

**General Business Meeting
1 October 2005**

Meeting called to order by President Jim Ingold at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes of the 2004 meeting were accepted as published in *NABB*, Vol. 29 No. 4.

Treasurer's report was provided by Cimprich (See above, First Board Meeting).

Membership: (See above, First Board Meeting).

Editor: Lowther reported that IBBA usually averaged one submission per issue, but that the informal Notes were not well supported. There are five articles currently being processed and Lowther indicated his willingness to help with anything someone wanted to submit.

North American Banding Council: Bartlett – NABC trainers can now come to the individual who wishes to certify. Although the manuals are on the web site, the first 40 pages of the Pyle manual are useful for the certification testing. An Outreach Committee is now active in NABC which helps with bird banding in the U.S. and Latin America. Bird observatories in the U.S. are to get a CD copy of the manuals.

Old Business:

Grant Awards: Bartlett announced the award of \$1,000 from the Paul Stewart Research Fund to Tom Kashmer for his study of feather sexing of Virginia Rails. DNA analysis of feathers taken at the Black Swamp Bird Observatory will be used.

Web Page: The address of the IBBA web site is in *NABB*. Members were asked to review the site and offer suggestions. More photos are needed and the list of banding stations accepting visitors would be recommended.

Future Meeting Sites: The 2006 meeting will be held in Tennessee with Dave Vogt as host. It is located on the Tellico Plains near the Cherokee Mountains at the Wood Meadows Banding Station. The nearest airport is in Knoxville. A possible joint meeting with WBBA was proposed for 2007.

New Business:

Nominations Committee: Richard Keith was nominated for a three-year term as a director; Dave Vogt was nominated to complete the final year term of Sumner Dana's term. Julie West moved and Cimprich seconded that these directors be accepted by a vote of acclamation. All other

officers were nominated for an additional year, which was also accepted by vote of acclamation.

Banding reports, in addition to Ortego's table, are desired for publishing in *NABB*. A member notice will be sent with the dues notice with a template for submitting reports.

NABB back issues will be posted on the web site as available for \$2.50 each. Extra issues have been reduced in light of the availability of *NABB* on line.

The recommendation of providing up to \$1,000 seed money to hire a student to scan the old IBBA newsletters was motioned by Darleen Ayres, seconded by Hutcheson and accepted.

It was mentioned that Van Remsen, Louisiana State University Museum of Natural Science, has contacted various birding organizations to help birders affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the Baton Rouge Audubon Society is looking to help the people of Cameron Parish that have welcomed birders to their area. A list will be developed and donations of funds or equipment will be encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Persons in Attendance: (IL) Cathie Hutcheson, Vernon Kleen, Peter Lowther, Tom May, John Skach; (IA) Darleen Ayres; (LA) Jim Ingold; (MD) Terry Liddick; (MI) Karen Kolbasa, Torrey Moss, Mike Petruca, Emma Pitcher; (MO) Pat Lueders, Linda Tossing; (NE) Betty Grenon, Rick Schmid; (OH) Tom Bartlett, Tom Kashmer, Mark Shieldcastle, Julie West; (TN) David Vogt; (TX) David Cimprich.

Second Board Meeting 1 October 2005

President Ingold called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. and welcomed the new Board. Board members in attendance: Bartlett, Cimprich, Grenon, Hutcheson, Ingold, Kashmer, Keith, Kleen, Lowther, Shieldcastle, Vogt.

New Business: A letter will be sent to non-IBBA attendees from this conference inviting them to join IBBA. A display for membership and applications should be set up at the next meeting.

Suggestions for the meeting manual from Keith will be given to Shieldcastle and Vogt.

Grant information on the web page and OSNA needs updating.

Cimprich had suggestions of additional questions for the membership questionnaire. One was for banders willing to have visitors as their stations. That list would be included as an insert to *NABB* for IBBA members only.

Kleen is to compile station reports for *NABB*.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Grenon
Secretary

2005 IBBA Meeting Abstracts

Restoring the Trumpeter Swan to the Midwest, with emphasis on the Michigan effort. JOE JOHNSON, *Kellogg Biol. Station, Richland, MI.*

The Trumpeter Swan had been missing from the Midwest for more than a century. Several Great Lakes states and Ontario began restoration efforts in the mid-1980s. Goals and objectives, as well as restoration methods, varied among states. Banding methods included standard federal leg bands, plastic tarsal and neck collars, and patagial bands. A very limited number of swans were tracked with radio/satellite collars. By 2004, 2272 swans had been released. An additional 5285 wild cygnets have been reared to flight. Our last survey indicated over 4500 swans, including 402 successful nesting pairs that produced over 1200 cygnets in the Midwest in 2004.

Avian contributions to the emergence of Lyme borreliosis in Michigan. SARA YAREMYCH, JEAN TSAO, EDWARD WALKER and GRAHAM HICKLING, *Michigan State Univ., East Lansing, MI.*