

9/16/13

**WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION  
2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 09/12/2013  
Ramsey Canyon, Arizona**

**Present:** Howard Browers, Wade Leitner, Josée Rouseau, Pat Leitner, C.J. Ralph (acting Secretary), and on phone Kay Loughman and Danielle Kaschube. Guest: Pablo (Chespi) Elizondo.

**Board Members.** Resignation was received from Andrea Wuenschel, Renée Cormier, and John Alexander. Resignations accepted. CJ and Josée m/s passed unanimously. CJ moves and Pat seconds for Chespi to replace John Alexander for his uncompleted term. Unanimously passed. Chespi takes seat as Board member.

**Approval of 2012 Meeting Minutes** as distributed.  
CJ moved Danielle seconds, accepted unanimously.

***Ramsey Canyon Meeting Report*** (Wade and Pat). About 40 registered with a couple more coming. Collected \$4k so far, \$2700 profit expected. Good birds and people. 2 field trips are scheduled. NABC certification for 3 people run by Josée, with 2 people for both Bander and Trainer, and one for Trainer.

**Treasurer's Report / WBBA Budget (Pat).**

Budget was approved in conference call a few months ago. See Appendix: Treasurer's Report. For this year, two \$500 grants for a total of \$1 k. Period of accepting applications was April 13 to March 14.

**TASK:** We have not researched how much of the budget is restricted vs. operating. **Pat will research it.**

**Membership Report (Danielle)**

See Appendix Membership. For getting new members we need to outreach to Subpermites, universities and bird observatories. Also could use LaMNA list of cooperating stations.

**TASK:** Danielle to draft letter to be sent out for recruiting members.

**TASK:** Pat, Chespi, Howard to get print and mail letters to recruit members.

Ideas: Josée thought would be good to be able to track information about the folks who have dropped off the membership rolls. Danielle has pretty good information.

In getting folks to renew, it was suggested that the people who don't pay, get 2 emails and then a post card, and then after they drop off get another post card.

Also suggested was a follow up with attendees at this and other past meetings to look for likely low-hanging fruit for people becoming members.

An important source are folks that have dropped out over the past 10 years or so, as they may have just forgotten.

**Grants Program (Wade)** We got 5 applications . Wade has worked with Geoff and Steve Russell as a committee, they are considering them. Will try to finish it this evening. Motion: award one grant for \$1 thousand for the 2013-4 year. Pat and Wade m/s . Vote was unanimous. It was suggested that web page announcement of scholarships be changed to something like “up to 2 grants of up to \$1000 each”.

**Webmasters Report** Kay sent a report on the webmasters (Appendix Webmaster).

Major problem with web interface of WBBA is to get NABB into SORA. Editorial Board (President and editors of each of the three banding organizations) decides this. Problem is apparently EBBA has concerns that if NABB is online, we won't have a good draw for members. Kay feels that they are basically distrustful of technology and like to have magazines in their hands. Right now NABB is accessible on SORA up to only Vol. 30, while the print volume we are up to now is 38.

**TASK:** Direct Howard, Walter and Kay to contact Editorial Board about alternatives and get a conference call going within a month.

**NABB Report (Walt Sakai)**

Submitted as Appendix NABB. Board thanks Walter for his fantastic job.

**NABC Report (John Alexander)**. Circulated his report. Board accepted report with many thanks (m/s CJ and Wade. Passed unanimously).

**TASK:** Urge John, Stu, and Ian (NABC reps) to put their thoughts in their respective reports together for publication in NABB.

Josée asked about the NABC Alternate. Right now it is Renée.

**TASK:** Howard will check with Renee to make sure that she wants to continue as NABC Alternate.

**Future Meeting Locations (All)** Tradition is to alternate California with other areas in the WBBA region. Arcata is possibility for 2014, CJ will check with Carol Ralph. Other possibilities mentioned are Rocky Point Bird Observatory in BC, Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory in Colorado, and Vancouver Avian Data Centre.

**TASK:** Secretary will talk to people and to various observatories about hosting future meetings.

Update: Humboldt Bay Bird Observatory in Arcata, California has extended invitation for October 2014. Mark Habdas with Vancouver ADC said it was a good possibility for 2015 and we should contact Derek Matthews, the head.

**Board Nominations (All)**. Have open position for secretary and first vice president (who coordinates annual meeting ) for this coming year.

All others remain in present positions: Mike Boyles, Howard Browsers, Pablo Elizondo, Danielle Kaschube , Wade Leitner, Pat Leitner, Kay Loughman, C.J. Ralph, Josée Rousseau, All people endorsed unanimously for election at Membership Meeting.

Other folks contacted about possibly filling openings: Dave Elwonger, Mike Walker, and Chrissy Kondrat-Smith are all possibilities. Vote to be conducted tomorrow during membership business meeting.

### **Additional Topics**

Mist nets available from Sears was a concern, but nothing raised that was doable from WBBA standpoint.

**Adjourned** until 12:30 tomorrow.

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**Reconvene** September 13 at 12:30. Present all above plus Chrissy, as well as Kay and Dani on telephone.

**Grants** -- Awardee is Allison Nelson, San Francisco State University, on geolocators with HETH  
**Next Year** -- Arcata gave an invitation for 2014, and for future Vancouver, BC from Mark Habdas.

**Board** -- Chrissy nominated for Secretary. Mentioned as future possibilities for officers: Geoff Geupel, David Elwonger and Mike Walker.

**Meeting Update** -- 42 registered so far. Silent auction has lots of items.

Adjourned at 1 p.m.

### **Business Meeting**

September 13, 2013, starting at 4 p.m.

Finances. It was noted that dues are funding operating costs, including grants. Have been going into red a bit for NABB costs. Many felt that the grants were really important. It was pointed out that WBBA needs to remain viable with income balancing outflow.

It was announced that next year's meeting will be in California. British Columbia is a possibility for a future year. Question asked about what is the role of WBBA and have we thought about. Discussion about positives of WBBA (meeting, outreach, NABC participation, etc.) was brought up.

**TASK:** Wade volunteered to rewrite the mission statement.

Nominees were presented for all slate of Board and officers.

First VP is open for a new nominee needed

Chrissy for new Secretary. Current Board nominated: Mike Boyles, Howard Browers, Pablo Elizondo, Danielle Kaschube, Wade Leitner, Pat Leitner, Kay Loughman, C.J. Ralph, and José Rousseau.

All approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 4:45

**See Also: Appendix: Conference Call Notes -2013**

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**Appendix Membership:** Report to the WBBA Board, September, 2013

The membership report indicates an increase in membership that doesn't match with the almost steady income from the membership line in the financial spreadsheet in the past year. WBBA had a large decrease in membership numbers last year and a large increase this year, but the membership values have remained the same. Think is because the memberships are based on the journal date which doesn't quite match with the fiscal year. I would like to make a change this year and use a transaction date (check or PayPal date) for membership so things are more easily matched to the finances. I inherited Ken's system but I think it is time for a tweak.

Last year we had intended to canvas further for more memberships and target organizations such as universities and other bird observatories. While we brainstormed about the purpose of WBBA and what benefit WBBA has to its members we didn't send out this information to these agencies. I would like to move forward with this concept and send out communications to these organizations inviting them to become members of WBBA. Tasks with deadlines attached may help with accomplishing this goal.

#### WBBA Membership as of March 31, 2013

<u>Class</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Active*		97	86 +26%
Student/Vol.*	9	n/a	
Life		51	48 +6%
Institutional	18	18	-0%
Non-subscribing	12	13	-8%
Sustaining	11	10	-10%
Honorary		0	0 0%
Total	198	183	+8%

In the past Student/Volunteer memberships were included with the Active memberships. I would like to keep them separate for future counts because they have different membership rates. The percent change for the Active category 2012-2013 is the rate of change for Active+Student/Vol (i.e. from 86 to 97+9=108)

New members\*\*, FY

- 2012-2013: 12
- 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

\*\* New members are those that joined for the first time in the current fiscal year. If membership lapsed and then renewed, they will not be considered a new member.

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**Appendix Webmaster:** Webmaster's Report to the WBBA Board, September, 2013

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, 2014. A renewal invoice will be sent in September 2014. 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, 2013, the WBBA website has received an average of 224 hits per month.

**Webmaster actions in the last year:**

1. Added:
  - Meetings page: Report, abstracts, and pictures from the 2012 Annual Meeting
  - Banding Report page: 2011 Annual Banding Report
2. Announced:
  - Bander training and NABC Certification sessions at several locations across the country
  - 2013 Annual Meeting
3. Updated:
  - Publications page: Recent Articles in NABB
  - Grants page: List of recent WBBA grants recipients

**NABB in SORA:** SORA 2.0 was launched in January of this year, and includes NABB v.26-30. In a 2/7/13 email to Kevin Comerford, UNM Digital Initiatives Librarian, I asked whether it would be possible to add entries to parts of NABB that had been essentially ignored in the original coding. He said he could do it in the spring or early summer, so on 2/12/13 I sent him the list. When nothing had happened by mid-August, I wrote again asking for an update in time for the Board meeting. His response, received this morning, cited staffing problems, and said he would be able to get it done by the end of October.

**Moving Forward:** In last year's report I wrote:

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 [*sic* - should have been v.31] 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.]

Acting on a mandate from the WBBA Board's 1/30/13 conference call and further consultation with Howard Browers and Walt Sakai concerning NABB in SORA, on 2/5/13 I emailed the NABB Editorial Board the message printed at the end of this report. The responses from EBBA and IBBA are also appended. So far as I am aware there has been no further action or expression of interest in four months.

After working ten years with the challenges of getting NABB into SORA - visualize Sisyphus trying to roll an immense boulder up a hill - I'm running low on enthusiasm!

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kay Loughman  
September 9, 2013

\_\_\_\_\_ Correspondence \_\_\_\_\_

February 5, 2013

Dear Members of the NABB Editorial Board,

In a WBBA Board conference call last week we discussed NABB in SORA - at last we are up to volume 30! - and related issues. One of our concerns is that until NABB appears in SORA, non-members/subscribers have no way to know what has been published in the journal. As we are now completing vol. 37, there are seven volumes of NABB content unavailable to all but subscribers. WBBA Board members were in agreement that we need to shorten the time between print and digital publication, and we need to make at least the abstracts for major papers available online as soon as they are published. As a first step, we agreed to the following:

1. To propose to EBBA and IBBA that the WBBA website carry **\*Abstracts\*** of NABB's major papers that are not yet available through SORA. The authors and titles of recent articles are already given in the website, although they are somewhat buried: Publications : NABB : Recent Articles

<http://www.westernbirdbanding.org/recentarticles.pdf>

If all agree, do we need to post the abstracts in a more prominent location? [Not sure KHL wants to tackle redesigning the website at this time to make that possible!] Perhaps KHL could add an announcement to the title page. If desired, the other associations could put links to the WBBA Recent Articles page on their own websites.

2. To pursue the possibility of uploading NABB v.31+ directly to SORA. The newly redesigned SORA has a feature, perhaps not yet fully implemented, where contributing journals can add more recent issues to their archive:

**\* \*Faster, Easier Article Updates\***

o A major improvement to SORA is that each journal publisher will now be able to add incremental updates to their holdings by themselves, with limited need of technical assistance. Publishers will be able to upload articles,

issues, and edit journal indexes online. Technical support will still be available for large-scale updates and new journals. Journal content providers will need to register for a user account so they can upload new articles and issues into SORA.

o More information about adding and updating SORA article content is available on the SORA Contributor Guidelines page.

Since KHL has a very good scanner and still holds the last ten years of the journal, she is willing to attempt to scan the journals and code the articles for uploading to SORA - as a volunteer. Is this something all three associations would like her to pursue? (WBBA likes the idea!)

3. To discuss with EBBA and IBBA the desirability of shortening the print-only availability of NABB from five years (originally EBBA's strong request) to two years, after which the journal volumes would be accessible through SORA. WBBA Board members agreed that the world of scientific publishing is changing. Most read journal articles online, and point out that some scientific journals publish online/ before/ print. In the past we felt that access to print NABB was our strongest draw for new and continuing members. We now wonder whether our multi-year delay may keep potential members from knowing about the organizations or the journal. Publishing completely online is surely in our future, with details to be developed; but that is a few years away. Right now the WBBA Board strongly supports the idea of a two-year gap between print NABB and SORA.

We ask you to discuss between yourselves, and consult with your Board/Council members if needed. It may be that you can easily agree to one or two proposals, but need more time on the third. Let's get moving now on what we can! We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Kay Loughman, NABB liaison to SORA  
Howard Browers, WBBA President  
Walter Sakai, WBBA Editor

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May 8, 2013 - Response from Margaret Fritze, immediate Past President of EBBA

EBBA Council met in April but we did not vote any changes to our NABB policies. Most feedback regarding a reduction in lag time between printed NABB to SORA was not in favor of the change to two years. Access to our printed journal is a key factor driving membership. The council felt that changes are for the editorial board to recommend to the association.

Our current President is Ken Heselton. He is copied on this email. I realize that it is logistically difficult, but it seems like the Presidents of the associations and editors would benefit from a meeting on this issue.

We are in the early stages of developing a strategic plan for EBBA, and will be focusing on our members' survey responses regarding electronic NABB, to be sure that we are doing what the majority of membership requires.

Thank you very much for the recommendations, and for the time and effort that you put forth on behalf of NABB. We want to keep up with the times, but tend to be very conservative with change.

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May 10, 2013 - Response from Tom Bartlett, President of IBBA

I have to apologize but somehow I missed this discussion before and did not bring to our Board at the last meeting. I have been in the field for the last several weeks and am headed out again tomorrow. I will send it around to my Board when I get the chance and get back to you as soon as I can.

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May 11, 2013 - Another message from Margaret Fritze

I have asked our president Ken Heselton and editor, Bob Pantle if they would be willing to meet (in person, via conference call, Skype, whatever method works best) with the editors and leadership of WBBA and IBBA.

It is so difficult to get any meeting of the minds with occasional emails, no matter how well they are organized and presented. Ken and Bob are willing to work together with the sister associations to address the electronic status of NABB, SORA, and website management. These are the most challenging issues which we have been discussing year after year at Council meetings.

I am not officially involved but would certainly be glad to help get these parties together.

Would you please let me know your thoughts on this?

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May 11, 2013 - KHL response to MF and all

I do agree that the NABB Editorial Board (association presidents and editors) is the group to discuss all of this. Unfortunately that group has not really met since the "great journal joining" decades ago, and the appointment of Bob Pantle to be the NABB Production Manager. Getting people to even answer simple emails is too often a challenge. When I was WBBA's Editor for NABB, Bob Pantle was one of the few I could count on to respond to emailed questions and offer opinions.

Ideally, the editorial board folks would get together in person. But that's expensive and time-consuming; and if we wait for a time when everyone can come ... it probably won't happen. Our current WBBA President, Howard Browers, has convened the WBBA Board twice this year by conference call. Not everyone could participate, and no votes were taken; but I think it is useful for us to talk together more frequently than just at the annual meeting. At the same time, I will say that it is very difficult for me to participate in conference calls, as I have a hard time following the discussion when I can't see the faces of everyone who is there. The more participants, the greater my difficulty. I have no experience using Skype for conferences.

EBBA is not alone in its concern about an electronic future for NABB. Over the last many years, when the issue has come up at WBBA meetings, some people have voiced the concern that the journal is the only thing we can offer to attract members. And that may be true. But with a steadily declining membership, we can see that we need much more than NABB to stay afloat. Meanwhile, production and mailing costs are going up; essentially all of our membership dues go to cover NABB.

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KHL speaking: I have not received any correspondence since then.

John Alexander, WBBA Representative  
September 2013

This report includes: (1) General background information regarding NABC and terminology used in the report, (2) NABC's recent activities and the 2013 annual meeting, and (3) annual summary of NABC's major contributions to ornithology.

### *Background*

Since its founding in 1998 the North American Banding Council's mission has been to promote sound and ethical bird banding principles and techniques. NABC is composed of representatives from the major ornithological societies, bird banding organizations, US and Canadian governments, and the banding community at large and advances its mission through a suite of comprehensive instructional manuals, trainings, and professional evaluations and opportunities for certification. Manuals and supporting information are available at NABC's website: [www.nabanding.net](http://www.nabanding.net).

### *Definitions of Report Language*

**Evaluation:** A comprehensive, professional examination of a bander's field skills and knowledge. Through a rigorous written exam and field practical, NABC determines whether a candidate is eligible for certification at the Bander or Trainer levels.

**Certification:** Professional recognition by NABC of a bander's skills and knowledge.

**Bander:** An individual certified by NABC and found to possess the skills and knowledge required to safely and reliably operate a banding station.

**Trainer:** A certified Bander found to possess exceptional skill and teaching ability. Only Trainers may evaluate candidates during Evaluations.

### *2012 Activities*

During 2012 I continued to serve as Chair of Council. I attended NABC's annual meeting thanks to the generous travel funds provided by WBBA. I also spent considerable time working with the Ornithological Council to collaborate with USGS in addressing concerns about the US BBL regarding inconsistencies in authorization of banding permits and other budgetary related concerns. I also provided organizational support and leadership on Training, Certification and Awards Committees, and for certification sessions in southern Oregon and northern California.

Specific NABC accomplishments are briefly detailed below:

### **Training and Evaluation:**

- **New class of certified Banders and Trainers.** In 2012 NABC certified 25 passerine Banders, 6 passerine Trainers, and 42 waterfowl Banders.
- **International Banding Techniques workshop held in Brazil.** The workshop trained scientists from Brazil and other Latin American countries in banding techniques based upon NABC principles and manuals.
- **NABC presented Banding Techniques Workshop at NAOC-V.** A workshop in land bird banding techniques was presented by NABC at the conclusion of NAOC-V. The workshop was led by John Alexander (Klamath Bird Observatory) and was founded on NABC training materials and principles. NABC also provided travel scholarships for two Latin American biologists attending the workshop.
- **NABC revises publications.** Revisions of the NABC hummingbird and raptor banding manuals continue. The first draft of a manual for banding nest box species is in revision.
- **New Evaluation materials for passerines and near-passerines completed.** The Evaluation Committee completed its revision of the Bander-level Evaluation materials and implemented them during several Evaluations in Fall 2012. Spanish translations are underway.
- **New web-based instructional module for banding in development.** The product in development by Klamath Bird Observatory is based on NABC's training curriculum.

### **Outreach:**

- **NABC continues conversation with USGS regarding BBL.** The conversation initiated in 2012 by NABC and Ellen Paul regarding the BBL's new policy of retracting existing permits and limiting new requests continues. Two specific questions were asked: (1) How are the savings earned from not issuing permits being used?, and (2) What are the criteria being used to reject new and existing permits? The conversation has involved two individuals from USGS; difficulties associated with getting timely responses has protracted the dialogue.
- **NABC present at NAOC-V.** NABC operated a booth at the 2012 North American Ornithological Congress (NAOC-V) in Vancouver. The booth was staffed by NABC Trainers and disbursed information and materials for interested parties.
- **NABC revises website.** NABC's new website continues to grow with new content, including new profiles of Latin American certified Trainers: [www.nabanding.net](http://www.nabanding.net).
- **Article advertising NABC's value to academia published.** As part of its effort to increase awareness of NABC in academia NABC published the article written by Erica Dunn in several appropriate outlets.

### **Awards:**

- NABC has three commendations that it considers awarding on an annual basis. The awards are designed to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to the mission of NABC and are published in *North American Bird Bander*. In 2012 the following individuals were recognized:

- Wolfenden Award: Dr. Steve & Ruth Russell
- Fleming Award: Brenda Dale

### *2013 Annual Meeting*

NABC's annual meeting was held at the El Coronado Ranch near Tucson, Arizona (March 8-9, 2013). Goals established for 2013-2014 include:

- Addressing requests from both the BBL and Canadian Banding Office for audio-visual training materials. The Outreach Committee is investigating the collation of existing materials and the creation of new modules for outstanding topics.
- Publishing brief biographies of all Council members on the website to increase awareness of NABC expertise.
- Identify geographical and intellectual gaps within the NABC Council and recruit as needed to better represent NABC's geographical area and taxonomic representation.

### *Summary of NABC's major contributions to ornithology*

- **Written 6 comprehensive manuals for banders working with multiple taxa:**
  - *The North American Banders' Study Guide*
  - *The Instructors' Guide to Training Passerine Bird Banders in North America*
  - *The North American Banders' Manual for Banding Passerines and Near-passerines*
  - *The North American Banders' Manual for Raptor Banding Techniques*
  - *The North American Banders' Manual for Banding Hummingbirds*
  - *The North American Banders' Manual for Banding Shorebirds*

All manuals are freely available on NABC's website [www.nabanding.net](http://www.nabanding.net).

- **Certified over 400 individuals at the Bander and/or Trainer level.** These ornithologists now work in academia and with NGOs and the government and practice high standards that ensure bird safety and reliable data. Many individuals participate in NABC evaluations and training sessions, passing on their skill to new banders.
- **Certified over 25 biologists working in Latin America.** Recognizing the need for increasing the capacity of biologists throughout the Americas NABC has certified Latin American biologists through evaluations held in the United States and Canada and two sessions in Costa Rica and El Salvador. These individuals highly value their certification, acknowledging the professional status it displays for their home organizations and governments. Individuals from seven countries have been certified to date. Many of these individuals now hold leadership positions within the Latin American ornithological and conservation communities.

- **Maintained formal relationships with the US and Canada offices.** The Chiefs of the two banding offices sit on the Council as *ex officio* members. Their presence ensures that the banding community remains up to date on banding regulations.
- **Ensured that bird safety and data quality remain paramount.** Bird banding is an essential and invaluable technique for ornithologists and requires skilled biologists. Through its manuals, evaluations, and outreach, NABC is the only major organization in North America that continually promotes ethical practices relating to bird banding.

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## **Appendix. WBBA Editor.** Report to the WBBA Board, September 11, 2013

I find that not attending the board meeting and simply writing it all out in a report has certain advantages. Besides eliminating queries from my fellow board members, I can ramble on and on.

My most immediate concern is the **paucity of Featured Articles**. Bob Pantle (lead editor) often asks me if I have a MS in the pipeline or ready to publish, as he sometimes says he has NO featured article, and in turn, I try to keep him abreast of “almost ready” MS’s.

When I peruse our fellow ornithological journals, I see a number of bird banding related papers, which do not come our way. Granted these are more prestigious journals with bigger audiences, but we must find a way to attract some of these MS’s.

Related to the above is attracting MS’s written by more lay bird banders, as well as authors whose livelihood does not depend upon the “publish or perish” syndrome. I like to see them, but when they come my way, I know that I am in for a workout. The MS requires a LOT of editing. I often spend hours using track change on these MS’s (and I mean several evenings), while I can almost gloss over a MS written by a professional. You do not want to know how long that OCWA MS took!

A friend, who banded for over 25 years starting as an 18 year old, once told me that bird banders have obscene amounts of unpublished data, it is a sin.

**Broader issues:** During the last few WBBA meetings, there have been discussion about going online, putting more recent issues of NABB on SORA, etc. The exact details elude me as I have been bad missing the last few meetings. But certain this is a factor in why new MS do not come our way. The charge was to poll our sister associations as well as the editors. Since associations only meet once a year, and there is some reticence to carrying out this discussion by email, consensus was slow in coming. However, the results are in.

It seems that the other two associations voted against going online, attempting to update SORA, etc. In hindsight, this does not surprise me. The EBBA has a tremendous number of “ma and pa” type banders, who have been running migration stations in the fall and spring for decades. I’ve heard many take their vacations to coincide with migration to band. Thus, they look forward to their annual station reports. I also suspect many are not as computer literate as one might hope, and this is why there is a folksie nature to their reports.

On the other hand, WBBA is dominated by large science-based banding organizations like PRBO, IBP, KBO, HBBO, etc., who understand the importance of publishing, and having their works known to the scientific community. I really don’t have as good a feel about IBBA,

but I suspect they are more like EBBA than WBBA.

Hence, there is a fear of moving NABB to an electronic format. They rather have a hard copy. Now I thought the intent was to continue printing hard copies, but moving to the electronic format. I think something got lost in the selling of the idea.

**Literature Editor:** I am afraid Martin McNicholl may not be able to continue his duties. Although no one speaks too much about it, his mobility and health are becoming issues. Bob Pantle has not heard from him in six months, and queried me. I gave the same reply. His short reviews of bird banding related materials is lacking, as I do not see reviews of materials I have run across. On the other hand, I am not quite sure what the charge of the Lit. Editor is. Martin covers a lot of small newsletter type and overseas publications, with almost nothing from stateside journals. Anyway we will soon need a replacement.

**Longevity Records:** I thought we had someone taking on this task. Not much has come of it.

**Reports:** I do not get much in terms of station reports. Admittedly, I do not send requests out very often, but I also don't want to harass stations for reports to a point they just hit the "delete" button when they see my emails.

**NABC:** I broached this issue before. Since we pay for a representative from WBBA to attend and participate in the NABC, we should get, at a minimum, regular reports from our representative for publication in NABB.

**CJ's missives:** I think the short one page missives being written by CJ on assorted bird banding topics are great, interesting and timely. The only thing is whether they are eliciting discussion among banders. I have yet to see a "response to comment."

Last, I just turned 65. I plan to teach for a few more years, as I enjoy the job. I plan to continue banding "forever." Unless someone(s) wants the job(s), I plan to continue as WBBA's NABB editor and WBBA's Annual Banding Summary Compiler for the near future. Of the two jobs, the former is fun; while the latter is not. The latter takes 100's of hours of computer screen face time, dealing with computer illiterate banders, banders/stations who can not fill out spread sheets or make up their own, etc., as well as replying to all. This does not count the hours I spend collating the submissions. A single error in entering one bird results in such indignation by the offended bander, so it is getting less "fun."

See ya next year.

Walt

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"The best way to learn something is to teach it."

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## **APPENDIX: CONFERENCE CALL NOTES - 2013**

Notes from WBBA conference call – January 30, 2013, 1:30 – 2:30 pm PST.

Participants: Howard, C.J., Dani, Kay, Josée, John, Mike, Pat, and Wade

1. Donation letter

Pat sent out in December 2012. Response has been slow. About \$300 so far, however, it appears that 2 of the donations may have actually been membership payments, so actual donations may only be around \$200. Last year the letter yielded about \$1000 in donations.

Will send out letter again later with annual meeting registration or just include a line in the registration form for a donation.

2. Annual Meeting Minutes

The meeting notes received from Andrea need more information. Howard will contact Andrea to see if she can provide more information and also see if her schedule allows her to continue as Secretary. If Andrea cannot provide more information, the rest of the board members will try to fill in the blanks.

3. 2013 Annual meeting – Set for September 12-14 (Thursday – Saturday) in SE Arizona.

Pat and Wade progressing with making arrangements. Board will fill in where needed. We discussed having a certification session on Wednesday, September 11. John Alexander will follow up with finding a leader for the session.

4. SORA/NABB

Kay gave an update on SORA. The board discussed contacting the other associations (IBBA, EBBA) to propose posting abstracts to more recent NABB articles not yet available on SORA on each association's website. Also proposing to the other associations the idea of shortening the print-only availability of NABB from five years (originally EBBA's requirement) to two years, after which the journal volumes would be accessible through SORA, and the idea of uploading volumes 31+ directly to SORA since

each journal publisher can now add to SORA – Kay could do on her scanner if the other associations agree.

5. Bylaw change – A bylaw change was proposed shortly after the annual meeting last summer.

Is this change necessary? Will review e-mail traffic regarding issue and decide.

6. Value of WBBA – This discussion was begun during annual board meeting in Klamath Falls.

Dani and Josée will follow up on this.

7. Another conference call to be held in about another 5 weeks. Howard will send out Doodle poll.

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## WBBA Conference Call Notes

May 1, 2013

Call took place from 1:00 – 2:00pm Pacific. Participants: C.J., Dani, Howard, Josée, Kay, Mike, Pat, and Wade.

### 2012 Meeting minutes

Howard will start the process by making revisions and send on to other board members.

### Board membership changes

John Alexander has resigned his position with the board. Howard will follow-up with John to get periodic updates on NABC news and happenings.

We agreed to go ahead and look for a replacement for Andrea as secretary. At the time of the call Howard had not heard from Andrea; however, two days following the conference all, Howard received official notification from Andrea via e-mail that she was resigning.

### 2013 Annual Meeting

Wade and Pat provided an update on annual meeting plans. They provided a draft registration form. Board members who wish to review should get their review done within the next several days. We will put the revised registration form in the next NABB.

Wade and Josée are working on the details for the NABC certification session.

### Articles for NABB

Just a reminder of the opportunity to provide articles for NABB.

Follow-up on Value of WBBA

Dani and Josée came up with a great list of possible actions for getting and keeping new members. This list was e-mailed to the board.

These will be reviewed by the board.

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## WBBA Conference Call - July 26, 2013

Attendees: Howard Browers (note taker), C.J.Ralph, Pat and Wade Leitner, Kay Loughman, and Renée Cormier.

1. 2013 Annual Meeting - Meeting preparations moving along. Pat and Wade provided a spread sheet outlining tasks done and to be done. Also indicated are tasks where assistance is needed such as the silent auction.

C. J. volunteered to send personal notes to bird observatories soliciting attendees.

Several confirmed talks and 16 people registered so far. If any board member is coming early there might be need for help with final set-up.

Board members who have not yet registered were encouraged to do so.

2. 2012 Meeting minutes – As of conference call, the draft 2012 minutes had been revised by Howard, Dani, and Pat. C.J. did a revision following the call. This version will be sent to board for review and acceptance at board meeting. This includes the accepted budget for the 2012-13 fiscal year and projected for 2013-14.

3. 2014 Nominations for Officers – a nominating committee will be appointed by Howard – maybe Mike Boyles can chair.

Howard will contact John Alexander regarding the board being kept informed about NABC happenings.

4. Grants - Wade has been getting some inquiries about grants. We discussed reducing grants for 2013 to \$1000 total. Need to vote on the revised budget to be prepared by Pat and Finance Committee (Howard, Pat; anybody else?).

5. Budget – A question about whether we are operating under an approved budget. Pat will send out budget for 2013 for board to review.

Howard will schedule a follow-up call for around August 15.

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## WBBA Conference Call

August 22, 2013 Started 1:05 pm PDT, Adjourned 2:50pm PDT

Participants: Howard Browers, C.J. Ralph, Kay Loughman, Wade and Pat Leitner, Dani Kaschube, Josée Rousseau, and Mike Boyles

Agenda

### 1. 2013 Annual Meeting - Update

Meeting arrangements on track. Registrations at 27 with about 5 more expected. Paper slots mostly filled – need 2 more. Workshops on Thursday include hummingbird banding, mite collecting and dealing with injured birds.

We likely will not have a quorum of Board members at meeting. Wade will set up a conference call for those not attending in person.

Board members were reminded to bring items for silent auction or if you cannot attend the meeting, to send items to Pat.

### 2. 2014 Nominations for Officers

Mike contacted current Board members to see who was willing to continue in their position. In addition to the current vacant Secretary position, we will have a vacancy for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President as Renee intends to step down. The remaining Board members will stay in their current positions.

We discussed recruiting new officers through contacts with bird observatories and from the list of meeting attendees. Howard will contact Renee to see if she has any suggestions for someone from PRBO (now Point Blue Conservation Science)

C.J. suggested that appointments could be made to fill positions on a temporary basis.

At Howard's request, C.J. agreed to serve as Secretary for the annual meeting.

### 3. 2013 Budget

The budget for the current fiscal year (April 2013-March 2014) was presented for approval by the Board. The Board voted to approve during the conference call.

### 4. Anything else?

Dani provided a copy of the latest Membership report. She recommended a change in the way we record memberships so that it more accurately reflects the date the membership payment is received. The Board agreed. Dani will annotate the job description for the Board Membership position to show the adjustment in reporting.

Dani had a question about finances, particularly the how the endowment works, and where it shows up in our financial reports. Pat will follow up.

The suggestion was made to be sure to inform the annual meeting attendees that they are invited to attend Board meeting. Will put language in the program inviting the general membership.

Kay suggested that we append any notes from Board conference calls to the annual meeting minutes, so that we have a record of Board actions.

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**Western Bird Banding Association**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
April 2012 through March 2014

	Apr '10- Mar 11	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Annual Meeting	1,080.48	500.00	580.48
Contributions	60.00		60.00
Interest	27.48		27.48
Membership Life			0.00
Membership Regular	3,231.90	4,000.00	-768.10
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,399.86</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>-100.14</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Annual Meeting			
Bank Fees	20.10		20.10
Grants	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
NABB Publications	4,242.60	5,000.00	-757.40
NABC Travel	173.00	500.00	-327.00
Postage	27.21		27.21
Supplies	913.10		913.10
Web Page	281.40		281.40
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>7,657.41</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	<b>157.41</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-3,257.55</b>	<b>-3,000.00</b>	<b>-257.55</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-3,257.55</b>	<b>-3,000.00</b>	<b>-257.55</b>

## Western Bird Banding Association

### Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

April 2012 through March 2014

	Apr '11 - Mar 12	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Apr '12 - Mar 13
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Annual Meeting	3,301.00	3,000.00	301.00	755.65
Contributions	1,486.00	1,700.00	-214.00	1,410.00
Interest	21.76		21.76	11.16
Membership Life	600.00		600.00	300.00
Membership Regular	3,169.32	4,500.00	-1,330.68	2,918.90
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,578.08</b>	<b>9,200.00</b>	<b>-621.92</b>	<b>5,395.71</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Annual Meeting	1,911.02	2,000.00	-88.98	338.00
Bank Fees	24.42		24.42	10.00
Grants	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
NABB Publications	4,387.80	4,000.00	387.80	4,850.41
NABC Travel		1,000.00	-1,000.00	705.73
Postage			0.00	63.30
Supplies	224.69	200.00	24.69	0.00
Web Page			0.00	169.80
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>8,547.93</b>	<b>9,200.00</b>	<b>-652.07</b>	<b>8,137.24</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>30.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>30.15</b>	<b>-2,741.53</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>30.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>30.15</b>	<b>-2,741.53</b>

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**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
April 2012 through March 2014

	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Apr '13 - Mar 14	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Annual Meeting	2,000.00	-1,244.35	2,000.00	1,265.00
Contributions	1,500.00	-90.00	25.00	200.00
Interest			3.69	10.00
Membership Life	600.00	-300.00	0.00	
Membership Regular	3,000.00	-81.10	2,744.49	3,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	7,100.00	-1,704.29	4,773.18	4,475.00
<b>Expense</b>				
Annual Meeting	1,250.00	-912.00	0.00	
Bank Fees			0.00	
Grants	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
NABB Publications	4,500.00	350.41	1,238.01	5,200.00
NABC Travel	1,000.00	-294.27	0.00	1,000.00
Postage	200.00	-136.70	0.00	
Supplies	250.00	-250.00	0.00	
Web Page	200.00	-30.20	0.00	
<b>Total Expense</b>	9,400.00	-1,262.76	1,238.01	8,200.00
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-2,300.00	-441.53	3,535.17	-3,725.00
<b>Net Income</b>	-2,300.00	-441.53	3,535.17	-3,725.00

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## Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

April 2012 through March 2014

Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Annual Meeting				
Contributions				
Interest				
Membership Life				
Membership Regular				
Total Income				
Expense				
Annual Meeting				
Bank Fees				
Grants				
NABB Publications				
NABC Travel				
Postage				
Supplies				
Web Page				
Total Expense				
Net Ordinary Income				
Net Income				

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**Western Bird Banding Association**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
As of July 25, 2013

	<u>Jul 25, 13</u>	<u>Jul 25, 12</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Checking/Savings</b>				
Petty cash	192.00	192.00	0.00	0.0%
Wells Fargo Checking	1,806.13	949.96	856.17	90.1%
Wells Fargo Money Market	10,130.86	15,138.65	-5,007.79	-33.1%
Wells Fargo Savings	6,169.62	2,241.93	3,927.69	175.2%
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>18,298.61</u>	<u>18,522.54</u>	<u>-223.93</u>	<u>-1.2%</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>18,298.61</u>	<u>18,522.54</u>	<u>-223.93</u>	<u>-1.2%</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>18,298.61</u></u>	<u><u>18,522.54</u></u>	<u><u>-223.93</u></u>	<u><u>-1.2%</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
<b>Equity</b>				
Opening Balance Equity	3,844.24	3,844.24	0.00	0.0%
Total funds	10,919.20	13,660.73	-2,741.53	-20.1%
Net Income	3,535.17	1,017.57	2,517.60	247.4%
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>18,298.61</u>	<u>18,522.54</u>	<u>-223.93</u>	<u>-1.2%</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>18,298.61</u></u>	<u><u>18,522.54</u></u>	<u><u>-223.93</u></u>	<u><u>-1.2%</u></u>

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**Profit & Loss Detail**  
 April 1, 2012 through July 25, 2013

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>								
<b>Income</b>								
<b>Annual Meeting</b>								
Deposit	6/28/2012		Contributions	silent auction		Wells Fargo S...	790.00	790.00
Check	7/18/2012	5297	CJ Ralph	printing costs		Wells Fargo C...	-34.35	755.65
Deposit	7/19/2013		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	1,670.00	2,425.65
Deposit	7/19/2013		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	210.00	2,635.65
Deposit	7/19/2013			Deposit		Wells Fargo M...	120.00	2,755.65
<b>Total Annual Meeting</b>							2,755.65	2,755.65
<b>Contributions</b>								
Deposit	4/20/2012			tom uslan		Wells Fargo S...	25.00	25.00
Deposit	10/10/2012		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo C...	85.00	110.00
Deposit	10/29/2012		Contributions	anonymous d...		Wells Fargo C...	1,000.00	1,110.00
Deposit	1/3/2013		Contributions	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	125.00	1,235.00
Deposit	1/9/2013		Contributions	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	60.00	1,295.00
Deposit	1/18/2013		Contributions	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	115.00	1,410.00
Deposit	7/19/2013			Deposit		Wells Fargo M...	25.00	1,435.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>							1,435.00	1,435.00
<b>Interest</b>								
Deposit	4/30/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	0.01	0.01
Deposit	4/30/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo M...	1.33	1.34
Deposit	5/31/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	0.01	1.35
Deposit	5/31/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo M...	1.38	2.73
Deposit	6/29/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo M...	1.28	4.01
Deposit	6/30/2012			Interest		Wells Fargo S...	0.01	4.02
Deposit	7/31/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	0.02	4.04
Deposit	7/31/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo M...	1.28	5.32
Deposit	8/31/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	0.02	5.34
Deposit	8/31/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo M...	1.29	6.63
Deposit	9/28/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	0.01	6.64
Deposit	9/28/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo M...	1.24	7.88
Deposit	10/31/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	0.01	7.89
Deposit	10/31/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo M...	1.14	9.03
Deposit	11/30/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	0.02	9.05
Deposit	11/30/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo M...	1.08	10.13
Deposit	12/31/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	0.01	10.14
Deposit	12/31/2012		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo M...	1.02	11.16
Deposit	6/30/2013		Interest income	Deposit		Wells Fargo M...	3.53	14.69
Deposit	7/19/2013		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	0.16	14.85
<b>Total Interest</b>							14.85	14.85
<b>Membership Life</b>								
Deposit	6/18/2012		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	300.00	300.00
<b>Total Membership Life</b>							300.00	300.00
<b>Membership Regular</b>								

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Deposit	4/20/2012			Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	130.00	130.00
Deposit	5/10/2012		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	90.00	220.00
Deposit	6/18/2012		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	644.55	864.55
Deposit	6/20/2012		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	95.00	959.55
Deposit	7/22/2012		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo C...	300.00	1,259.55
Deposit	9/4/2012		Contributions	Deposit		Wells Fargo C...	125.00	1,384.55
Deposit	9/19/2012		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo C...	270.39	1,654.94
Deposit	10/10/2012		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo C...	270.00	1,924.94
Deposit	10/31/2012		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	289.47	2,214.41
Deposit	12/11/2012		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	96.80	2,311.21
Deposit	12/19/2012		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	286.00	2,597.21
Deposit	1/29/2013		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	321.69	2,918.90
Deposit	7/19/2013		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo S...	2,694.49	5,613.39
Deposit	7/19/2013		Deposit	Deposit		Wells Fargo M...	50.00	5,663.39
<b>Total Membership Regular</b>							<b>5,663.39</b>	<b>5,663.39</b>
<b>Total Income</b>							<b>10,168.89</b>	<b>10,168.89</b>
<b>Expense</b>								
<b>Annual Meeting</b>								
Check	1/31/2013	5306	Oregon Field Ornitho...			Wells Fargo C...	288.00	288.00
Check	1/31/2013	5307	Oregon Field Ornitho...			Wells Fargo C...	50.00	338.00
<b>Total Annual Meeting</b>							<b>338.00</b>	<b>338.00</b>
<b>Bank Fees</b>								
Check	2/13/2013		Bank Fees			Wells Fargo S...	10.00	10.00
<b>Total Bank Fees</b>							<b>10.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Grants</b>								
Check	10/4/2012	5301	Carl Lunblad			Wells Fargo C...	1,000.00	1,000.00
Check	10/4/2012	5302	Luis Morales			Wells Fargo C...	1,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Grants</b>							<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>NABB Publications</b>								
Check	4/23/2012	5293	Robert Pantle	nabb 37 1		Wells Fargo C...	187.67	187.67
Check	6/12/2012	5296	Robert Pantle	nabb 37 1		Wells Fargo C...	1,101.65	1,289.32
Check	7/20/2012	5298	Robert Pantle	37-2		Wells Fargo C...	37.33	1,326.65
Check	9/4/2012	5299	Robert Pantle	37 2		Wells Fargo C...	786.09	2,112.74
Check	10/29/2012	5303	Robert Pantle	373		Wells Fargo C...	184.00	2,296.74
Check	11/30/2012	5304	Robert Pantle	373		Wells Fargo C...	1,210.50	3,507.24
Check	1/9/2013	5305	Robert Pantle	374		Wells Fargo C...	109.33	3,616.57
Check	2/17/2013	5308	Robert Pantle	374		Wells Fargo C...	1,159.17	4,775.74
Check	3/25/2013	5310	Robert Pantle	381		Wells Fargo C...	74.67	4,850.41
Check	5/16/2013	5312	Robert Pantle	381		Wells Fargo C...	1,081.01	5,931.42
Check	7/4/2013	5313	Robert Pantle	382		Wells Fargo C...	157.00	6,088.42
<b>Total NABB Publications</b>							<b>6,088.42</b>	<b>6,088.42</b>
<b>NABC Travel</b>								

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<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Clr</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Check	3/25/2013	5311	Klamath Bird Observ...			Wells Fargo C...	705.73	705.73
Total NABC Travel							705.73	705.73
<b>Postage</b>								
Check	3/15/2013	5309	Tricia Campbell	for back issues		Wells Fargo C...	63.30	63.30
Total Postage							63.30	63.30
<b>Web Page</b>								
Check	10/2/2012	5300	Westhost			Wells Fargo C...	169.80	169.80
Total Web Page							169.80	169.80
Total Expense							9,375.25	9,375.25
Net Ordinary Income							793.64	793.64
<b>Net Income</b>							<b>793.64</b>	<b>793.64</b>