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Eastern Regional News

Eastern Bird Banding Association

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President's Message

There are number of exciting developments taking place in the Eastern Bird Banding Association! First, Council members Clay Black, Bob Pantle and Tom LeBlanc explored the possibility of a new design for our logo which would incorporate all the states and provinces included in the EBBA region. Tom designed a prototype which is still being modified and improved. Our bylaws will have to be amended to make this change, and Bob Yunick is looking into that. Hopefully, we can vote for the logo design change at the 2006 EBBA annual meeting in Bethlehem, PA.

We have also formed a Strategic Development Committee to explore the future direction of EBBA in general, and NABB in particular. John Tautin agreed to chair this committee, which consists of Council members Gerald Lahr, Donald Mease, Robert Pantle, Robert Yunick, and myself as *ex officio* member.

Net Chairperson Gale Smith has just received a shipment of new nets from Japan and plans are underway to make the use of credit cards an option for purchasers. The EBBA Net Committee is working out the price of nets, so watch the EBBA website (<http://www.frontiernet.net/~bpbird/index.htm>) for future details.

And 1st Vice-President Tom Greg is busy planning the 2006 Annual Meeting to be held in Bethlehem, PA, on the weekend of 24-25 Mar. The whole point of annual meetings is to bring banders together to share knowledge and techniques...and, of course, to see old friends and make new acquaintances in the banding community. So... mark your calendars!

Betsy Brooks

President, Eastern Bird Banding Association

**Highlights of
EBBA's 82nd Annual Meeting
Held 15 - 17 April 2005
Rochester, NY**

***Partners Across Borders
Celebrating Canadian and United States
Banding Research***

***Hosted By
Braddock Bay Bird Observatory***

Officers' Reports:

President Ginger Bladen welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Betsy Brooks for all her work setting up the conference and Braddock Bay for sponsoring and assisting. Ginger stated that the year went smoothly due to the many competent people on the council. Special thanks to Elaine Mease, Gale Smith, Bob Pantle, and NABB's Recent Literature editor, Martin McNicholl.

First Vice President Betsy Brooks reported that there were 91 pre-registered and two walk-ins at the meeting. She thanked the Holiday Inn staff for assisting in the logistics of the conference.

Second Vice President Thomas Greg recommended that the 2006 annual meeting be held 24 and 25 Mar, in Bethlehem, PA.

Third Vice President Susan Finnegan reported on the budget, which was accepted as amended.

Treasurer Don Mease reported that our dues do not cover the cost of producing NABB. Our membership is down. On-line information and free web sites provide information which may eliminate the need to join EBBA.