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1983 Annual Meeting

Wesley Forest, United Methodist Camp and
Retreat Center, Weikert, PA. 16 April 1983

The 60th meeting's theme was "Let's Learn and Publish." It was held at Wesley Forest near Weikerts, PA in lovely comfortable surroundings. We were fortunate, in that their new buildings were finished in time for our meeting. Our hostess, Liza Barnes, was a delight and most congenial. The weather held true to form with rain Friday and Saturday. Sunday turned cold but sunny, and the field trips to Montour Preserve and Allenwood Wildlife Preserve were enjoyed by those who were able to participate.

While the officers and councillors were hard at work handling the affairs of the association, other members enjoyed a membership slide participation hour followed by an informative presentation, "Tern Watch," by Helen Hayes of the American Museum of Natural History. These activities were followed by a fellowship hour with refreshments.

Activity started early on Saturday with a Bird Walk led by Doug Gross and a Netting Session. The netting continued until 10 AM with very few birds caught. Five workshops were run concurrently:

1. "How to use Volume II for aging and sexing," presented by Kathy Klimkiewicz, BBL. This was a "hands on" study of specimens with the ID sheets annotated.
2. "How to use forms," presented by Allan Davenport, Data Processing, BBL.
3. "The computer, birds and me," a how-to-present-information by Fred Schaeffer.
4. "How to break the roadblock to a banding data analysis," presented by John Shipman, Zoological Data Analysis, Socorro, NM.
5. Open roundtable on "How to publish," run by Fred Hartman and Mickie Mutchler.

Following the Workshops, Hannah Suthers with her Cast of Thousands held the Annual Meeting. Highlights of the meeting: (a) Ralph Bell was elected to Honorary Membership; (b) It was noted that Emil Berger, a past

President of EBBA, and Joseph Cadbury, Director of the Maine Audubon Camp, had passed away during the year; (c) Barbara Ross, Bob Sagar, Don Schwab, and Joe Schreiber were elected as new Councillors; (d) Other information about the activities of Council were reported in the President's Message NABB 8:1.

The BBL report was presented by Kathy Klimkiewicz. She reported that there were 2,389 master permits and 2,232 sub-permittees under 722 master permittees. Canada has 202 masters and a total of 630 banders. BBL expects to adapt to the new AOU numbers. BBL now had direct dialing for the various offices: 301-498-0428 Permits, Flo Shaneline; 0432 Supplies and Bands, Marcy Jones; 0403 Biologists, Kathy Klimkiewicz and Janet Stout; 0210 Pink Cards, Nina Anderson; 0205, George Jonkel, Chief; and 0429 Editing, Kathy Fontaine. 1,338, 387 bandings and 69,723 recoveries were reported last year. Mourning Dove reports for the year should be submitted \pm 1 September, since they are considered game birds in some states.

Bob Sagar chaired the afternoon paper session. Papers presented were: "Blue Jay breeding behavior," Harriet Laine and Doug Gross; "The timing of nesting initiation, ages of mates and reproductive success of known age Roseate Terns," Jeff Spendelow; "A comparison of Black-capped Chickadees Inland and along the Coast," Bob Yunick (Inland) and Trevor Lloyd-Evans (Coast); and "On the track of the Black Seychelles Parrot," Bob Merritt.

The main speaker at the Saturday banquet was Alan Davenport of the Data Processing branch for the BBL. Alan presented an interesting and easy-to-follow talk on the use of computers in banding.

The 80+ members that made the trip to this pristine area all believed the distance travelled was well worth the effort.

Fred Schaeffer announced that EBBA's 1984 meeting will be in Dover, DE 27-29 April.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Hannah Suthers at 10:50 AM

Minutes:

The minutes of last year's meeting were read and accepted.

Reports:

Walt Protzman thanked those who helped with the meeting. He asked for help with next year's workshop sessions which will expand on the theme of computers in banding. Field trips to Allenwood Game Lands and Montour Preserve were announced.

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The Treasurer, Donald Mease, reported that EBBA is financially sound.

NABB Editor, Mickie Mutchler, reminded members to notify her of address changes. Forwarded copies will cost \$1.20 until the change is registered. She also encouraged submissions for publication. She needs a picture of a Hypoboscid fly and asked for help in locating one. She concluded by thanking those who had refereed submissions for NABB.

The Membership Chairman, Bob Pantle, reported 725 members, recognized 3 first-year members and then asked the meeting to vote in new members. Following acceptance of new members by the group, he reminded old-timers to welcome new-comers and recognized Fred Schaeffer's work in up-dating membership lists.

Memorial Grant awards to Bruce Calvin, Bette Loiselle, Cheri Gratto, and Christopher Rimmer were announced. Better follow-up and contact with awardees will be made in order to get feed-back on their work and publications.

Hannah Suthers announced honorary membership had been voted by Council for RALPH BELL. She went on to mention the "cast of thousands" who make EBBA run smoothly. She announced that Kathryn Schneider is the new Publications Chairman and Manager of next year's paper session. Mabel Warburton is the newly appointed Historian for the years 1979 onward. Items from those years should be sent to her.

Kathy Klimkiewicz, acting for Chairman Bill Oberman, presented the following slate of officers and councillors for 1983-84 which was accepted unanimously:

President:	Hannah B. Suthers
1st Vice President:	Walter Protzman
2nd Vice President:	Fred Schaeffer
3rd Vice President:	Charl Warburton
Secretary:	Lynn Hiller
Treasurer:	Don Mease

Council (terms expiring 1986):
Barbara Ross — MD
Dr. Robert Sagar — PA
Joe Schreiber — MD
Don Schwab — VA

(term expiring 1985 — to fill Mary Clench's unexpired term) — Fred Scott — VA

Net Committee Chairman, Bob Merritt, suggested that net orders be placed before 1 July this year since he will be away after that. Nets purchased by institutions are at non-member price even if a member uses them. He

asked members to think about upgrading their membership to Sustaining since there is a savings on net purchases.

Al Dufty reported that the Conservation Committee has been revived and that its activities will be guided by members' needs. Problem solving with regard to using restricted areas, preserving habitat, and predevelopment surveys will be aided by information provided by members.

New Business:

Bob Yunick, Dues Structure Committee Chairman, reported that Council had adopted a policy of dues uniformity with WBBA and IBBA. Voluntary compliance for active membership, mandatory compliance for institutional members, and other membership categories at the discretion of the individual organization are features of this policy. He went on to report that Council had acted on a dues increase, Institutional Members to \$15.00 and Active Members to \$10.00, effective 1 January 1984, contingent upon WBBA and IBBA adopting a like increase. Family Memberships for EBBA would increase by \$2.00.

A new journal called WINGS is due to come out later this year according to editor, Helen Lapham. Behavioral observations are being sought for publication and they should be sent to her: Box 226, Lansing, NY 14882.

The deaths of Emil J. Berger, past president of EBBA, and Joe Cadbury, director of the Maine Audubon Camp, were reported to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Merilyn Hiller, Secretary



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The 1984 EBBA Annual Meeting will be at Dover Inn, Dover, Delaware on 27-29 April. People with papers to present should write: Dr. Kathryn J. Schneider, Dept. of Biology, University of Richmond, VA 23173.