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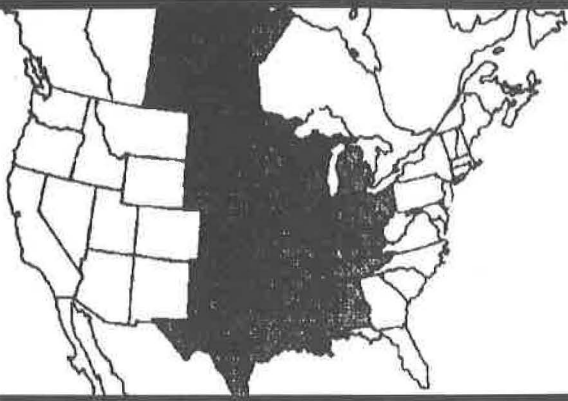
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Inland Regional News

Inland Bird Banding Association

Founded 1922

Inland Bird Banding Association Annual Meeting 2007

The Inland Bird Banding Association met 19 - 21 Oct 2007 at Riveredge Nature Center, near West Bend, Wisconsin. The meeting was sponsored by the Riveredge Nature Center, Riveredge Bird Club, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Field Station, with financial support provided by the Wisconsin Energy Corporation Foundation, Inc.

Noel Cutright was the evening speaker on Friday discussing the "Breeding Birds of Wisconsin." Organized events included Northern Saw-whet Owl banding at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Field Station and banding at the Riveredge Nature Center. Banquet speaker Vicki Piaskowski spoke on "Banding in the Tropics: The birds without Borders-Aves sin Fronteras"—a research project in Belize, Central America.

Business Meeting, 19 Oct 2007

Meeting called to order by President Jim Ingold at 7:42 pm.

Minutes of the 2006 meeting were accepted as published in *NABB*, Vol. 32, No. 2.

Treasurer's Report: Cimprich provided the Treasurer's report. Operations Accounts: \$19,171, Paul Stewart Research Fund: \$20,514, and Life Members Fund: \$12,429, with a total of all funds of \$52,114. Cimprich advised individuals to obtain a Life Membership; IBBA members pay \$400 up front. The annual interest income for this fund is supposed to pay for the IBBA membership

and *NABB* costs. For the past two years, additional funds beyond the interest income were withdrawn from the Life Membership Fund to cover the cost of *NABB* subscription for each Life Member. This year, the *NABB* cost for Life Members was \$1,394.42, the interest income was \$338.16, leaving a balance of \$1056.26. The Board agreed to make an appeal to the Life Members to help defray the costs. Bartlett motioned, Lowther seconded, and the report was accepted.

Membership: Life Members 82, Sustaining members 14, Regular members 144, with 6 "No *NABB*" members, 1 Student member and 18 institutional members total 267. A detailing showed 20 states and two provinces within Inland region and three countries, three provinces and 16 states from outside the region. Membership continues to show stability but no growth.

Editor: Lowther continues to look for submissions to *NABB*, both the formal articles and informal news & anecdotes.

North American Banding Council: Bartlett reported that NABC met in March 2007 in McAllen, TX, with Bartlett attending. The council has approved an Assistant Banders Certification — primarily for a person who wants the certification as an extractor. Plus, there is no age limit for this certification. Bartlett will be offering certification training and advised to check the NABC website for additional information.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Awards: Ingold advised that there is grant money available.

Future Meeting Sites: No location has been confirmed for the 2008 meeting. However, Alabama is a possibility. Future meetings: St. Louis in 2009, Texas in 2010. It was noted that meetings do not have to occur in the fall, but can be at any time of year.

Other: The scanning of old *IBBA Newsletters* has been completed for the years 1920 – 1962. The remaining years will be completed this next year. Also, old copies of the *Western Bird Banding Newsletters* are available for anyone interested.

IBBA Brochure and Poster: Ingold advised that the Brochure, along with an electronic copy of the Poster, are available. Please contact Ingold for copies.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations Committee: Bartlett reported that all officers would continue for another year with the exception of the Second Vice President (Tom Bartlett). Cathie Hutcheson was nominated to replace Tom Bartlett and he was nominated to take Cathie Hutcheson's Director's slot. There is still an opened Director's slot. Ingold asked for any nominations from the floor; none were received. Noel Cutright moved approval, Bill Schar seconded, and the slate were elected as presented. Bartlett volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee for the next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Tossing, Secretary

First Board Meeting – 19 Oct 2007

Meeting called to order by President Jim Ingold at 4:05 pm. Board Members in attendance: Tom Bartlett, David Cimprich, Cathie Hutcheson, Jim Ingold, Vernon Kleen, Peter Lowther, Mark Schieldcastle and Linda Tossing.

Minutes of the 2006 meetings were accepted as distributed via e-mail and published in *NABB*. Bartlett motioned, Hutcheson seconded and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Cimprich provided the Treasurer's report. Several-year comparisons of all three accounts show that the total Asset balance is dropping by approximately \$1,000 a year. All surplus funds are invested in stair step CDs, which allows for necessary liquidity. Cimprich expressed concern that for the past two years, additional funds beyond the interest income were withdrawn from the Life Membership Fund to cover the cost of the *NABB* subscription for each Life Member. This year the *NABB* cost for Life Members was \$1,394.42, the interest income was \$338.16, leaving a balance of \$1056.26. Cimprich moved \$1500 from the CD 502068 to the savings account to cover the deficit. If this continues, Cimprich advised that the funds would be depleted in about 10 years. Suggestions were discussed; Cimprich will review possibility of sending a letter requesting Life Members to donate to help cover the costs - about \$20.00 a year. In the Operations account, the 2007 receipts are \$6209.57 derived from dues, interest and some conference fees. Disbursements are \$7115.0 consisting of *NABB* fees, postage and conference costs. Bartlett motioned, Hutcheson seconded and the report was accepted.

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Editor: Lowther submitted a summary of *NABB* activity for years 2006 and 2007. IBBA has had articles in every issue, especially Issue 3 of Volume 30, where IBBA had 30 pages out of 62 pages of articles. Bartlett advised the need for short articles in the "News & Notes" section of the *NABB*. Cimprich agreed to submit info regarding the IBBA membership in the next edition.

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OLD BUSINESS

Grants: Ingold advised that the IBBA website has been updated with information regarding the IBBA Grants program, but stills needs the submission deadline and where to submit applications. After considerable discussion, it was determined that the Grant Committee consists of the Second Vice President, an IBBA Director and one non-board member. The Grant Committee will meet prior to the next board meeting and determine the submission requirements and due date. Ingold also asked the Grant Committee to follow up on previous grants and their statuses. Vernon advised that a grant recipient is required to submit a report within 60 days of the grant period.

Future Meeting Sites: Ingold advised there is a possibility the 2008 meeting will be in Alabama, but has no commitment. Future meetings are St. Louis in 2009 and Texas in 2010. It was noted that meetings do not have to occur in the fall, but can be at any time of year.

Brochures: Ingold reported the IBBA brochures were printed but have an error and need to be reprinted.

Other: The scanning of old IBBA newsletters has been completed for the years 1920 - 1962. The remaining years will be completed this next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations Committee: Bartlett reported that all officers would continue for another year with the exception of the Second Vice President (Tom Bartlett). Hutcheson was nominated to replace him and Bartlett was nominated to take a Director's slot. There is still an open Director's slot. Requests for nominations will be proposed at the next IBBA Business meeting.

By Laws & Constitution: Bartlett advised that the By Laws & Constitution need to be reviewed, revised if necessary, and then added to the website. Ingold established a committee consisting of Bartlett, Tossing, Schieldcastle and Kleen to review and submit any updates at the 2008 board meeting.

Hutcheson motioned for the meeting to be adjourned; Cimprich seconded and motion was accepted. Meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Tossing, Secretary

Second Board Meeting – 20 Oct 2007

President Ingold called the meeting to order at 9:20 pm and welcomed the new Board. Board members in attendance: Bartlett, Cimprich, Hutcheson, Ingold, Kleen, Lowther, Schieldcastle, and Tossing.

Tossing will send copies of the minutes of the 20 Oct 2007 Business meeting, the abstracts presented at the conference, the list of the Officers of the Board and the Board of Directors to NABB to be included in the next issue. Bartlett will update the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Grants Awards: Ingold assigned Second Vice President Cathie Hutcheson, Director Tom Bartlett and an open slot to be determined as the Grant Committee. Bartlett will chair the committee. The deadline for Grant applications will be 31 Jul. Bartlett will update the Grant information on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Term Length of the Board of Directors: Bartlett advised the term lengths would be looked at during By Laws & Constitution Review.

2007 IBBA Conference: Ingold will follow up with Noel Cutright for a summary of costs and receipts for the 2007 conference.

2008 Meeting: Ingold will follow up on the Alabama meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Tossing, Secretary

A Report on IBBA Membership

As of November 2007, the Inland Bird Banding Association (IBBA) had 267 members. Most of these are regular (144) and life (84) members. Additionally, the organization includes moderate numbers of institutional (18) and sustaining (14) members. Finally, we have six inactive members and one student member. Not surprisingly, the majority (233) of our members reside within the Inland Region. These represent all provinces and states in the region except North Dakota. Saskatchewan, Kentucky, Mississippi, and South Dakota have only one or two members each. Wisconsin has the most members (33) followed by Michigan (25), Minnesota (22), Illinois (21), Texas (both 21), and Ohio (19). Thirty-four of our members reside outside the Inland Region. Most of these (23) are within the Eastern Region. Nine others are within the Western Region and two are in other countries (Mexico and Germany).

Despite the occasional loss and addition of members, the total membership of IBBA has remained relatively constant, varying by no more than two over the last three years. I ask current members to encourage others to join IBBA. At \$20, a regular membership is truly a bargain. I particularly ask that you encourage young people to join the organization. The \$5 student membership requires only the signature of a teacher or academic advisor. Finally, current and prospective members should be aware of the "Inactive" membership category. Inactive members continue to receive notices of IBBA meetings but do not receive the journal, *North American Bird Bander*. Even established life members can switch to inactive membership if they no longer wish to receive the journal. Anyone wishing to join IBBA or to change their current membership status should contact the Membership Secretary.

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Abstracts of Papers Presented at the 2007 IBBA Meeting

Band recovery data and banding sites for Common Terns in the Great Lakes. DON BEIMBORN, 3516 W. 21st Street, Minneapolis, MN 55416 (beimborn@umn.edu).

The Common Tern nests along the Atlantic coast, areas near the Great Lakes, and west into Canada. Austin (*Bird-Banding* 24: 39-55, 1953) used band recovery records to suggest that birds from the western part of the nesting range migrated due south and overwintered south of their nesting area. Birds from the east coast tended to migrate down the eastern shores and winter off the east shores of South America and Islands in the Caribbean. We wish to revisit the overwintering question with new data from the past 50 yr. Files of all Common Terns recovered were provided by the Banding Laboratory. The Great Lakes and central banding sites were divided into groups similar to those set by Austin (1953). The data were imported into excel and analyzed, primarily by means of pivot tables. Visualization of the data was done using ArcSys. Recovery sites were identified as to whether on the Atlantic or Pacific Ocean shores. We ignored recoveries on the continental US, since these recoveries are likely to be of migrating birds. There is a statistically significant number of Common Tern recoveries on the Pacific side of those birds banded in the western part of the range and in Minnesota. Birds banded on the St. Lawrence River, Lake Ontario, and Lake Huron show significant numbers recovered on the Atlantic side. Birds from the central Great Lakes and western Lake Erie are recovered more often on the Pacific side. The sample is too small for significance.

Exploring natal dispersal data for the Black-capped Vireo. DAVID CIMPRICH, *The Nature Conservancy of Texas*, P.O. Box 5190, Fort Hood, TX 76544 (dcimprich@TNC.ORG)

From 1991 to 2006, biologists at Fort Hood Military Reservation in central Texas banded 3661 nestling Black-capped Vireos. Subsequently, 165 of these birds were recaptured as adults, thus providing information on the natal dispersal of this species. Additionally, 46 of 403 individuals banded as age hatching year (HY) were recaptured as