

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Eastern Bird Banding Association, April 21, 1972. Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, Ithaca, New York.

Meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m., on the above date by Emil J. Berger, Jr., President, in the Louis Agassiz Fuertes Room at the Laboratory of Ornithology.

Attending: Ted Beckett, Dr. Charles Blake, Dorothy Bordner, Mrs. Jane Church, Dave Corkran, Mrs. Roger W. Foy, Frank Frazier, Sr., Ronald French, Gale Goldbeck, Robert Merritt, Mrs. Edward Mendin-hall, Mrs. Katherine Price, Archie Richardson, Dr. Jeff Swinebroad, Herbert Volker, Mrs. Mabel Warburton, Dr. Robert Yunick & Emil J. Berger, Jr., presiding.

Minutes from 1971 meeting were approved as circulated.

Officers' Reports

President: Much of the past year was devoted to the "Journal Joining." There is a favorable feeling among the Officers and Council of the various banding associations. The major problem was, and still is, gathering representatives for a meeting to work out details of a joining. The USA is a large country; WBBA has a committee but no money; IBBA has neither committee nor money; NEBBA has a committee and EBBA has a Publications Committee and money. Jeff Swinebroad will be traveling west this summer and will attempt to correlate the other groups. Report accepted with thanks.

Secretary: Mrs. Roger W. Foy - Two Trussell Minute books have been purchased and put into use beginning 1971. The cost being underwritten by this Secretary, with engraving and paper came to well over seventy-five dollars. The membership applications are now going to the Membership Committee and welcoming letters are being sent out.

The banding material I received from Col. Kates in Florida has been turned over to Dr. Frank Gill, Acad. of Nat. Sciences, in Philadelphia.

If I can secure the missing copies of previous minutes from 1957 through 1965, I will have them bound into a permanent book. If anyone has minutes from these years, or knows where I may secure same, please let me know. Report accepted with thanks and this secretary was given a special vote of thanks for her interest in obtaining the much needed Minute Books.

Treasurer: Dave Corkran - At the 1971 Annual Meeting in Charleston S.C., a new Treasurer assumed office. The Treasurer was assigned the membership status responsibility. Because of many errors in the last membership list a new one will be published in the Aug. issue of EBBA News. Forty-two new members with forty-four Life Members at the end of March 1972.

Editor: Fred Schaeffer - This report covers the period of 3/1/71 through 2/29/72. In this period our magazine saw great change: we went quarterly!

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Quarterly preparation of an issue provides the editor with an additional four weeks between deadlines. Dividends have already been realized from this: [1] I'm in the midst of a sizeable project to personally contact most banders who have never, or perhaps only once, contributed to EBBA News since 1950. An invitation to publish (or, at least communicate) will have been mailed to about 200 persons in the states of New York, New Jersey; Penna Virginia & W. Virginia, by the time I finish. To my knowledge, it is the first "advertising campaign" EBBA NEWS has ever undertaken. Needless to say, we hope to see a steady flow of communication from the addressees so that the money spent for printing and postage will not have been in vain.

The more appealing EBBA News is to its readership, the more new members we are bound to attract. Up to this point, we've only been able to please a fraction of the membership (this is apparent through correspondence); in 1972 and later, we must try to get through to the remaining members. I hope that this could be one of the results of my recent "advertising campaign" and our return to unrestricted publication of manuscripts received. By this I mean the cancellation of the review board. If any of you know of any other ways, I would be most happy to discuss these with you.

Emil Berger's "motto" in the February 1972 issue tells our goal in a nutshell: COMMUNICATE BY CONTRIBUTING. If we can bring EBBA News back to the niveau where it becomes a vehicle of communication (as it was during the Frazier era), I sincerely believe, it will enhance our publication invaluablely. Report accepted with thanks.

Standing Committees

Program: Dr. Jeff Swinebroad - Without the help and assistance of The Cornell group especially Jim Tate, this varied program would not be possible. The program speaks for itself.

Location: Chris Rose - Next year's meeting will be at Island Beach State Park with headquarters at Island Beach Motor Lodge just outside of the Park gates. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the invitation of N.E.B.B.A. to have a combined meeting possibly at Manomet Bird Observatory in 1974.

Finance: Ron French - The Budget Committee recommended that the price of banding sheets be increased from the present rate to 40 sheets for \$1.75 and 100 sheets for \$3.50. Motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the following policy- "the people selling the banding sheets can raise the price accordingly to maintain the same margin of profit." Report accepted with thanks.

Publication: The banding summary will be published in the August 1972 EBBA NEWS.

Nominations: Gale Goldbeck - The Committee submitted the following nominees for Officers & Councillors:

President: Jeff Swinebroad; 1st V.P.: Chris Rose; 2nd V.P.: Ron French; 3rd V.P.: George Lakata; Secretary: Mrs. Marie McDonald. Council (expiring in 1975): John Buckalow; Mrs. Roger W. Foy; Robert Leberman; Gale Smith. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the slate as presented.

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Auditing: Mrs. K. Price - The financial records of this Association were audited by the Auditing Committee on April 6, 1972, and found to be in good order. Report accepted with thanks.

Memorial Grant: Dr. Will Merritt - Nine applications were received (two of which were incomplete), the winner this year is: Cynthia Warbelow, for her PhD project: "A Study of the Mating System and Its Adaptive Significance in the Northern Phalarope in the Interior Alaska." It is interesting that both this year's winner and last year's winner both originated from the Dept. of Zoology, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon.

Education: Selden Spencer - no report.

Membership: Herbert Volker - The committee sent a letter to each bander who received a permit action during the past year, and who was not already a member of EBBA.

Fred Schaeffer printed extra copies of the Sep-Oct issue of EBBA NEWS and a sample copy was sent along with each letter. However, after one mailing this was stopped because of the cost involved - this could have been more economically done if combined with a regular bulk mailing. We did however, add a note on the letters stating that a sample copy of our publication would be sent on request.

A letter of welcome was sent to all new banders. To date we have a total of 42 new members this year as compared to 66 last year, 17 memberships were cancelled. Report accepted with thanks.

Net: Robert Waechter - (Report not received for publication, Ed.)

Special Committees - By-Laws: Dr. Charles Blake - This committee could not come to a meeting of the minds so it disbanded with the hope our new president will pick up the work so ably done, and hopefully carry it to conclusion with another By-Laws Committee. Report accepted with thanks.

AMFO: Edward T. Reed - During the 1971 Fall migration age & sex data were collected and submitted by thirteen stations on American Redstart, Yellowthroat, Gray-checked Thrush, Myrtle Warbler and Ovenbird. This data organized to date, along with available 1970 data will be forwarded to Jerome Barry for further statistical analysis. It should be noted here that data on all birds banded was submitted; so that anyone interested in a particular species is welcome to write to me and I will extract the desired information from the reports. Following a thorough statistical analysis, a report covering the 1971 migration will be submitted. Report accepted with thanks.

Old Business: Since Mr. & Mrs. Frank Frazier, Sr., moved to Coopers town, New York we need a new permanent address for EBBA. Stanley Dickerson, attorney for EBBA will be asked to cover this situation for us.

Fred Schaeffer has been reappointed Editor of EBBA NEWS.

New Business: The question of Committee Chairmen and Committee members receiving EBBA stationary with their respective names on the letterhead was discussed. A motion was made, seconded and carried

to have officers names ONLY, on EBBA's letterhead.

Council was saddened to learn of the death of George Ballentine last year. This Secretary will write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Ballentine.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to have Mrs. Edward Mendinhall fill George Ballentine's unexpired term on Council.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to have the Membership Chairman responsible for appointing one of his/her members to send out the welcoming letters to new members. This is a permanent responsibility of each and every Membership Chairman. Mrs. Jane Church volunteered to contact a gentleman she thinks might be able to fill in some of the missing copies of minutes.

A motion was made, seconded and carried for EBBA to underwrite the expense of an IBM Selectric typewriter of appropriate size with all necessary accessory equipment to be used by the Editor.

A motion was made, seconded and carried for the following: "The Editor may, at his discretion, appoint certain individuals to act as assistants to his staff. Such persons could be a Co-Editor, an Exchange Editor and the like. If such persons are appointed, they shall be responsible to the Editor in the performance of their appointed duties."

The Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted [and signed by] Mrs. Dorothy J. Foy, Sec'ty

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING: Eastern Bird Banding Association, Holiday Inn, Ithaca, New York: April 22, 1972

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m., on the above date, by Emil J. Berger, Jr., President.
Minutes of the 1971 meeting were accepted as printed in EBBA NEWS of 1971.

New Business: The following slate of Officers and Councillors for the coming year was presented by the Nominating Committee: [see p. 196, last paragraph, of previous minutes of Council Meeting. Ed.] After an invitation for nominations from the floor, it was moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary cast the ballot electing the slate as nominated.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted [and signed by] Mrs. Dorothy J. Foy, Secretary



The following is the list of attendance at the 49th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association, Ithaca, N.Y.:

Connecticut: Mr. Robert Dewire

Deleware: Mr. Albert E. Conway; Mr. Charles A. Conway; Mr. J. Linehan

District of Columbia: Miss Kathy Klimkiewicz

Maryland: Mrs. R.D. Cole; Mrs. M.B. Donnalld; Mrs. Janet Ganter; Marion Glass; Mr. Mrs. George Jonkel; Mrs. Dorothy Mendinhall; Mrs. James E. Plymire; Frances B. Pope; Mr. Chandler S. Robbins; Mr. Jay Shepard; Dr. Jeff Swinebroad

Massachusetts: Mrs. Kathleen Anderson; Mr. Mrs. Gilbert Fernandez; Mr. Mrs. John Fiske; Mrs. Deborah Howard; Mr. Mrs. Gordon Johnson; Betsy Mallory; Lucy Nichols; Richard Thisk; Peter & Nancy Richards
New Hampshire: Mrs. Leon G. Phinney

New Jersey: Mr. Robert Carpenter & family; Mr. Mrs. Davis Corkran; Mr. Mrs. Roger W. Foy; Phillip Granett; Mr. Mrs. E. Henckel; Mr. & Mrs. Waldron F. Kennison; Mr. Mrs. Ray Margerum; Dr. Burt G. Murray, Jr.; Mrs. Martha E. Neel; Mr. Mrs. Frank Neumann; Mrs. Katherine G. Price; Mr. Lloyd F. Price; Mr. Walter Protzman; Mr. Ken Prytherch; Mr. Mrs. Chris N. Rose, Sr.; Miss Thedora Schubert; Len Soucy; Mrs. Hannah B. Suthers & family; Mr. Robert M. Wilson; D. Wood & party.
New York: Mr. Mrs. Don Clark; Mr. Mrs. Frank Clinch; Mr. Mrs. James Covert; Mrs. Gail Corderman; Noel Cutright; Lawrence Duckwall; Mr. Frank P. Frazier, Sr.; Mr. & Mrs. Valerie Freer; Elva Hawken; Dr. & Mrs. Lewis F. Kibler; Eugene Kirch; Mr. Mrs. Richard Lamica; Miss Helen Lapham; Mr. Mrs. Malcolm J. Lerch; Mrs. Frederick Marsi; Mr. and Mrs. B. McGregor; Mr. Robert McKinney; Miss Grace Meleney; Will Merritt; Mr. Mrs. Robert Pantle and son; Mr. Mrs. Gilbert Raynor; Miss Kathleen Redmond; Archie Richardson; Frederick S. Schaeffer; Selden J. Spencer; James Tate, Jr.; Eleanor Washbourne; Mr. Mrs. LeRoy Wilcox; Dr. and Mrs. R. Yunick.

North Carolina: Dr. Charles Blake; Mr. Mrs. John W. Duffield

Pennsylvania: Mr. & Mrs. Ralph K. Bell; Mr. Mrs. Walter K. Bigger; Mrs. Blanche Bordner; Miss Dorothy Bordner; Mr. Emil J. Berger, Jr.; Ann Casselberry; Dr. Mary H. Clench; Dr. Ralph W. Condee; Miss Mary Rebecca Cregar; Ronald French; Mr. Mrs. T. Fuller; Mr. Mrs. Gottschall; Mr. Jesse Grantham; Mr. Mrs. Joseph A. Grom; Mrs. Eugene McDonald; Miss Wilde R. Meilencamp; Mr. Robert E. Merritt; Mr. Mrs. Raymond J. Middleton; Mr. John Miller; Dr. Kenneth C. Parkes; Mr. and Mrs. William Pepper; Mr. Mrs. Herbert Volker; Mrs. Mabel Warburton; Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Wood.

South Carolina: Mr. Ted A. Beckett III; Mr. William McIntosh

Virginia: Mrs. Herbert M. Church, jr.; Mr. and Mrs. George Lakata

West Virginia: Dr. George A. Hall; Clark Miller

New Zealand: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wilcox

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The Editors of EBBA NEWS were shocked to learn of the death of George Ballentine, one of our Councillors. It was our privilege to enjoy his friendship. We express sincere sympathy to Mrs. Ballentine of 268 Oakwood Road, Charleston, West Virginia 25314.

About the Annual Meeting.....
By Valerie M. Freer

Paper Session

The paper session at the 1972 EBBA Meeting was an unusually good one. Every paper was interesting and informative. The first report was given by Robert P. Yunick: "Variations in Tail Spotting of Slate-colored Juncos". He had diagrammed the tails of Juncos caught in the spring and in the fall to study the possibility of a correlation between the amount of white present in the outer three rectrices and age/sex of the bird. He presented evidence that the amount of white on the 2nd rectrix increased as the wing chord increased; the same was true to a lesser degree with the third rectrix. Yunick's paper gave some of the highlights of a study which will appear in a future issue of Bird-banding.

The next paper was "Numerical Eye Color Specifications for Aging Fall Migrants", by Darwin L. Wood. A most interesting technique for the standardization of color descriptions was presented. It is the Munsell system, developed by the Munsell Corporation, Baltimore, and used in the textile, paint and other industries. A series of color chips is numbered in an arrangement based on the hue, value and chroma (intensity) of each color. [Editor's Note: We will contact Mr. Wood for precise information regarding the color chip catalogues, where to order them, etc., for publication in the next issue of the News].

Mary H. Clench gave a talk titled: "Remarks on Yellow-breasted Chat Movements". She became interested in the migration of Chats because of two birds banded on the coast in the fall and recovered in western Pennsylvania at Powdermill the following spring. A study of the Powdermill records as compared with Manomet records indicate that the spring migration is inland, but in the fall, the immatures migrate along the coast. Where the adults migrate in the fall is a mystery. Resident Powdermill birds showed that the adults leave earlier than do the immatures in the fall.

Noel Cutright gave a very interesting talk entitled: "Studying Local Movements of Red-winged Blackbirds with the Aid of an Airboat and Colormarking". He banded many redwings in 1970 and 1971 in five roosts to study whether the birds doing damage to corn crops in the Montezuma-Lake Cayuga area were being "harbored" in a roost in the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. In most of the roosts, birds were caught using mist nets; but the wet Montezuma roost required the development of a new catching technique. Cutright designed a large plywood "scoop" on the front of an air boat. As he rode through the roosts at night, birds were funneled into a collecting box. Operating for a short time during 12 nights he captured 2697 birds of 6 species. Plastic wing tags were put on the redwings, and subsequent sightings were recorded and analyzed.

The next report was on "Chipping Sparrows and Pox" by Ralph Bell. He has recorded information on Pox for many years. Of 250 cases of Pox in Chipping Sparrows, all were found from August to early November, and most were immature birds. A percentage of Chipping Sparrows banded that had Pox varied from 1.5% to 28.5% with an average of 10.1%. Bell noted that the lowest incidence came in years having cool weather with early frosts and the highest incidence occurred in warm humid falls. He believes that Pox may be transmitted by mosquitoes, and that the adults build up an immunity. He showed slides of Chipping sparrows with Pox, for comparison, a Redwing infected with Scaly Leg, a disease transmitted by mites.

James Tate, Jr. reported on the "Purple Martin Survey" which he and Jerome Jackson are conducting. Cooperators are now reporting from 32 states, with the largest number by far reporting from Mississippi, but with very few from most other states. The study should, over a period of years, indicate the status of Purple Martins, their preference for housing locations, habitat type, nearness of water, and other factors affecting their population. Dr. Tate asked for increased cooperation in the survey; persons knowing of Martin colonies should contact him at the Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850.

Dr. David Peakall spoke on "Geographical Variation of Clutch Size in Four Passerine Species". He is concerned primarily with studies involving the Nest Record Card Program. Dr. Peakall presented Lack's often cited map of Europe which shows a larger clutch size for the European Robin in northern countries than in southern countries. He then showed maps of the U.S. giving average clutch sizes for the Bluebird, Robin, Barn Swallow, and Phoebe. The question of geographical variation of clutch size is not at all settled as the textbooks would have one believe, but, according to Dr. Peakall, the Nest Record Card Program should help to clarify the relationship.

George Jonkel, the chief of the Bird Banding Laboratory, reported on several aspects of the Lab's work. He reported that there are 2,032 Master permittees at present, and that approximately 1,300,000 birds were banded in 1971. There are about 600 color marking permits. The new banding manual is completely written and is being printed in conjunction with the Canadian Wildlife Service. It should be ready in June and will be sent to all Master permittees! Mr. Jonkel emphasized the value of the songbird banding program, and welcomed suggestions from banders.

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The Editors of EBBA NEWS thank Mrs. Valerie M. Freer for her fine assistance in covering the paper sessions of the meeting.