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Applications for membership in the Western Bird Banding Association should be sent to the Treasurer. All classes of membership receive *North American Bird Bander*. Membership classifications are: Active Member, \$8.00 per year; Associate Member, \$8.00 per year; Sustaining Member, \$16.00 per year; Student Member, \$6.00 per year; Non-Subscribing Member, \$3.00 per year; Life Member, \$200.00. Outside the U.S., postage must be added to each membership except Life Member.

From the President

In my last message, I commented on general banding at a fixed site as a laudable study method. I was not, of course, advocating a return to purposeless "ring and fling" banding but rather the use of general banding in documenting long-term patterns of occurrence of birds in a specific locality, preferably in conjunction with other types of observation. Banding can also be used as an integral component of shorter-term inventory studies of a poorly known area.

Several years ago, I participated with Jim R. Salt in an inventory of terrestrial vertebrates in a proposed (since established) provincial park in the mountains of southwestern Alberta. Our time was divided among various study techniques, but I did have several opportunities to net and band in selected areas. A Brewer's Sparrow plucked from one of my nets by Prof. W. Ray Salt added a species to our local list that might have otherwise been missed. Of greater value, however, were data acquired on local movements of Spruce Grouse, Gray Jays, and Wilson's Warblers shown by banded birds. These data have not yet been worked up in detail, but the point that they raise is that interesting details on local movements can be acquired through even limited banding efforts. Vast areas of WBBA territory are still poorly known ornithologically, and banders should consider visiting such areas and including netting efforts in inventory studies. At best, we have but fuzzy, educated guesses as to the migration routes of most species, and knowledge of such routes requires banding or transmitter studies. Much remains to be done!

Readers of NABB will be pleased to see the rapid return to our regular publishing schedule. A delay in Volume 7, Number 1, was expected as a natural growing pain of our recent merger, and the three Editors deserve hearty congratulations for smoothing out the kinks so quickly.

Since IBBA's entry into publishing NABB has brought us many new readers, I shall be including a list of

journals searched regularly in my next compilation of Recent Literature. These were most recently listed in NABB 6:57, 1981 on the basis of journals covered by Noel Cutright, Lawrence R. DeWeese, Sue Kaiser, and me. I was not aware at that time that Charles T. Collins covers *Bull. Brit. Ornithol. Club* for us, and Noel has since added *Ecol. Monographs*, *Science*, *Wildl. Monographs*, and *Wild. Soc. Bull.* to his list of assigned journals. I am pleased to welcome M. Kathleen Klimkiewicz and Robert C. Tweit to our group of abstractors. Kathy will be taking over *Bird Study* and Bob will be covering *Ringed and Migration*. Abstractors are needed currently for *Condor*, *Ibis*, and *Western Birds*. Volunteers from all three publishing organizations are welcome. There are also a number of state and the foreign journals not currently covered, and I would like to hear from readers willing to abstract them.

Any organization based on volunteer help runs as smoothly as its volunteer members permit. Kenneth Steigman has helped WBBA considerably for just over a year by serving as Membership Secretary. Professional duties now require Ken to step down, and we need a replacement for him. Duties involve checking copies of recent permits and permit renewals in WBBA territory, and inviting non-members to join. Copies of permits within the U.S. are sent to us from the Bird Banding Laboratory. Names and addresses of Canadian banders are currently considered confidential, so we cannot invite these banders directly. I have written the Canadian banding office to ask them to include in banding memos occasional reminders of the benefits of joining the banding association(s) which cover a bander's area.

Once more, I shall close my remarks by reminding readers to plan to visit New Mexico next May to attend our annual meeting, combined with that of the Cooper Ornithological Society.

Martin K. McNicholl

Worksheets for western birds

Ageing/Sexing worksheets for western birds are mailed as published with NABB, to Western Bird Banding Association members only. They are, however, available to anyone interested. For each worksheet desired, send 25 cents (or \$1.00 for any five worksheets) to Mrs. Donald F. Radke, P.O. Box 446, Cave Creek, AZ 85331.

The following species sheets have been issued: Merlin, Harris' Hawk, Scaled Quail, California Quail, Gambel's Quail, Mountain Quail, Common Snipe, Band-tailed

Pigeon, key to kingbirds, Eastern Kingbird, Tropical Kingbird, Western Kingbird, Cassin's Kingbird, Myarchis flycatchers, Violet-green Swallow, Tree Swallow, Yellow-billed Magpie, Roadrunner, Clark's Nutcracker, Verdin, Bushtit, Varied Thrush, gnatcatchers, Orange-crowned Warbler, waterthrushes, *Oporornis* warblers, Tricolored Blackbird, Western Tanager, Summer Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Cassin's Finch, American Goldfinch, Lesser Goldfinch, towhees, White-crowned Sparrow.

President Charles Collins called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Secretary pro tem, Martha Balph, summarized the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held in the previous evening. The significant actions were:

1) Notification that Inland Bird Banding Association has voted to pursue joining the Eastern and Western Associations in publishing the *North American Bird Bander*. Since EBBA voted to approve this at their recent meeting and WBBA had approved the concept earlier, IBBA will join in publishing NABB starting with Volume 7, No. 1.

2) Discussion of the dues structures of the member societies of NABB. Should they necessarily be uniform? A committee will probably be formed to discuss this.

3) Passage of a motion (unanimously) authorizing the editors of NABB to institute voluntary page charges. Authors will be asked to contribute toward their page costs where possible; but this would not be a requirement and would not affect whether or not a paper is accepted for publication.

4) Acceptance of the following reports:

Editor's report by Eleanor Radke

Nominating Committee report by Martha Balph

Treasurer's report prepared by Acting Treasurer, Shirley Spitler, and presented by President Collins.

5) Discussion of future meeting sites. President Collins suggested meeting jointly with Cooper Ornithological Society in Albuquerque, NM in mid-May, 1983. The Board agreed to pursue this.

President Collins reported that the 1983 meeting date and time are now definite. WBBA may hold a workshop, open to COS and WBBA.

Eleanor Radke presented the editor's report. IBBA will have a regional section starting with Vol. 7, No. 1. There will also be some changes in cover format. The printing problems which have caused a lag in the appearance of issues are being solved. She thanked the following people for their efforts:

Martin McNicholl — recent literature

Jolan Truan — advertising

Barb Petorak — art work

Phil Walters — annual report compiler

NABB editors will send out notices about voluntary page charges to authors. The backlog of manuscripts is typical of the past few years, about one issue.

Richard Mewaldt moved, and Kathleen Klimkiewicz seconded, to extend WBBA's appreciation to the Radkes. The motion carried by acclamation.

President Collins noted the growth and success of NABB; it is now "the" banding journal for North America.

President Collins presented the Treasurer's report for Acting Treasurer, Shirley Spitler; in summary, WBBA is solvent.

Martha Balph, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of nominees for WBBA officers — President: Martin McNicholl; First Vice-president: Ralph Moldenhauer; Second Vice-president: Stephen Russell; Secretary: Robert Tweit; Treasurer: Jane Church; Editor: Eleanor Radke; Directors at Large: Charles Trost (term ends 1983), Peter Bloom (term ends 1984).

No additional names were placed in nomination from the floor and Richard Mewaldt moved, seconded by Howard Cogswell, to accept the slate as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Martin McNicholl moved to extend WBBA's appreciation to outgoing president, Charles Collins, and it carried by acclamation.

The report from the Bird Banding Laboratory was presented by Kathleen Klimkiewicz. Band supplies are satisfactory at present. The new computer (HP-3000) should provide faster turnarounds on data after the current shiftover is completed. Volunteers are needed to help with Volume 2 of the Banding Manual to provide age-sex keys and material on techniques (mist nets, trap designs). Banders are urged to study the Manual and use the keys and have their subpermittees do the same. Please turn in schedules prior to the end-of-the-year and request color-marking authorizations and subpermits at least 3 months in advance. BBL is interested in longevity records for banded birds.

Richard Mewaldt suggested an index for NABB. The editor reported one is being prepared.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

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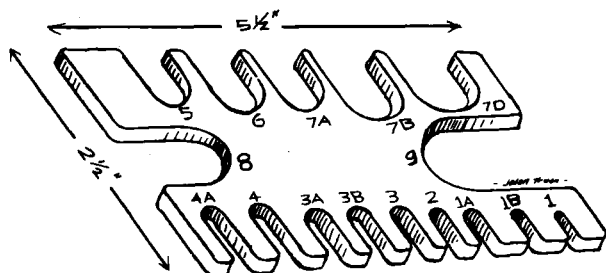
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