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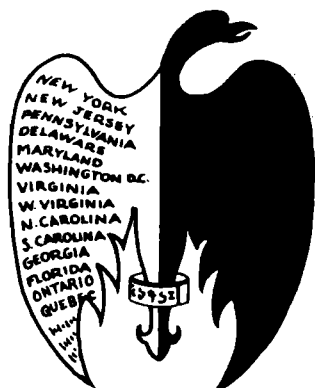
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Eastern Bird Banding Association

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President's Message

In an earlier President's message I reflected upon the responsibilities of the membership to EBBA. Perhaps I should have first explained the responsibilities of EBBA to its membership.

Briefly, EBBA's responsibility is to stimulate and encourage good sound scientific inquiry in the field of ornithology as it relates to bird banding. Further, this goal is accomplished by providing a readable, thought-provoking publication in which those sound inquiries and results may be published. And to be completely appealing, we need to publish non-technical articles as well. Annual meetings with workshops and paper sessions are also important in fulfilling EBBA's responsibilities to its members.

Personally, I feel EBBA has done all of the above very well. However, perhaps we have become too complacent. Where do we go from here? To remain a topnotch society EBBA needs constructive criticism. Have you really taken the time to write or talk with one of the officers or councillors about that special idea on how we can improve annual

meetings, our journal NABB, or committees? As you can see, ultimately EBBA's charge lies with the membership.

I would be remiss if I did not extend my personal thanks to our retiring secretary, Elva Hawken, for her help this year and to Davis Corkran who has resigned from the treasurer's position after many years of tending to this chore.

I would like to welcome the new councillors and officers who were elected at our last annual meeting. Our new secretary is Margaret Donnalld. The treasurer's position is being filled by K.W.F. Clark. Hannah Suthers will serve as 2nd Vice-President, and Selden Spencer as 3rd Vice-President. Kathleen Anderson and Fred S. Schaeffer have consented to continue as councillors, and Clare Nicolls and Frances Pope have joined them, making up the Class of 1982. They, like all EBBA's officers and councillors, are also concerned about our organization and its future status and stand ready to serve.

Robert Pantle

Senior Members

According to our new By-Laws we have a new membership category: Senior Members. A Senior Member is a person who has maintained Active or Sustaining Membership for at least ten (10) consecutive years and who has attained an age of at least 65. No further dues shall be required of a Senior Member. Please inform the Membership Chairman, Frederick S. Schaeffer, 84-55 Daniels St. #4F, Jamaica, NY 11435 or the Circulation Manager, Ruth Rose, 98 Lopez Rd., Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 as soon as possible, if you fall into this category.

EBBA Research Grants

The Eastern Bird Banding Association is sponsoring two \$250 Memorial Grants in aid of research using bird banding techniques or bird banding data. Applicants should submit a resumé of background, project plan, and budget to the Chairman: Robert C. Leberman, Powdermill Nature Reserve, Star Route South, Rector, PA 15677. The deadline for receipt of applications is 15 March 1980.

Who Is? . . .

Ruth Rose

Ruth is one of our very silent but very important workers in EBBA. She is our **Circulation Manager**. A few of her many jobs are: the preparation of the labels for mailing your journals, making the necessary changes of addresses, and the supplier of the current volume of NABB or the channeling to the proper agent for requested back issues. Ruth has been in charge of circulation for more than 15 years. Ruth's job is second to the editor's job. All journal problems involving supply of the journal should be addressed to her at 98 Lopez Rd., Cedar Grove, NJ 07009.

Ruth is a mother, a grandmother, and the wife of a bander and active EBBA worker, Chris Rose.

Although we all are quick to complain when things go wrong, I wish to extend a big thank you to Ruth for all the things that go right.

The Editor

EBBA's 56th Annual Meeting

Barbara Belanger

The 56th annual meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association took place 20-22 April at the Pocono Environmental Education Center in Dingman's Ferry, Pennsylvania. It was an action packed weekend filled with bird and nature walks, workshops, slide programs, a paper session, a wine and cheese party, field trips, many interesting exhibits, and a photography contest.

There were 160 people registered. They are as follows:

Connecticut — Trudy & Earl Smith, Jeffrey & Linda Spendlow, Fred C. Sibley & family.

Pennsylvania — Bob Leberman, Ralph Bell, Robert Daniels & family, Walter & Margaret Bigger, J.A. ImBrogno, Ralph W. Condee, William & Margaret Pepper, Raymond & Elizabeth Middleton, Merrill & Helen Wood, Edward Ilgenfritz, Jack & Christine Schaefer, Bob Mulvihill, Harry Barnes, Claire Gottschall, Fred Hartman, Linda Anderson, Frank Neuman, Robert Merritt, Blanche Bordner, Dorothy Bordner, Robert Sagar, Douglas, Gross, Ted & Nancy Grisez, Donald & Elaine Mease, Harold Jackson, Eugene & Marie McDonald, Jesse Grantham, Rose Wilde Mellencamp, Edward McLaughlin, Jim & Judith Policelli, Paul & Nancy Karner, Marie Crock.

New York — Valerie Freer, Barbara Belanger, Tom & Mickie Mutchler, John & Mary Forness, Fred Schaeffer, Robert Yunick & family, Robert McCullough, Richard & Nancy Roberts, Ken & Susan Blackshaw, Catherine Anderson Marvin Pion, Sallie Ruppert, Robert & Margaret McKinney, Selden Spencer, Philip Norman, George Steele, Elva & Ken Kawken, Bob & Rita Pantle & family, Harriet Marsi, Gilbert Cant, Mabel Warburton.

New Jersey — Allen Lubchansky, Katherine & Price Davis, Hannah Suthers, Walter Protzman, Chris & Ruth Rose, Charl Warburton, Alice Woodcock, K.W.F. Clark, Douglas Kibbe, Annette Gosnell, Don Schwab, Kathryn Schneider, Davis & Ruth Corkran, Jo & Richard Kixmiller, Dorothy Hughes, Laura Socha, Len & Chris Soucy, G. Goldbeck, J. Gumbs, June Smith, James Zamos.

Virginia — Lee Pollitt, Walter Smith, Charles Hacker, Roger W. Jones, William Clark.

California — Dr. Joseph B. Williams.

Maryland — Chandler Robbins, Joe & Joanne Schreiber & family, Kathy Klimkiewicz, Ives Hannay, Minette McCullough, Gladys Cole, Dorothy Mendinhall, Sybil McKennon, Barbara Bilsborough, Janet Ganter, Barbara Ross, Audrey Crush, Robert Jarboe, Margaret Donald.

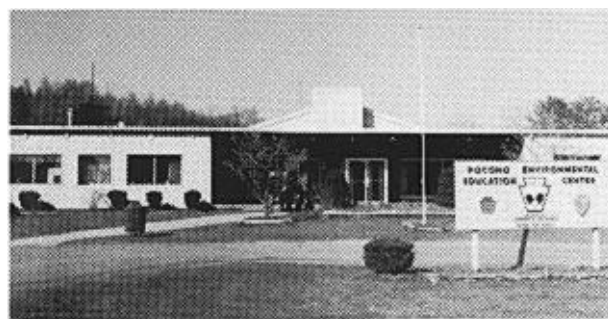
Vermont — Betty Downs, Marion Metcalf, Marjorie Eastman.

North Carolina — Margery Plymire, Marilyn Hiller.

Massachusetts — Edith Andrews, Kathleen & Paul Anderson.

Delaware — John T. Linehan, Albert Conway

Unknown - Holly Hansen, Martha Parker, Richard Podolsky, Marjorie Berger, William Aldnicki, Pat & Richard Angus, Pat Detmold.



Bird and nature walks on PEEC grounds took place Friday afternoon, Saturday morning, and Sunday morning, averaging 30 people per walk.

On Friday night two slide programs were presented. The first, "The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area," was presented by Park Naturalist, John Schippleck. The second program, "Arctic Adventure," was presented by Robert P. Yunick.

Workshops took place Saturday morning. The following workshops were presented:

Selecting a banding project. Chandler Robbins

Common ageing and sexing errors. Kathy Klimkiewicz.

Beginners' workshop. Robert Pantle.

Rehabilitation of raptors. Len Soucy.

Measurements. Kathy Klimkiewicz.

Asking the right questions to get the real answers. Hannah Suthers.

Ageing and sexing birds for beginners. Robert Leberman.

Using molts in aging. Robert Yunick.

Banding, from pelicans to falcons, Tom Mutchler. (This was a slide presentation which took place during the coffee break of the workshops.)

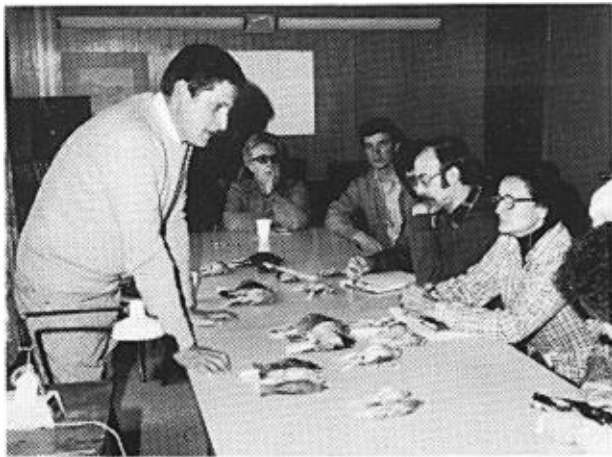
The following papers were presented at the Saturday afternoon paper session:

What catbirds know but won't tell. Hannah Suthers.

Age differences in Bank Swallows. Valerie Freer & Barbara Belanger.

Waterfowl banding in Pennsylvania. Fred Hartman & Linda Anderson.

Elimination of female cowbirds at the feeder. Ralph Bell.



Age determination by skull ossification in the Field Sparrow. Kathryn Schneider.

Timing of completion of skull pneumatization of the Purple Finch and Common Redpoll. Robert Yunick.

Foraging ecology of ptarmigan near Meade River, Alaska. Joseph P. Williams.

House Finches in Pennsylvania. Raymond J. Middleton.

Report from the Banding Lab. Kathy Klimkiewicz.

Mary Clench, who was scheduled to give the Saturday night program, was unable to attend the meeting and so Chan Robbins was kind enough to present an excellent slide program on a study he had done, "Banding study of a local bluebird population."

Two field trips were scheduled on Sunday morning. One trip went to the two banding stations of Raccoon Ridge Bird Observatory: Linwood McDonald Environmental Center and Delaware Water Gap Station. The other trip went to Sunfish Pond on the Appalachian Trail — a well-known hawk and warbler location.



Special awards

Special award certificates were presented to six persons at the EBBA Annual Meeting in appreciation of their continuous support to EBBA. Honorary Memberships have been bestowed on:

Grace Coit Meleny
Dorothy Mendinhall
Raymond Middleton
Margaret & William Pepper
Dr. LeRoy Stegman

These six people represent well over 200 years worth of banding.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES — Eastern Bird Banding Association, Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingman's Ferry, PA, 21 April 1979.

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Pantle at 11:50 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

President's Report: The raise in dues during the past year was regretted but rising costs necessitated this increase. Our contact with WBBA has been a very cordial one. NABB still continues to be regarded very highly in ornithological circles.

Treasurer's Report: Davis Corkran reported that EBBA is financially sound. After discussion of the report, it was approved as read.

New Business:

Location: Hannah Suthers reported that no location has been decided upon for the 1980 meeting. She asked for suggestions from members at large. A location will be decided upon as quickly as possible so that the membership can be so advised.

By-Laws: Bob Yunick explained that the By-Laws were changed mainly to improve their workability. After discussion of the changes, Robert Merritt moved to adopt the By-Laws as presented. Passed.

Nominating: Dorothy Bordner presented the following slate of Officers and Councillors:

President: Robert J. Pantle

1st Vice-President: Valerie Freer

2nd Vice-President: Hannah Suthers

3rd Vice-President: Seldon Spencer

Secretary: Mrs. Morrill B. Donnal

Treasurer: K.W.F. Clark

Council (terms expire in 1982): Kathleen Anderson, MA; Clare Nicolls, PA; Mrs. Frances Pope, MD; Frederick S. Schaeffer, NY.

When no further nominations were given from the floor, Bob Yunick moved that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast one vote for the slate of officers and councillors as presented. Passed.

It was noted with regret the passing of EBBA members Lydia Barrett, LeRoy Wilcox and Harry Clench.

Adjournment: Chandler Robbins moved for adjournment at 12:19 p.m. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Elva Hawken, Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES — Eastern Bird Banding Association, Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingman's Ferry, PA, 20 April 1979.

The meeting was called to order by President Robert J. Pantle at 6:45 p.m.

Attending: Robert Pantle, Valerie Freer, Will Merritt, Hannah Suthers, Elva Hawken, Davis Corkran, Nadia Mutchler, Kathleen Anderson, Fred Schaeffer, Robert Yunick, Jo Kixmiller, Charl Warburton, Frank Neumann and Robert Merritt.

Robert Pantle had invited the Committee Chairpeople to attend the Council Meeting and Ruth Rose, Dorothy Bordner, Christopher Rose and Douglas Kibbe were present.

A proxy from Ted Beckett to Mickey Mutchler was received and recorded.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were read. It was noted that two procedures from last year's meeting were out of order: (1) An illegal proxy was given by Roger Foy to Kathy Klimkiewicz. A proxy may only be given to a member of Council. (2) The amendment to By-Laws Article IV, Section 3, regarding membership did not follow the correct procedure of presentation to the President and Secretary in writing at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting and to the Council at least 10 days before the Annual Meeting.

Minutes were accepted with these two notations.

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer: David Corkran reviewed his report. EBBA is financially sound. Dave tendered his resignation after serving 8 years as Treasurer. A vote of appreciation for a job well done was given. Report accepted.

Editor: Mickey Mutchler reported publication is going well. Two questions were asked in her report with the following action taken: (1) Will Merritt moved that Council do whatever is necessary, as soon as possible, to set up a non-subscribing membership which would give the member an active vote and all mailings and inserts in the Journal, but NO 2nd journal. Passed.

(2) Hannah Suthers moved that the immediate Past-President serve as chairman of the nominating committee for the following two years. Passed.

Valerie Freer moved that an honorarium of \$100 be given to the Editor. Passed.

Report accepted.

Standing Committees:

Location: Will Merritt (oral report only) reported no location has been found as yet for the next meeting. Several suggestions were presented and will be investigated quickly so that membership can be advised as soon as possible. Report accepted.

Finance: No chairman appointed.

Nominating: Dorothy Bordner presented the following slate of Officers and Councillors:

President: Robert J. Pantle

First Vice-President: Valerie Freer

Second Vice-President: Hannah Suthers

Third Vice-President: Seldon J. Spencer

Secretary: Margaret (Mrs. Morrill B.) Donnal

Treasurer: K.W.F. Clark

Council (terms expire in 1982): Kathleen Anderson, MA; Clare Nicolls, PA; Mrs. Frances Pope, MD; Fred S. Schaeffer, NY.

Report accepted.

Auditing: Raoul Faralla, Accountant, examined the books, accounts, and records of the Treasurer of EBBA and found them to be true, accurate, and in good order. Report accepted.

Memorial Fund: Robert Leberman — No memorial grant was made this past fiscal year, therefore two grants of \$250 each will be advertised for the coming year. It was noted that these awards are open to **all** banders, and not just students. Report accepted.

Mist Net: Robert Merritt — Sales of EBBA nets are going well, but the trend seems to be for selling more to organizations and institutions rather than to individuals. Report accepted.

Education: Chris Rose — After much discussion of the report, Valerie Freer made a motion that Council approve a follow-through of our application to the National Park Service regarding the site at Sandy Hook, NJ. Chris Rose will act as chairman of a committee to establish a "home" for EBBA. Report accepted.

Membership: Fred Schaeffer — A great deal of effort was put forth regarding membership this past year. We now have 797 members of EBBA. Thanks was given to the Bird Banding Laboratory for their prompt and accurate monthly up-

dates to the permit mailing reports. It was also noted that any member who wishes to know names/addresses of other members in their vicinity or in an area they are to visit can get this information from the membership chairman. Inquiries should include the name of the town, county, state, and zip code.

Help is needed with some of the mailings done by the membership chairman. Several Council members who are geographically close to his area offered their help.

One thousand new brochures are to be made up which will incorporate the new dues rate and new Treasurer's name. Hannah Suthers made a motion that up to \$300 be made available to the Membership Chairman for expenses. Passed.

Report accepted.

Circulation: Ruth Rose — There have been several problems with the postal service at the delivery level, but it is still felt that 3rd class mailing is the best method for the delivery of NABB. It was suggested that a joint comment from the two Editors be included in NABB requesting prompt address corrections or change of address to facilitate correct delivery. It costs EBBA 25 cents for each Post-Office-sent Change of Address. Report accepted.

Historian: Dorothy Foy — No report.

B.I.R.D.: Tom Mutchler — Orders continue to come in for the manual from all over the U.S. and Canada. There are approximately 150 copies on hand at present. Report accepted.

By-Laws: Robert Yunick — The final By-Laws revision was discussed Article by Article with the following action taken:

Article I — Will Merritt moved adoption of Article I upon approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed. Passed.

Article II — Will Merritt moved adoption of Article II upon the approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed. Passed.

Article III — Valerie Freer moved the adoption of Article III upon approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed. Passed.

Article IV — Will Merritt moved the adoption of Article IV upon approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed. Passed.

Article V — Hannah Suthers moved adoption of Article V with the following addition and upon approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed: This last sentence is to be added — "Twenty-five (25) members assembled and voting shall constitute a quorum." Passed.

Article VI — Will Merritt moved adoption of Article VI upon approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed. Passed.

Article VII — Will Merritt moved the adoption of Article VII with the following wording changes and upon the approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed: Section 3. Special meetings of Council may be called by the President, or by the Secretary at the written request of four (4) members of Council and shall require written or oral notification of all members of Council at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting. Section 11. A member of Council who cannot attend a council meeting may give a proxy in writing, with appropriate voting instructions, only to another member of Council. This proxy shall be exhibited to the Secretary at the beginning of the meeting and the fact recorded in the minutes. Each member of Council is entitled to one vote and one vote for each proxy as recorded with the Secretary in such Council member's name. Passed.

Article VIII — Robert Merritt moved adoption of Article VIII with the following change and upon approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed: Section 5. Second paragraph. The Secretary shall keep in the minute book a separate, complete and chronological record of all amendments to these By-Laws. In the absence of the Secretary from any

meeting of the Association, the President shall appoint one of the Council members to serve as Secretary pro-tempore. He shall, at the expiration of his term of office, removal or resignation, tender all books, papers and all other property of the Association, to his duly elected successor in office, or to such person or persons as are designated by Council.

Passed.

Article IX — Will Merritt moved adoption of Article IX upon approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed. Passed.

Article X — Will Merritt moved adoption of Article X with the following change and upon the approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed: Section 4. ELIGIBILITY: The proposed study shall use bird banding techniques or bird banding data. Passed.

Article XI — Will Merritt moved adoption of Article XI upon approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed. Passed.

Article XII — Will Merritt moved adoption of Article XII upon approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed. Passed.

Article XIII — Kathleen Anderson moved adoption of Article XIII upon approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed. Passed.

Article XIV — Will Merritt moved adoption of Article XIV upon approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed. Passed.

Article XV — Hannah Suthers moved adoption of Article XV upon the approval of the other 14 Articles being here proposed. Passed.

Hannah Suthers made a motion that Council accept the By-Laws as amended and offer them to the membership at the Annual Meeting for their approval. Passed.

Will Merritt moved that Council express the gratitude of EBBA to Bob Yunick for his tremendous job of revising the By-Laws. Passed. Report accepted.

New Business:

Hannah Suthers submitted a proposal for chapterization which asked for the development of an amendment to EBBA By-Laws that will effectively and easily allow Chapters to be formed under the aegis of EBBA with benefits to both. Frank Neumann moved that a committee be formed to study the chapterization amendment to the By-Laws. Passed.

Charl E. Warburton was named as Association agent and her home address of Mine Road, Box 332D, Pennington, NJ 08534 will be given as principal office of EBBA.

Bob Yunick made a motion that honorary memberships be awarded to Raymond Middleton, Mr. & Mrs. William Pepper, LeRoy Stegeman, Grace Meleny and Dorothy Mendinhal. These honorary memberships will be given out Saturday evening. Passed.

Bob Yunick made a motion that Council authorize the By-Laws committee to revise Article IX, Section 11 to provide continuity to the position of membership chairman by allowing for this position to be part of a Councillorship and that their recommendation be made at the next Council meeting. Passed.

Valerie Freer made a motion to elect Mickey Mutchler as Editor for the coming year. Passed.

Will Merritt made a motion for adjournment at 11:46 p.m. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Elva Hawken, Secretary

E.B.B.A.'s 1980 Annual Meeting

Make your plans now to attend E.B.B.A.'s 1980 Annual Meeting.

Date: 25—27 April 1980.

Place: Silver Bay on Lake George, New York.