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**Excerpts from Minutes of
EBBA's 79th Annual Meeting
Held 19-21 April 2002
at Comfort Inn 'The Pointe'
Niagara Falls, New York**

Certificate of Appreciation - A certificate of appreciation was presented to Bob McKinney for his 15 years of extraordinary service to EBBA while serving as secretary.

Second Vice President - Brad Silfies recommended the 2003 annual meeting be held on 4-6 April at Hidden Valley Resourt, Ligonier, PA, near Powdermill Nature Reserve, Rector, PA, a world-class banding station. Hidden Valley will host the Friday evening meal and program, and the Saturday paper session and banquet. Arrangements will be made for NABC training and/or certification. For those wishing to take their certification exam earlier in the week, cabins may be available at Powdermill for approximately \$20 per night.

Treasurer - Don Mease reported a loss of over \$3,000 for the year. The reason for the shortfall is the low interest on our mutual funds.

Publication - During the past year we published 224 pages, the largest ever for *NABB*. This year is also the first time for color photos (4 pages) which were paid for by the authors, as the editorial board stated that the associations will not pay for color. Bob Pantle also reported that a postal rate increase was expected.

Memorial Grant Committee - Roy Slack reporting in place of Richard Roberts, Chair. Sixteen proposals were received, two were selected:

"Does Patch Shape Affect the Reporductive Success of Shrubland Birds," Aimee J. Weldon, North Carolina State University, Dept. of Zoology.

"The Use of Fluctuating Asymmetry to Identify Imperiled Bird Populations," James Rourke, San Diego State University, Dept. of Biology.

Net Committee - Gale Smith has a large supply of mist nets and we must increase our effort to market them.

Membership Committee - Elaine Mease reported 31 new members, most of whom came via the Internet.

NABC Delegate Report - Betsy Brooks reported that Mary Doshier had attended the March meeting at Big Sur Ornithological Lab, Andrew Molera State Park, California. She also reported that certification sessions have been held at Braddock Bay, the one prior to this meeting, and more certification sessions are being planned.

Nominating Committee - John Forness announced the candidates for officers and councillors who were voted unanimously into office:

President - Mary Forness
First Vice-President - Brad Silfies
Second Vice-President - Ginger Bladen
Third Vice-President - Elizabeth Brooks
Secretary - Gerald Lahr
Treasurer - Don Mease
Cuncilor - 2005 - Earl Hodnett
Bob McKinney
Richard Roberts
Gale Smith

Councilor - 2004 -John Forness (fill for
Gerald Lahr position)

Councilor - 2003 -Thomas LeBlanc (fill
for Scott Weidensaul - resigned)

Papers and Workshops included: *Hannah Suthers*-Skins Exhibit; *Bob Yunick*-A Bander's Bag of Tricks; *Pete Nye*-Escapades:25Years of Banding Bald Eagles; *Mark Hauber*-A Password for Species Recognition in a Brood Parasitic Bird; *Todd Plummer*-Bird Reproductive Success on Pacific Northwest Forest Link to Global Climate Phenomena; *David Hussell*-Heligoland and 100 Years of Bird Ringing; *Bob Yunick*-Using Banding to Monitor a Summer Adirondack Hummingbird Population; *John Tautin*-Celebrating 100 Years of Banding Birds; *Dylan Bush*-Digital Photography: Making the Switch; *Peter Lotz*-Live Birds of Prey.

Banquet Speaker - *David M. Bird* - Technology and Birds of Prey - A Double Edged Sword.