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# *Eastern Regional News*

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## From the President

The editors and all persons involved in the production of NABB are to be congratulated. To date I have not received a single word of criticism. This does not mean that we have a perfect journal. It should make us strive to have our publication continue to serve our needs in an ever changing world. The cost of publishing our journal will continue to rise as will the cost of processing our bands in the banding office.

Banding today can no longer be justified if the sole purpose is to be our hobby. This is being reflected in the number of rejections for banding permits requested. If a permit request cannot be justified as serving the fields of education, research, or game management then we can safely assume that it will be useless for one of our acquaintances to send for a permit form.

It would be enlightening if we knew the actual cost of processing a band through the computers and filing all the associated records in their respective locations. To this must be added all of the necessary potential future uses an individual banding record may receive in later years.

Since a vast majority of our members are not professional ornithologists it would appear that the greatest number of permits would probably be issued to help further the causes of education of our youth of today, for they will be our leaders and banders of tomorrow. If we agree that education is one of the strong reasons for our banding then we can see that two of our most active committees

should be those dealing with Conservation and Education.

Several of our members are quite active in youth movements, recovery stations and teaching. We can expect to see some of their suggestions, ideas and accomplishments published in NABB. In order to justify our banding of "dickie birds" when compared to that of game species we must let our funding sources, the legislature, know that our free manpower is a valuable asset in today's environmental movements.

We cannot answer questions that we lack the knowledge to ask. This has been brought home to me many times in the banding of over 100,000 birds in the last 30 years. I like to feel that I have influenced many of today's young professional ornithologists to pursue the field, increase the number of biological teachers in our schools, and above all that some of the adults with whom I associated in their youth have reared their children to appreciate nature.

I would like to see our members come forth with ideas that will aid the various committees and Council in carrying out worthwhile methods of reaching the public, and youth in particular, more fully. Kathleen Klimkiewicz and her assistants in the Maryland-Washington, D.C. areas are carrying out these types of projects and can serve as models for those interested.

T.A. Beckett, III

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## EBBA Annual Meeting

**1-3 April 1977**

**Cape May, New Jersey**

Plan now to attend our 1977 Annual Meeting to be held 1-3 April at Cape May, New Jersey

Host for this meeting will be the Cape May Bird Observatory. And the theme is to be "Banding With a Purpose."

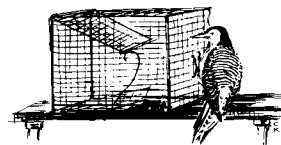
**Reserve your room as soon as possible as this will be the last issue of NABB before the meeting. Members are asked to make their reservations by sending their check or money order with the enclosed reservation form to the Golden Eagle Inn.**

You are cordially invited to participate in the program. See the enclosed form for details.

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## Exchange Journals

By the start of 1977, the Education Committee hopes to offer our exchange journals for use of the members. Watch for further details.



## Connie Katholi

It was with deep sorrow that we learned of the death on 16 November 1976 of Connie Katholi, dedicated EBBA member. Among her many contributions to EBBA throughout the years were her fine pen-and-ink sketches which so enhanced the pages of EBBA News.

We shall certainly miss Connie.

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# Council Meeting Minutes

**Eastern Bird Banding Association**  
**National 4-H Center**  
**Chevy Chase, Maryland**  
**9 April 1976**

Meeting called to order at 7:20 PM by Chris Rose, President.

**Attending:** Chris Rose, Ted Beckett, Valerie Freer, Kathy Klimkiewicz, Dave Corkran, Fred Schaeffer, Wally Kenison, Robert Pantle, Frank Neuman, Gladys Cole, Leroy Wilcox, Dorothy Bordner, John Weske, William McIntosh, Samuel Tipton, Darwin Wood. Non-voting: Fred Scott, Dorothy Foy, Nadia Mutchler, Elva Hawken, Robert Merritt, Robert Yunick, and Seldon Spencer.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the 1975 meeting were approved as corrected.

## Officer's Reports:

**Secretary:** Kathy Klimkiewicz requested that all officers' and committee reports be sent to the secretary by the stated deadline and to follow by-law procedures by sending original to secretary. Only two reports were received on time this year. Report accepted with thanks.

**Treasurer:** Dave Corkran reported that membership is not in good shape as compared to the same time last year. We have gained many new members but are lagging miserably in renewals, approximately 138. There will be another renewal mailing. It was suggested that, in the future, a second mailing be made no longer than 60 days after the first. It was also suggested that members receive all issues of the journal for the year no matter when they joined or renewed. A family membership category was suggested (\$7.50/yr) with one copy of the journal and two votes for husband and wife members. Discussion was delayed on this. Report accepted with thanks.

**Editor:** Fred Schaeffer reported progress has been made on the first issue of the new journal with WBBA which will be called *North American Bird Bander*. It was a good year for EBBA News. We have sufficient backlog of articles for the next three issues. Fred expressed his opposition to a fully integrated format for the new journal at this time. He also stressed that we are urgently in need of informal articles that reflect interest of novice banders. Report accepted with thanks.

## Standing Committees

**Location:** Charles Blake, in a letter report relayed by Chris. We are presently without a location for 1977. Efforts are underway to locate the 1977 meeting in N.J., with a possible location at Cape May. Report accepted with thanks.

**Program:** Kathy Klimkiewicz reported the program at Chevy Chase is going very well. Report accepted with thanks.

**Finance:** Valerie Freer reported a tentative budget of \$4800 for the next operating year. This budget will have to be modified in light of non-renewal of memberships.

**Publications:** Fred Scott's report was not given because of breakdown in internal communications among president, editor, and publications committee. Comments were made on the futility of journal format as two separate sections instead of an integrated journal.

**Nominating:** Ray Middleton. The Committee presented the following slate of nominees for 1976:

*President* — Ted Beckett

*First Vice-President* — Robert J. Pantle

*Second Vice-President* — Mrs. Valerie Freer

*Third Vice-President* — Miss Kathy Klimkiewicz

*Secretary* — Mrs. Elva Hawken

*Treasurer* — Davis Corkran

*Council (expiring in 1979):* Dr. Jeff Swinebroad, Maryland; Mrs. Kathleen Anderson, Massachusetts; Mr. Roger Foy, New Jersey; Mr. Frederick S. Schaeffer, New York.

Report accepted with thanks.

**Conservation:** Seldon Spencer reported letters were exchanged with Gateway National Parks administration and Chancellor of Higher Education in New Jersey with regards to an EBBA Research and Banding Site at Sandy Hook, New Jersey. Report accepted with thanks.

**Auditing:** No chairman appointed. An auditor certified all records.

**Memorial Grant:** Bert Murray reported the first grant was awarded to Allen A. Lubshansky, a master's degree candidate at C.W. Post College, studying "The territorial behavior of the Song Sparrow, in particular the effects of hormone implantation on territorial size." A second award was to Joseph P. Skorupa, an undergraduate at the University of Redlands, California. He is continuing his studies of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker, an endangered species, at the Savannah River Plant. Report accepted with thanks.

**Net:** Robert Merritt reported the purchases of nets have increased. Colleges and environmental organizations are the biggest buyers. We are eight months behind in delivery from Japan. Purchasers are reminded that if a defective net is received, said net will be replaced when returned. Profits from this operation, which are not reinvested in new purchases, are a potential source of new income. To date, increases which we have been experiencing will have to be passed along to the banders with the arrival of the new supply of nets. Report accepted with thanks.

**Education:** No chairman was appointed after the election of Valerie Freer as Third Vice President.

**Membership:** Jane Church, 1 March 1975 through February 1976. Jane Church, Kathy Klimkiewicz, Walter Protzman, and Ruth Rose organized a mailing of nearly 1,000 of the new brochures to 115 new banders and 800 non-members in EBBA territory. Over 106 new members were enrolled through this effort. A breakdown of memberships by class is contained in the Treasurer's report. Report accepted with thanks.

## Special Committees

**Ethics:** Robert Yunick reported guidelines were submitted or developed concerning permit revocation procedures, banding ethics (in the field), priority of banding sites, use of banding data, bander behavior in another's lanes, handling

of birds, mortality and peer evaluation. The problem of Pennsylvania bander/falconer was presented. A copy of "Comments to Recipients of Bird Banding Data" which is sent from the Banding Office was received as information. The Ethics Committee will make an effort to coordinate with other banding associations in this work. Report accepted with thanks.

**Historian:** Dorothy Foy reported one of the "new" traveling albums was received and is on display. An Historical Resumé covering the 1975 fiscal year was received and accepted with thanks. Report accepted with thanks.

#### Old Business:

A motion by Dorothy Bordner was made to make Stanley Dickerson, EBBA member and attorney for over 20 years, an Honorary Member in recognition of his many contributions to the Eastern Bird Banding Association. This was passed unanimously.

**Selection of Editor:** A resumé was received from Mrs. Thomas Mutchler indicating her willingness to accept the appointment from the council to serve as Editor for the coming year. Fred Schaeffer has agreed to serve as consultant to the Editor for the coming year.

**Regional Meetings:** The possibility of the organization of regional banding groups was introduced. The appointment of a Banding Coordinating Committee was suggested as a means of improving the communication of field work of the members of EBBA territory.

**Combined Journal:** The final working details of the journal merger were presented for discussion and reconsideration. The concerns of the Council reported in the 1975 Annual Meeting Minutes have been received, and satisfied. With a vote of 9 to 3 Council moved to "merge" the two regional journals into a completely integrated publication serving both EBBA and WBBA. The Council "charges" the editor of EBBA "to produce the best integrated journal possible. The vote was as follows: Ted Beckett, no; Valerie Freer, yes; Kathy Klimkiewicz, yes; Dave Corkran, yes; Wally Kenison, yes; Bob Pantle, yes; Gladys Cole, yes; Dorothy Bordner, no; John Weske, yes; Bill McIntosh, no; Samuel Tipton, yes; and Darwin Wood, yes.

#### New Business:

We noted with regret the passing of Arthur Fast, member and attorney of EBBA for many years.

EBBA accepted with regret the resignation of Charles Blake (Second Vice-President).

**By-Laws:** An amendment to Article VIII, new sections 8 and 9, duties of Historian and Membership Chairman, was discussed, approved with minor changes and directed to be submitted for a vote by the membership. It was later brought to the attention of the President that this amendment was not valid since Article VIII, Section 1 and 2, Historian and Membership Secretary, was referred to committee. Therefore, this amendment will also be referred to committee.

Amendments to Article VIII, Officers, section 1; Article VIII, new sections 8 and 9; Article IV, membership and dues, new section 5; Article VII, Council, 2nd paragraph, section 1 and Article VIII, officers, new section 9, membership chairman were all referred to committee for further study and re-evaluation at next year's council meeting.

Article VIII, officers, section 2 stands as old section.

Article VIII, officers, section 3; Article X, memorial fund, section 5 and Article IX, committees, section 4, publications were withdrawn.

Article VII, council section 1, and Article IX, committees, section 11, memberships were rejected.

Article IX, committees, 1st paragraph was discussed, corrected, and accepted by council as follows: Be it hereby resolved that Article IX be amended to read in part (first paragraph): "The President shall appoint the following Standing Committees within ninety (90) days after the last Annual Meeting, and they shall meet at any time upon the call of the President, the Council, or Chairman of the Committee, etc."

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Kathleen Klimkiewicz, Secretary.



## Annual Meeting Minutes

**Eastern Bird Banding Association  
National 4-H Center  
Chevy Chase, Maryland  
10 April 1976**

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM by Christopher N. Rose, President.

**Minutes:** Minutes of 1975 meeting were accepted as read.

**Old Business:** Fred Schaeffer again explained the status of the new journal known as *North American Bird Bander* (NABB). It was explained that some changes in charts, graphs, and tables would be necessary. All manuscripts must be double spaced for the purpose of computer coding.

**New Business:** The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate for the coming year:

President: T.A. Beckett, III

First Vice-President: Robert J. Pantle

Second Vice-President: Mrs. Valerie M. Freer

Third Vice-President: Kathleen Klimkiewicz

Secretary: Mrs. Kenneth Hawken

Treasurer: Davis H. Corkran

Editor: Mrs. Thomas M. Mutchler

Councillors: (term expiring in 1979) — Jeff Swinebroad, Mrs. Kathleen Anderson, Roger W. Foy, Frederick S. Schaeffer.

After an invitation for nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded that the Secretary cast the ballot electing the slate as nominated.

Mrs. Thomas (Mickey) Mutchler of Bethlehem, PA was introduced as our new Editor.

An amendment to the By-Laws was adopted on the above date by Council and membership. Article IX, Committees, was amended to read (first paragraph): "The President shall appoint the following Standing Committees within ninety (90) days after the last Annual Meeting, and they shall meet at any time upon the call of the President, the Council, or Chairman of the Committee, etc."

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Klimkiewicz  
Secretary