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## Eastern Bird Banding Association Annual Meeting Minutes 28 Mar 2014

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Small stated that they would be able to perform the update. Bob Pantle moved that Maren and Dan be assigned the task of updating *NABB* to SORA. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bob Pantle also asked for guidelines for providing and/or selling *NABB* articles and abstracts. A committee was appointed to determine the means and methods of selling *NABB* articles.

Ken Heselton appointed himself, Andrea Patterson, Dan Small, and Maren Gimpel to the committee.

After a discussion on Web Masters and Websites, Andy Thiede moved that the building of the EBBA website be awarded to 'prizewebworks.com' at an initial cost of approximately \$1500 and an annual fee of \$200 per year for continued upkeep. The motion was seconded and passed. President Ken Heselton appointed Andy Thiede and David Brinker as liaison between the web builder and EBBA.

Ken Heselton stated that he and a committee to be named will explore the ramifications of allowing on-line membership.

In response to several acts or activities considered to be unethical in nature, Bob Yunick moved as follows: "In light of alleged banding activities resulting in negative impressions of bird banding practices, EBBA council affirms that it does not support nor condone any banding behavior violating the NABC Bander Code of Ethics. Further, we favor bringing any such information of reported incidents to the attention of the BBL for investigation and corrective action, if necessary". The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **Adjourn:**

A Motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1707 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Gerald K. Lahr, Secretary**

## **EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES 29 Mar 2014**

### **Meeting Convened:**

The Annual meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association being held at the Holiday Inn Oakville, Ontario, Canada. A joint meeting in conjunction with the Ontario Bird Banding Association.

President Ken Heselton called the meeting to order at 1400 hours.

### **Officer's Reports:**

#### **President's Report**

Ken Heselton welcomed all to the joint conference with OBBA. He thanked all who assisted in making the conference a success. He offered a special thanks to Dave Okines for arranging the meeting. Ken noted that the Strategic Planning Committee has placed a survey at the registration table for all to fill out. He stated that council has funded a webmaster for "Eastern bird banding.org". Due to the fact that some banders are having problems with 'Bandit' he has instituted 'Bandit Buddies' so we can assist each other with 'Bandit' problems.

#### **First Vice President:**

No Report.

#### **Second Vice President:**

Melanie Reichley reported that next year's meeting will be held at the North Bay Adventures on 27, 28, 29 Mar 2015 in North East, Maryland.

#### **Third Vice President:**

David Brinker reported that the budget for the year 2014-2015 has been accepted, projecting a balanced budget of \$19,300. He also noted that the 2016 meeting will be held at Blackwater Falls State Park near Davis, West Virginia on 8, 9, 10 Apr 2016.

#### **Treasurer:**

In Don's absence, Ken reported the transfer of funds from a conservative account to a more moderate account caused a surplus of \$12,844.06. Interest and dividends totaled \$2,664.53. for a total income of \$15,508.59. The end-of-year book value movement resulted in a \$5,647.97 loss for a net gain of \$9,906.64.

### **Audit Committee:**

Bill Hobbs reported that the treasurer's books for the year ending February 2014 have been audited and the books are in order with appropriate documentation to verify the items in the treasurers' report. Bill suggested that the banks be approached toward the possible waiving of certain small service charges and that we pursue PCI Compliance for receiving credit card payments to avoid the PCI non-validation fees.

### **Editor/Coordinator/Production Coordinator:**

Ken reported that the EBBA contributions to *NABB* increased this year as five of the eight manuscripts were submitted by EBBA for a total of 39 pages. He reported that for volume year 38, EBBA's number of journals showed a decrease of 112 journals mailed. IBBA and WBBA mailings increased over last year. Postage for 2013 increased by about \$450 over 2012. Postage needs to be monitored carefully. He also reported that although journals mailed decreased for EBBA, both IBBA and WBBA showed an increase in 2013. Bob Pantle stated that volumes 31, 32, and 33 may be added to *SORA* archive to keep us five years back. Bob stated that he is still looking for clarification on providing PDFs of manuscripts.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Candidates for officers and councilors:

President: David Okines

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Melanie Reichley

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: David Brinker

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: David Hauber

Secretary: Gerald Lahr

Treasurer: Don Mease

Councilors 2017 Maren Gimpel (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Andrea Patterson (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Wayne Laubscher (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Don Watts (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Nominations accepted as read. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved by Bob Yunick to elect the proposed ballot. The motion was seconded and passed to have the Secretary cast a vote for the proposed slate of officers.

It was noted that Bill Hobbs was elected by Council to serve the remainder of the term of George Rowsom, and Ted Hicks was elected by council to fill the unexpired term of David Hauber.

### **Publication & Membership:**

Ken Heselton reported that EBBA publications are in the Bronte room. Elaine Mease sold 76 back issues this year. We currently have 290 members. Ken also reported that in the past year two members have passed away, Joe Schreiber and George Rowsom. We have 11 new members and five reinstatements whose names have been posted. Bob Yunick moved that the new members and reinstatements be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Memorial Grant Committee:**

Ken reported that 16 applications were submitted of which the following two were selected for a \$750 grant by the committee.

- (1) Mack Frantz, a doctoral candidate at West Virginia University, for "Epigenetic (DNA Methylation) Variation in the Louisiana Waterthrush due to Shale Gas Development in West Virginia".
- (2) Rachael Derbyshire, a M Sc candidate at the University of Guelph, for "Mechanism of Population Decline in the Algonquin Park Gray Jay Population."

### **Net Committee:**

Ken Heselton reported that Ted Hicks is still looking for a supplier. Ted reported that he sold 63 nets for a profit of \$2,870.02. Our inventory value is \$12,823.92.

### **NABC Delegate Report:**

- (1) a Trainer cannot evaluate own Trainee - requires waiver from CertChair
- (2) "experienced Trainer" certification application is now on-line (alternate path)
- (3) International - materials translated into Spanish and a growing number of certified Trainers in Canada and in countries to our South and in the Caribbean.

(4) NABC is working to offer more NABC opportunities in Canada

(5) Seven Trainers from three countries assessed the skills of 11 candidates at a session held on 3-5 Nov at Long Point, Ontario. Certified at the Bander level were six candidates from Ontario, one each from Alberta and Quebec, and one from Colombia.

NABC Manual on banding with the public and various other useful reference materials, including ID guides, under 'Bander Resources' at NABC website.

'Busy Day' guidelines forthcoming

Photo guidelines - taking and publicizing; to be published in *NABB*

Member organizations (EBBA) in this case) urged to express support for BBL through communication with USGS.

#### **New Business:**

President Heselton stated that he is looking for volunteers to fill two committees; Outreach and Marketing, and NABB advertising.

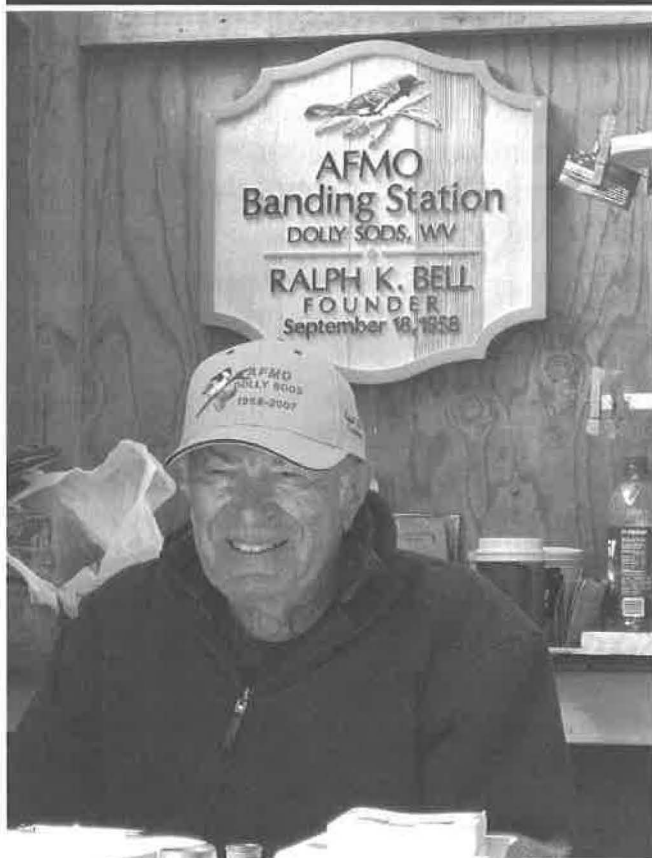
#### **Adjourn:**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1417 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Gerald K. Lahr, Secretary**



**Ralph K. Bell**

27 January 1915 – 20 May 2014

Ralph Bell left us on 20 May 2014, just a few months shy of what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! He was an inspiration to all who knew him. He began studying birds around the age of 12 and kept records from that time on. He earned his Bird Banding Master Permit in 1954 and over the years, he mentored 15 sub-permitees. As of May 2013, Ralph had banded 142,255 birds and had 1,481 recoveries.

He won many awards and Certificates of Appreciation from the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the North American Bluebird Society in 1983, the US Department of Forest Service in 2003 for his 46 years of outstanding dedication and service, the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology Earl Poole Award in 1998, the Purple Martin Preservation Alliance Award in 2006, and many more.

Ralph was a life member of EBBA and had been an honorary member since 1983. He served on EBBA council, served as EBBA Vice President, and was signatory to EBBA's Certificate of Incorporation in 1962.

Ralph K. Bell was one of several banders awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the EBBA Council. He was presented this award in 2000. This award was given "to long-time banders to recognize their many contributions".

Over the years, Ralph published over 200 articles on birds and nature. From 1956 to 1975 he published articles in *EBBA News* and wrote a column titled "A Bird Bander's Diary."

Ralph founded the Allegheny Front Migration Observatory (AFMO), September 18, 1958. AFMO is the oldest, continuous running bird banding station in North America.

His wonderful smile and dedication to bird conservation, his family and friends will live on.