

**EASTERN BIRD BANDING
ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
09 Apr 2016**

Meeting Convened:

The annual meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association was held at the Blackwater Falls State Park, Davis, WV. President Melanie Dance called the meeting to order at 1523 hours. There were 48 members present.

Officer's Reports:

President's Report - Melanie Dance welcomed all to the meeting. She thanked David Brinker for his efforts in arranging this meeting. She also thanked the bylaws committee for all its work in re-working the EBBA bylaws. Melanie announced that we will be going out of the net business so we will be selling all of our nets.

Second Vice President - David Hauber announced that next year's meeting will be held at Ithaca, NY, near Cornell University, 24-26 March, 2017. A tour of Cornell Labs has been arranged. He also announced that he runs the bucket raffle. All funds from the bucket raffle go to the Frazier Fund which pays the honorarium to the Editor of EBBA.

Third Vice President - Adrienne Leppold reported that the budget for the year 2016-2017 has been accepted projecting a balanced budget of \$12,505. Adrienne also announced that the 2018 meeting may be held at Acadia National Park near Winter Harbor, Maine. Adrienne also announced the dues change as approved by council.

Treasurer - Don Mease reported that there was a loss last year and that was because of the loss was last year's conference where we incurred a 6% decrease in our investments due to the decrease in the stock market. He thanked those who set up the website which allows most of our business to be done through PayPal which eliminates the high cost of credit card usage. Ken Heselton moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee:

Candidates for officers and councilors:
President: David Brinker
First Vice Pres: David Hauber
Second Vice Pres: Adrienne Leppold
Third Vice Pres: Andrea Patterson
Secretary: Gerald Lahr
Treasurer: Don Mease
Councilors 2019: Dan Small (second term)
John Waud (second term)
Scott Stoleson (first term)
Blake Goll (first term)

Nominations were 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 we have about 283 members. She stated that we have 20 new members whose names will be posted in the meeting room. They are:
Clifford Berek, Hillsborough NJ
Marion Clement, Princeton NJ
John Fedak, Bradford PA
Alison Fetterman, Boyertown, PA
Mack Frantz, Morgantown, WV
Marcel Gahbauer, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Niel Gifford, Albany, NY
Peter Monte, Gainesville, FL
Darlene Moore, Farmington, CT
Robert Mulvihill, Pittsburgh, PA
Elaine Nakash, Laurel, MD
Michael Rogers, Howell, NJ
Margaret Rohde, Hatfield, PA
Erin Rown, Riverview, MI
Allison Salas, Dickson, TN
Mary Schidel, Rector, PA
Chris Snook, Charleston, SC
Scott Stoleson, Irvine, PA
Allen & Mindy Waldron, Surveyor, WV
Thomas Wasiak, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

David Hauber moved that the new members be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Elaine noted that all of our publications for sale are on a table near the bucket raffle.

Memorial Grant Committee There were 20 applications for the 2016 EBBA Research Grant. After review by the committee the following two grants were recommended: "Unveiling the migratory strategy of the Gray-cheeked Thrush through analyses of diet during spring stopover" submitted by Camila Ga'mez, Estudiante de Doctorado en Ciencias Biológicas Universidad de Los Andes, Bogota, Columbia. A grant of \$750.

"Physiological profiles as a regulator of dispersal distance in Florida Scrub-Jays" submitted by Stephen Ferguson, currently a grad student at the University of Memphis. A grant of \$750.

Council approved the grants be accepted in the suggested amounts.

Bylaws Committee - Andrea Patterson reported that most of the changes were cosmetic in nature; membership categories were revised; new members will be in good-standing 30 days after application.

Andrea also stated that council has approved the Bylaws revisions. Maren Gimpel moved the revisions be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Adjournment:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1605 hours.

Gerald K. Lahr
Secretary

EBBA RESEARCH GRANTS

The EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION seeks applicants to apply for grant awards to be used toward research using banding techniques and/or bird banding data. Applicants should submit a resume of their banding and ornithological background, the project plan including the significance of the study site, and a budget. No formal application forms are necessary, however three copies of each application are required if you submit hard copy; electronic submissions are preferred.

Grant requests must be received by 15 March each year, award announcement will be made by 30 April.

There are one to five grants for up to \$1,000 each. Priority is given to research being conducted on species that spend at least part of their life cycle in any U.S. state or Canadian province included in EBBA territory. Projects that are planned for other portions of the United States, North America, or the Western hemisphere also may be considered. Research studies with conservation or management implications are particularly encouraged.

Grantees are asked to submit a summary of their work at the end of the year, or present at least part of their study at the annual EBBA meeting. Travel grants for this purpose are available in addition to the Memorial Grant for the research. Also, grantees are encouraged to become members of EBBA.

Send applications and/or inquiries to:

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