
Pat-agree treasurer
KL-at large
Cj-past president
JR-at large
AW-???—sec?
Raise number of “at large” members to six
Treas—membership-- continue beyond two years....bylaws?
Bylaws—sec only two consecutive years....
Not sec last year in 2011...Josee was
AW-sec two more years...

Mike-back in line of succession?

Boards Goals for the year
Achievable action items for board-!!!!!!!!!!!!
Blog! Facebook!
All vol org—getting and
Volunteer-leadership or guidance

From
<http://www.westernbirdbanding.org/bylaws.html>

“Section 3: The Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the minutes of all meetings of the Membership and of the Board and to take charge of all books, documents, and papers belonging to the Membership properly coming into the care of his office, and he shall also perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board. In the absence of the Secretary from any meeting of the Membership or of the Board, the President shall appoint one of the Members of the Board to serve as Secretary pro tempore. “

JA Meeting is critical

Jobs stripped from officer positions—

Jobs: NABC rep, grants committee, fundraising, membership, back issues, editor,

Can't change bylaws

Geoff Geupel-PRBO, and Steve Russell, & Renee Cormier = Grants Committee

Mike - Board Nomination Committee—stick with these

Other nominations, officers, open, note.

3pm

JA-excuse self from board meeting to lead workshop

CJ-Future meeting location

Pat has volunteered

Wade can do a fun job—Huachucas property, AZ attractive—

(advertising)

Last two meetings at 30 attendees

CJ-Motion to accept offer of location—pending details by Pat & Wade; all Aye (JA not here)

(tell people at BBQ about walking around Running Y in morning)

7:30am meet again Sat—Pat & JA be present, RC-not avail, Kay avail to call in

Budget--past years but no current year; create when she arrives

Last year, --any big changes when create next year budget?

Folks review the budget between 4pm and 7:30am tomorrow

RC—committee wants to leave at 2x \$1000 for grants

CJ-motion-all in favor

Suspend meeting until 7:30am Sat, June 23, 2012

7:30am 6/23/2012

Wade Leitner

Pat

(add everyone from yesterday)

Pat:

~30 people contributions from letter ~\$1400

\$1400 net profit on meeting

2 life memberships \$600 total

Contribution letter again?

Raise membership dues?

Two years –one year fell different year, last year KBO hosted NABC, so no (little?) travel used

Usually \$500 for alternate, \$500 for NABC rep, last meeting expensive, so John all \$1000, no alternate

Usually budget \$1000 for travel

Budget for March 2012 to March 2013:

Income 3300

Contributions 1400 (?)

Life memberships (0) (600)

Memb 4500 (3100)

Expenses Annual meeting (3000) Only 2000

Nab pub (4000) (act 4300)

NABC 1000 (0)

Supplies 200 (~200)

Total income (8300) vs 8500 actual

New numbers for 2012-2013 Budget

Income:

Annual meeting Income est 1500. (2000)

Income Auction--250

Back issues 5.00

Contributions 1500.00 (1500)

Life memberships (1 already) 600 (600)

Regular memberships 3000 (3000)

7100

Expenses:

Annual meeting___1000 (1250)

Grants 1000 (1000)

NABB 4500 (4500)

Supply 250 (250)

Postage 200 (200))

Webpage 170 (200)

NABC Travel 1000 (500 for two people) (JA-fixed cost since beginning of NABC, doesn't cover the costs, just some reimbursement)

But now

5800 coming in

~8000 going out
~2000 short
\$2000 is 10% reserves
Endowment for what?
Income goes into endowment
\$2000 operating—would wipe out
DaK—consider less \$2000 grants, like \$1000
KL—Western One Page in NABB, other stuff on webpage—CJ -need to discuss with Walter
DaK—motion this budget for grants \$1000, JA second
Josee—if lower grants, should lower NABC
Letter—ask people become lifetime member

Deficit 1300
Ja-NABC (next years budget)
Next year's NABC will come out of 13-14 budget

Minutes reflect
Board vote by mail NABC
JA—send out/remind people

Proposed 2012-2013 budget cj move—aye-passed
Pat-add budget from last year, just adopted this year, email to board, and AW

Back to slate of Board members
Pres-Howard
1st VP-Renee
2nd VP- Wade, Grants committee
Sec-Andrea
Treas-Pat
Past pres-CJ
At large: John, Mike, Josee, Kay (website), Dani (membership)
Ex officio: Walter (editor)
(CJ talked to Geoff Geupel possible at large for next year)

Motion-to adopt slate –aye

Future meeting-

Pat & Wade:

Sierra Vista, AZ, Huachuca Mtns
Folklore Music shows –U of AZ
Ramsey canyon, just below mile high....
Banding station on property
Hummer conf-50 people, room full, but ok
Lodging b&b bed & breakfast-rooms?
Neighbors have a b&b?
Hotel-10-15min by Home Depot and restaurants, travel time to banding and meeting sites
Timing-mid-September suggest for birds and weather—warm, 95 degree days, some breeders
around, some migrants, trogons around & juv, warbler flocks, usually migrants,
Long weekend? Labor day-harder to
Monsoons pick up? Can be last Sept—flash floods,
Weekend vs middle of week—
Wade suggest weekend
Kay-was at hummer meeting venues great-drive was fine Sierra Vista,
1.5 hrs Chiricahuas, etc
1.5 hrs drive from Tucson, fly to Tucson

Howard—motion, AW second,

Place and date, sooner better--
6 months out, Wade please details,

This am: 8:40am

John:

Sought papers and sought attendance
What is the relevance of WBBA?
Cons meeting in Portland? In Vancouver?
What is the value added?
What do I get that I don't get at others?
Justify to my boss?

Answers:

See each other, check in on
Socialize, brainstorm
Demonstrate these are important
Or...continue
2 weeks ago, 7 people coming
Take advantage of NABB page, website

Josee

Focus: Banding centric

NABC training and cert, attract more people,

Ken b would say that there is training, NABC

Kay—cost of training should cover a membership in WBBA

John-increase efficiency? Have meetings with other Associations, dilute,

Dani-need more members, not just meetings, 12% decrees

183 members

(survey monkey, why not a member?)

Aging population

Bring in young banders

Kay—happening all kinds of orgs, broaden emphasis—call “marked birds” bird research opportunities, not as ‘quaint’ as “banding”

Dani—more technology, Facebook –Dani not willing to deal, content,

JA-gatekeeper, good grammar—every post linked to website, people contribute regularly, 25 cool posts, to cue up, longevity record every month, highlights from meeting, bet which station

Dani-problem with facebook,

Dani—IBP Facebook—not posting enough

Wade-not going to have WBBA be same clout, forim for small, close, connect, inexpensive, for poster, informal, learn to do presentations, more collaborative, non-threatening,

Andrea-board member or member contact unis & colleges

Wade-Can do with own interns

Wade-a lot of footwork

Jon-academic communities,

Jon—EBBAs & WBBAs, & ????,

Once every 5 years,

Invite other meetings to WBBA AZ?

Wade: Developmental path...early in career, professional science, training

Josee: list of universities, BO, in WBBA area?

Wade: Courtney Conway stuff outside of BOs

Ideas from brainstorming

CJ—sending out revise list of contact info—all review, send to everyone—update contact info

Motion to adj

HW& cj –jon thank

Adjourn now

LUNCH! go over task list!!! Eat in board meeting

End meeting—more tasks at lunch

Lunch -12:30pm

John: KBO interns all get 1 student memberships; talking to everyone

Mention AKA conference calls,

Josee—source of list of BOs, universities

Dani-letter—write letter; our contacts at BOs; to people engaged; go to professor

Mission statement—statement while we are valuable and important to all

Master permits/sub permits not available from BBL; state?

Staff--BO

Why should you be a member?

Geoff: new methods, keeping current,

Geoff: DRAFT of a few sentences adding to MISSION

Stay current, network, facilitate forming partnerships & coalitions between individuals and

HBBO—Josee also all interns get a 1 student membership

Next NABB

CJ: nag in charge??-Howards

Bob—insure interns & relevant staff encouraged info

Pat—Dani –contribution letter

Wade—everyone at his area join; AZ

Bob—BBL sends letter to new

Pat—letter of thank you for contributions

Paper NABB? Many like paper. JA—NABB should beRetime into SORA

KBO sends newsletter—send Message—not about membership sending for member
EMAIL to BOARD –WALTER-brainstorm

AW: Potential outreach: local birding orgs—titles of some of the talks –Audubon Seattle, WOS,

AW: write up brainstorms & what tasks

CJ--Post talks on BirdBand

Bob—regular post on Bird band

Who?---products from outreach

CJ: Ebba, wbba,

John: convene other banding orgs at N Orn conf

Links: to WBBA? On other websites? ON partnership page?

John: avinet—discount to members?—

Avinet – Adds in NABB—how much paypay?

John—glossy color cover on NABB? Take off? Does it need glossy? Editorial council—pres
& editor

Wade: who has data on number of banders increasing? Decreasing?

Geoff: what is the difference in NaBCI & wbba?

NABC sound & eff train in best techniques, conserve , develop educ, Structure—reps from BOs;

Trainers only at NABC, trainers

CJ: logistics

AW: Send out brainstorm idea email with action items spoken for

APPENDICES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

APPENDIX A: Grants Program

Western Bird Banding Association 2012 Grant Report:

Committee:

Geoff Geupel (chair), Steve Russell, Renée Cormier (WBBA 2nd VP)

Advertising (done):

- WBBA website
- Ornithology (ORNITH-L) List serve
- Ornithology Exchange List serve
- BIRDBAND List serve

Applications:

Deadline: August 1 – Request to announce grant application deadline at WBBA business meeting.

Last Year's Recipients – Update

- Ross Crandall is unable to attend the meeting this year, but was planning to prepare a poster to mail it to the Running Y Ranch, c/o John Alexander
- Taza Schaming is mid-field season in Wyoming also unable to attend this year, but is planning to attend in 2013.
- Both 2011 recipients were reminded and are planning to send project updates to NABB, to fulfill the requirement we have for grant recipients of a project update or paper to NABB.

Agendat Items and Annouements for 2012 Board Meeting:

- Determine number of grants we can offer in 2013: propose offering up to two \$1000 grants.

APPENDIX B: North American Banding Council

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting, Friday, June 22, 2012

Running Y Resort, Klamath Falls

NABC Report Submitted by John Alexander

NABC Ornithological Council Collaboration

I continued to serve as NABC representative on the NABC. NABC supported my travel to 2012 annual meeting with a \$1,000 reimbursement. Council elected me as the Chair.

As NABC Chair I worked with Ellen Paul from OC and other authors to write a Wildlife Professional call for retraction (see attached Paul et al. 2012)

Worked with Ellen Paul from OC to address concerns that were brought to NABC and OC regarding the BBL to offer continued collaboration with BBL to understand and if need be resolve the issues. The issues include:

- Details about the BBL's pending regulations that are not consistent with BBL Federal Advisory Committee recommendations.
- Concerns about permits being rejected by BBL based on their concerns about future funding and/or what seem like unclear criteria being used to evaluate projects of bander qualifications.

Ellen took the lead on conducting a survey to quantify the extent of these concerns

Spoke with Chief Peterjohn, and he confirmed most of them, suggesting we take our offer to support the lab and be a part of the solution to his boss.

For the 1st time BBL did not attend NABC meeting. On conference call he suggested that NABC and the OC do not represent a worthwhile portion of the banding community, and that the lab holds little to no value in NABC certification or our education materials.

Ellen and I drafted and mailed a letter to Anne Kinsinger, U.S. Geological Survey Associate Director for Ecosystems, that resulted in a meeting with her to discuss the concerns and our offers to collaborate on solutions.

Other NABC News

Draft Banding Curriculum submitted for review by publications committee

Approved Strategic Plan version 1.0 as a five year plan, 2012-2017

Approve NABC sanctioned bander training workshops, with process to be developed by the Training Committee

Buzz Hull, Ruth Russell, and Steve Russell resigned as officers and/or At-Large Council members. I encourage WBBA members to recognition of their service.

APPENDIX C: Membership

WBBA Membership as of March 31, 2011 [*sic* - should be 2012]

<u>Class</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Change</u>
Active	86	124	-31%
Life	48	45	0%
Institutional	18	18	-0%
Nonsubscribing	13	09	56%
Sustaining	10	13	-23%
Honorary	0	0	0%
Total	183	209	-12%

New members, FY

2011-2012:	08
2010-2011:	21
2009-2010:	15
2008-2009:	42
2007-2008:	36
2006-2007:	38
2005-2006:	15
2004-2005:	23
2003-2004:	20
2002-2003:	26
2001-2002:	20
2000-2001:	24
1999-2000:	22
1998-1999:	28

Dani
June 21, 2012

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APPENDIX D: Webmaster's Report

www.westernbirdbanding.org

Webmaster's Report to the WBBA Board, June 18, 2012

WBBA website domain: westernbirdbanding.org

Domain registration: \$62.50 for five years. Our registration expires October 10, 2015.

Hosted by: WestHost, 164 N Spring Creek Parkway, Providence, UT 84332

Hosting service: \$169.80 for two years, is currently paid through Oct. 10, 2012. A renewal invoice will be sent in September 2012. Our hosting plan (called Personal Starter) is no longer offered to new customers; but is still available to current users. It includes 500 GB bandwidth and 25 GB storage space, of which we currently use 327 MB.

Website Use: Since January 1, 2012, the WBBA website has received an average of 236 hits per month.

Webmaster actions in the last year:

1. Added:

- Donate page, with PayPal option.
- Meetings page: Report, abstracts, and pictures from the 2011 Annual Meeting
- Photo Gallery album showing T-shirts from past WBBA meetings
- Banding Report page: 2010 Annual Banding Report

2. Announced:

- Bander training and NABC Certification sessions at several locations across the country
- 2012 Annual Meeting
- Publication of "Is it Time to Halt Bird Banding?" (*Wildlife Professional*, Fall 2011) and also "Call for Retraction" (*Wildlife Professional*, Spring 2012).
- Publication of "Breeding Provenance of ... the Golden-crowned Sparrow ...", co-authored by WBBA Board Member Renée Cormier
- Publication of "Tag, You're it: Tracking Hawks . . ." an article in Bay Nature featuring WBBA institutional member Golden Gate Raptor Observatory
- News from the BBL - release of Bandit 3.01

3. Updated:

- Publications page: Recent Articles in NABB
- Membership page: Distribution of WBBA Members
- Membership page: Merged Join and Renew pages, with PDF Form and PayPal options.
- Grants page: List of recent WBBA grants recipients
- Board meeting minutes: 1983 was found and sent to us by Martin McNicholl

NABB in SORA: More than a year after scanning of NABB v.26-30 was completed for the first time, the volumes are not yet available through SORA. When, in December, I wrote to the folks

in New Mexico asking about the delay, I learned for the first time that SORA was being revamped. A note from Blair Wolf included this comment: "Although SORA functions effectively for most users, I thought SORA was due for a facelift and a new more functional user interface." and further "I am hoping that the conversion and the upgraded SORA will be ready to launch soon." An email from Kevin Comerford, Digital Initiatives Librarian at UNM on Saturday (6/16) said they now expect to launch next month. I have played a bit with the *beta* version, and can confirm that NABB v.26-30 are included. But NABB is already up to volume 37!

The new SORA allows participating organizations to scan, code, and submit their own journal volumes for uploading to the site. Which means we will not have to gather back issues to send to Princeton Imaging, and will not have to pay for scanning and coding. Once the new SORA becomes available, I will contact the Editors of the three NABB associations to volunteer my services getting NABB v.36 uploaded to SORA. [Historical note: At EBBA's strong request, in 2003 WBBA agreed to keep the most current five years of NABB available in print only. At some point we may wish to revisit this topic.]

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kay Loughman