

provide the committee with a list of conference attendees and a list of current paid members.

Discussion: Website and the use of “PayPal” opposed to credit cards for payment of membership dues. Don Mease noted that the use of “PayPal” would save money because of the charges made by credit card companies.

A motion was made by Ken Heselton that council appoint a special committee to review the EBBA By-laws to propose updates to the By-laws and requests that the new president appoint David Okines to chair that committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made by Ken Heselton that the one of the duties of the First Vice-President is to provide a list of attendees at the conference to be used by the nominating committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Andrea Patterson moved that the guidelines for travel funds be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ken Heselton moved that the council grant an honorarium of \$500 each to *NABB* editor Bob Pantle and Net Chair Ted Hicks. Motion was seconded and passed.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 1646 hours.
Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald K. Lahr, Secretary

EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting Minutes
28 Mar 2015

Meeting Convened:

The Annual meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association held at the NorthBay Adventures, North East, MD.

President David Okines called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Don Mease moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 29 Mar 2014 annual meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Officer’s Reports:

President’s Report:

David Okines welcomed all to the meeting. He thanked Melanie Dance-Reichley and all who assisted in making the conference a success. David noted that the EBBA website is up and running. He also asked all members to provide e-mail addresses so that we can keep members informed of EBBA activities. He also stressed that we need to increase membership.

First Vice President:

Melanie Dance-Reichley reported that there were 50 to 55 members registered for the meeting.

Second Vice President:

David Brinker announced that next year’s meeting will be held at Black Water Falls State Park

near Davis, West Virginia, on 8-9 Apr 2016. The theme will be “Banding with a Purpose”.

Third Vice President:

David Hauber reported that the budget for the year 2015-2016 has been accepted projecting an income of \$12,810 and expenses of \$13,680. David also announced that the 2017 meeting will be somewhere in the Ithaca, NY area. Ken Heselton moved the report be accepted. Motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer:

Don Mease reported that last year’s income was \$13,500 with expenses at \$11,255. He noted that the dues account for approximately \$5,000.00 and the bucket raffle last year approximately \$800.00. The bucket raffle funds are deposited into the Frazier Fund. Ken Heselton moved that the treasurer’s report be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Editor/Production Coordinator:

In the absence of Robert Pantle, President Okines reported that EBBA accounted for 30% of the 228 pages for *NABB* this year. EBBA contributed two of nine manuscripts. There were 1,123 journals mailed to EBBA members in 2014, an increase of eight journals over 2013. EBBA was the only association that showed an increase in journals mailed in 2014.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee:

Candidates for officers and councilors:

President: Melanie Dance-Reichley

First Vice President: David Brinker

Second Vice President: David Hauber

Third Vice President: Adrienne Leppold

Secretary Gerald Lahr

Treasurer Don Mease

Councilors 2018 Robert Yunick (first term)

Robert Mulvihill (First term)

Luke DeGroot (first term)

Ariane Guidicelli (first term)

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

Publication & Membership:

Elaine Mease reported that EBBA publications are at the registration desk. Elaine stated that we currently have 283 members and 25 have yet to renew their membership. In the past year, two members have passed away: Leonard Soucy, and Ralph Bell. It was learned that John Forness had passed away in 2013. Elaine Mease reported that we have 11 new members whose names are posted in the meeting room. They are: Margaret F. Ackerson, Lyme, NH; Cleo Conk, Sandy Hook, NJ; Luke DeGroot, Rector, PA; Michael & Nancy Furber, Cayuga, Ontario; Gigi Gerben, Venetia, PA; Annette Kalinoski, Fletcher, VT; Nancy LaFramboise, Stuart, FL; Robert Mulvihill, Pittsburgh, PA; Keith Richardson, Oak Hill, WV; James Saller, Rochester, NY; Todd Schnopp, Fairmont, WV; Augie Wirkus, Eau Claire, WI. Ken Heselton moved that the new members be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Memorial Grant Committee:

In the absence of Betsy Brooks, Andrea Patterson reported:

There were 14 applications for the 2015 EBBA Research Grant. After review by the committee, the following two grants were recommended:

The influence of stopover site quality on long term population dynamics of migratory birds: a study of shorebird stopover habitat, submitted by AnnaTucker. The committee recommends \$1,000.

Factors influencing habitat selection, spatial distribution, and site fidelity in the Veery, submitted by Elizabeth Farley-Dawson. The committee recommends \$500.

John Waud moved that the grants be accepted in the suggested amounts. The motion was seconded and passed.

Net Committee:

In the absence of Ted Hicks, it was reported that 16 nets were sold for an income of \$791.00 with a profit of \$246.76. The net inventory for EBBA has a current value of \$12,416.18.

NABC Delegate Report:

Anthony Hill reported that the 2014 meeting was held in Newport, RI, on 27 and 28 May 2015. Points of interest:

1. Banding manuals in progress: Hummingbirds, Raptors, Waterfowl, Nestbox Species, and Seabirds.
2. Future publications planned include manuals for Colonial Water birds and Woodpeckers.
3. Banding Curriculum for Passerines has been developed.
4. Handling a Big Day Guidelines will be on the website this summer.
5. Photography Guidelines are on the website

Anthony reported that 17 people were certified at the bander level and two as trainers. Anthony also noted that the *James Henry Fleming Award* was presented to Robert P. Yunick in recognition of his outstanding service and contribution to the mission of NABC.

Hannah Suthers reported that she has received several e-mails from prospective banders and volunteers which she directs to a local bander if possible.

Historian:

Ken Heselton requested that members report activities of EBBA to the Historian.

Adjourn:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1322 hours.

Gerald K. Lahr, Secretary

