



# Eastern Regional News

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## President's Message

While this may seem a strange time to write about our last annual meeting, I felt that a few thoughts are in order. Much work goes into providing EBBA's membership with meaningful workshops, paper sessions, etc. Furthermore, our annual meeting should inspire and sustain interest and research throughout the coming year. I personally cannot remember when I did not look forward to EBBA's annual meeting.

I also realize that our annual meeting could be improved in many respects. One of the improvements I have proposed is that our annual business meeting be placed after the morning session so as to stimulate more input from our members. This input involves every member of this organization. However, if the business meeting is not the place for your thoughts, then take time to look up and speak to an officer or councillor about your concern.

Published in this issue are the minutes of our annual meeting at Wilmington. Take time to read them and please note the following: Your officers and councillors voted to change the bylaws Article IV, Section 3 to reflect the fact that it is financially unrealistic to carry members who are six months in arrears; this has been changed to three months. Also, second notices for renewal will be sent out March 1st instead of April 1st. Another important decision of Council was to authorize Dr. Robert Yunick to completely rewrite EBBA's bylaws. I have since asked Fred Scott to serve with Bob to complete this important task. Both of these long-time EBBA members have the expertise to do an excellent job.

Our editor, Mickie Mutchler, also passes on this bit of information: Members will be reminded via a special imprint on the brown Kraft cover of NABB that it is time to renew.

The few administrative tasks that I have presented here take time and effort and also require that some banding research projects wait. Most of these tasks are done cheerfully and efficiently by the officers, councillors and committee chairpersons of your organization and render support. Speaking of support, your membership, attendance at annual meetings, and contributions to NABB are also needed. Can you do less?

Robert Pantle



### Annual Meeting—1979

The 1979 annual meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association will be held 20-22 April at the Pocono Environmental Education Center in Dingman's Ferry, PA. This former vacation resort is operated by Keystone Junior College in cooperation with the US Dept. of Interior, National Park Service.

The meeting will be co-hosted by the Raccoon-Ridge Bird Observatory of nearby Layton, NJ. A varied program is planned, including interesting and informative workshops and some unusual field trips and exhibits. Those interested in presenting papers during the Saturday afternoon paper session should contact Valerie M. Freer, R.D. #1, Box 21 G, Ellenville, NY 12428. (An earlier plan to hold the 1979 meeting jointly with NEBBA at Lake Placid, NY had to be changed when we were informed of another commitment by NEBBA; we hope to be able to arrange a joint meeting with them soon.)

Plan now to attend the meeting in the Poconos, even if you have never been to an EBBA meeting before. You will find that it is a most worthwhile experience. More details will be in the next NABB.

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### Note

There is an insert in this issue for EBBA members. It deals with Raptor Identification. This information was presented by William Clark, National Wildlife Federation, at the workshops session at the annual meeting in Wilmington, NC.

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## Who is . . . ?

### **Hannah Suthers**

An Advisor and Publications Chairman of EBBA during the past year, Hannah Suthers is now our Third Vice President. Hannah lives in Hopewell, NJ and is a Research Assistant in Biology at Princeton University where she works on development in cellular slime molds, soil-dwelling amoebae.

Hannah and two older brothers grew up on Maui, Hawaii, where her school teacher parents had a nearly self-sufficient seven-acre farm. The family hiked, backpacked, and studied birds and flora. She learned about bird banding when George C. Munro from the University of Hawaii spoke at a high school assembly. She took an Ornithology class while at Oberlin College, then led a section of the field trips, and got her banding permit in 1953, the spring of her graduation. Banding interests expanded to include a special permit to salvage and prepare skins from roadside kills, and expanded once again with a permit to care for sick, injured, and orphaned birds.

Current projects include population studies of local Starlings; the successional plants and changing bird life on abandoned farm fields; the wintering-over Fringillids; and the cooperative banding project at Island Beach State Park where she and her subpermittee, Walter Protzman, work on aging, sexing, and plumages. Walt photographs the birds, and Hannah helps train student banders.

Hannah has three children: Daniel, an ardent mountaineer in his senior year majoring in photography at Kansas City Art Institute; Marie, a first-year student at Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine; and Edwin, who has just graduated from high school and is working at Princeton University's Department of Biology.

A 4-H Horse Club leader and County Horse Judging coach for several years, Hannah still keeps the family horses and rides almost daily. An annual summer family backpacking week is another favorite activity.

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## Life Members

The officers of EBBA wish to acknowledge all of our Life Members. It would be impossible to write up each and every one of you, but anyone wishing to give more details to our readers is welcome to submit them to the editor. In the meantime, we present here the entire list as we know it. If anyone is omitted, please notify the editor.

Elting Arnold, MD  
Ted A. Beckett, III, SC  
Dorothy Bordner, PA  
Mrs. F.L. Bower, NJ  
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Albert Clattenburg Jr., VA  
Jay Richard Cohen, NY  
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Dr. Robert Gammell, ND  
Frank Haeni, WI  
Fred E. Hartman, PA  
David Junkin II, NY  
Dr. John Kimmich, PA

Mrs. Richard Kixmiller, NJ  
Helen Lapham, NY  
Mrs. Roy Larsen, CT  
William MacIntosh, SC  
Mrs. Eugene McDonald, PA  
Grace Meleney, NY  
Mrs. Edward Mendinhall, MD  
Robert Merritt, PA  
Anthony Nastase, PA  
Mr. Clare Nicolls, PA  
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Katherine Price Davis, NJ  
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Mrs. Chandler Robbins II, MA  
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Eugene Slomkowski, MI  
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Dr. Sally Hoyt Spofford, AZ  
Paul A. Stewart, NC  
Mrs. Dayton Stoner, FL  
Walter Thurber, NY  
Mrs. J.H. Wade, MA  
Mabel Warburton, PA  
Merrill Wood, PA  
Dr. C. Brooke Worth, NJ  
Arthur Wiseman, OH

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# EBBA Annual Meeting

Wilmington, North Carolina: 24-26 March 1978

## Council Meeting Minutes 24 March 1978

Meeting called to order at 8:45 PM by President Ted Beckett.

**Attending:** Kathleen Anderson, Ted Beckett, Davis Corkran, Valerie Freer, Elva Hawkin, Jo Kixmiller, Kathleen Klimkiewicz, Bill MacIntosh, Nadia Mutchler, Bob Pantle, Hannah Suthers, and Sam Tipton.

Proxies from Chris Rose, Fred Schaeffer, and Darwin Wood to Ted Beckett; Roger Foy to K. Klimkiewicz; and Bob Yunick to Bob Pantle were noted in the records and placed on file.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the 1977 meeting were approved as read.

### Officers' reports:

**President:** Ted Beckett—After criticism the previous year as to the lack of communication, the President was very disappointed over the small response to two letters he sent out asking for input on critical questions and decisions that he had to make. Ted stressed that cooperation from all officers and councillors must be given to the President if suddenly arising situations are to be handled effectively. He explained why the dues increase voted by Council in 1977 had to be rescinded in order to keep to the general intent of the merger with WBBA. Instead of the increase voted on, the dues were brought in line with WBBA's: \$6.00 active, \$12 sustaining, \$4.50 student and \$150 Life.

The President reported that he had appointed a committee of Bob Pantle, Dave Corkran, Mickey Mutchler and Bob Yunick to review all of the merger agreements with WBBA. Specific points contained in a letter from Bob Pantle to Charles Collins were discussed. It was suggested that contact be made with Bob Pyle to see what copies he might have of the original agreements pertaining to this matter.

**Treasurer:** Davis Corkran—An update to the written report was given showing the following members as of 21 March 1978: 552 renewals, 31 new members, 51 Life Members, making a total membership of 634. Report accepted.

**Editor:** Mickey Mutchler—The Journal is going very well, but the Editor does need short articles for fillers. Mickey noted that many MTAB's are not being passed on to sub-permittees and she asked if pertinent excerpts might be published in NABB. It was agreed that she is to do this in the future.

Val Freer asked if all articles—long or short—could be listed in an index. The Editor will see that this is done whenever space permits. A five-year index is in the process of being compiled.

Val Freer moved that a notice be put in NABB to the effect that membership lists are available from the Secretary. Anyone requesting a list should send an amount of money previously determined by the Editor to cover the cost of compiling and mailing. A current membership list should be made available yearly. Seconded by Bill MacIntosh and approved. Report accepted.

### Standing Committees:

**Location:** Valerie Freer—Four tentative locations are available for the coming years. She would like to discuss them with the in-coming president before making a definite commitment.

**Finance:** No chairman appointed after the resignation of Kathleen Klimkiewicz as Third Vice President.

**Nominating:** Mabel Warburton—The following slate was presented:

President—Robert J. Pantle

First Vice Pres.—Valerie Freer

Second Vice Pres.—Will Merritt

Third Vice Pres.—Hannah Suthers

Secretary—Elva Hawken

Treasurer—Davis Corkran

Council (terms expire in 1981)—John C. Miller, PA; Frank Neumann, PA, Robert Merritt, PA, Isabel Tipton, NC, Charl Warblurton, NJ\*

\*To replace Hannah Suthers who moved to Third Vice-President. Term will expire in 1980.

**Conservation:** Douglas Kibbe—no report

**Auditing:** No chairman appointed. An auditor certified all records. Report accepted.

**Memorial Fund:** Bertram G. Murray, Jr.—Eight applications were received. A recommendation that the award be given Melinda J. Welton of the Univ. of Conn. in support of her proposed research, "Territory size and breeding density in the Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*)" was moved and seconded.

Bob Pantle asked if we had received a report from Betty Schardian, last year's recipient, as to the progress made in her study. No such acknowledgement had been received. It was noted that, even though these stipulations had been in the minutes published in NABB, recipients of the grant might not be aware that they are to make progress reports to EBBA. Davis Corkran said he would write to Ms. Schardian asking for such an acknowledgement. In the future, the Treasurer will send

a covering letter with each check for the Memorial Fund. Report accepted.

**Mist Net:** Robert Merritt—A profit of \$919.61 was realized during the year even though gross sales of nets have dropped. It is felt that the Japanese are pricing themselves out of the net business. Report accepted.

**Education:** Tom Mutchler—Discussion took place as to the feasibility of combining the Education and Conservation committees, as many of these committees' areas overlap. No action taken. Report accepted.

**Membership:** Claire Gottschall—No report.

**Circulation:** Ruth Rose—It was noted that non-renewing members who have not responded to the first renewal notice sent in April of each year, currently receive 2 issues of NABB, which is one half of a subscription free! A motion was made by Valerie Freer, seconded by Hannah Suthers, that the wording of Article IV, Sec. 3 of our By-laws be changed to read: "All dues are payable on January first of each year. Second notices are to be sent to those who are in arrears on March 1st. A member whose dues are three (3) months in arrears is no longer a 'Member in good standing' and automatically forfeits his membership." Approved. The By-laws committee will be so advised.

**Historian:** Dorothy Foy—No report.

#### **Special Committees:**

**Ethics:** Ronald Keiper—No report.

**By-laws:** Robert Yunick—After discussion of suggestions made by the committee a motion was made by Bill MacIntosh, seconded by Val Freer, that the By-laws be rewritten in modern, proper language, incorporating all of the suggestions made by the committee. Approved. Copies of the committee report will be sent to all officers and councillors for their perusal and comments. Report accepted.

#### **New Business:**

A proposed By-laws amendment to recognize affiliation of Regional Groups was placed before Council. In discussing the proposal, it was felt that even though EBBA does encourage local banding groups, there is little value to be gained by affiliation of these groups with EBBA. A proposal from Chris Rose, chairman of Regional Organization Committee, was read. He stated that property and buildings at Sandy Hook, NJ are available for use and Gateway Bird Banding Association feels that federal monies might be more available if the local group were a chapter of EBBA. If this property were purchased or leased, it could conceivably serve as a "home" for EBBA—a need that has been discussed for several years. It was decided that a more thorough study be made as to the actual meaning of "affiliation" in regard to legal liabilities of the parent organization. Val Freer moved and Bill MacIntosh seconded that the By-laws amendment proposal be defeated. Approved.

The Editor is to make a trip to Arizona to attend the annual meeting of WBBA. It was moved by Bill MacIntosh, seconded by Kathleen Anderson, that she be reimbursed up to \$300 for expenses. Approved.

Use of computerized labels was discussed and it was noted that they are available from two sources—one in Saddlebrook, NJ and the other from Eldon Publishing in Ariz. No decision was reached.

The need for a possible dues increase this year was brought before Council but no decision was made at this time.

Some form of acknowledgement for receiving new memberships must be implemented so that people newly joining EBBA will know that their application has been received and is being processed. Several suggestions were discussed but no decision was reached.

Ted reported that he and Charles Collins, President of WBBA, had co-authored a letter to Bernie Brouchoud, President of EBBA, restating our hope that IBBA would someday join with us in our Journal merger to make it truly North American in scope.

Nadia Mutchler was re-elected Editor for the coming year.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elva Hawken, Secretary

## **Annual Meeting Minutes**

### **25 March 1978**

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by President Ted Beckett.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the 1977 Meeting were approved as read.

**President's Report:** Our Journal, NABB, is going well and is held in good regard in the ornithological world.

**Treasurer's Report:** Income for the year was \$5,548.23  
Expenses were 4,960.28  
Net profit \$ 587.95

There are 634 members as of 21 March 1978.

**Location:** Valerie Freer reported that the 1979 meeting will be held in Lake Placid, NY. It is hoped that the 1980 meeting will be combined with IBBA, possibly in Ohio, and the 1981 meeting is tentatively being planned for the Pocono region in PA.

**New Business:** The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of nominees for the coming year:

President—Robert Pantle

First Vice President—Valerie Freer

Second Vice President—Will Merritt

Third Vice President—Hannah Suthers

Secretary—Elva Hawken

Treasurer—Davis Corkran

Council (terms expiring in 1981)—John C. Miller, PA,

Frank Neumann, PA, Robert E. Merritt, PA, Isabel Tipton, NC, and (term expiring in 1980) Charl Warburton, NJ.\*

\*To replace Hannah Suthers who moved to Third Vice President.

After an invitation for nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded that the Secretary cast the ballot electing the slate as nominated.

Ray Middleton suggested that a vote of thanks be given to our Editor, Mickey Mutchler, for a job well done.

It was suggested that the wording of Article IV, Sec. 3 of our By-laws be changed to read: "All dues are payable on January first (1) of each year. Second notices are to be sent to those who are in arrears on March first (1). A member whose dues are three (3) months in arrears is no longer a 'member in good standing' and automatically forfeits his membership." Moved, seconded, and approved.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elva Hawken, Secretary

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## AFR Station Reports—Old and New

In order to encourage more stations to become involved in the Atlantic Flyway Review, Donald F. Clark, the overall co-ordinator, has requested that the following information be published. Each area has its own basic interest; for specifics, contact your regional coordinator. The following is a general outline of the information needed:

Station coordinates

Approximate location—miles and direction to the nearest large town which can easily be found on a map.

Total number of days of operation

Number of nets used

Total number of birds banded

Number of species banded

Total net hours

Largest daily catch and date

Birds banded per 100 net hours\*

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\*Birds per net hour determination

**For each day:**

Number of nets X number of hours = net hours

Ex: 6 nets X 4 hours = 24 net hours

**Season total:**

Add net hours for each banding day

Ex: 8/1 = 24

8/5 = 18

8/8 = 10

52 total net hours

**Birds per 100 net hours:**

$\frac{\text{Total number of birds banded} \times 100}{\text{Total net hours}} = \text{Birds}/100 \text{ n.h.}$

Ex:  $\frac{500 \text{ birds banded}}{2000 \text{ total net hours}} = .25 \times 100 = 25 \text{ birds per } 100 \text{ net hours}$

Top 5 or 6 species

This information is put into chart form by the coordinator.

Actual station reports should include:

Your banding pattern (mornings only, weekends only, daily, etc.)

Notable increases or decreases in numbers caught as compared with other years.

General information on weather

Biggest day (or top day each month)

Returns, recoveries, rarities

Other information of interest

Please note that typewritten reports should be double-spaced, and dates should be given with the day first, as 25 November 1978.

Your report should be sent to the coordinator by 15 January 1979.

Region I: Richard Ferren, Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Region II: Valerie Freer, RFD 1 Box 21G, Ellen-ville, NY 12428

Region III: Robert Dewire, 9 Canary St., Pawcatuk, CT 02891

Region IV: Donald F. Clark, RFD Hicks Rd., Franklinville, NY 14737

Region V: Chandler Robbins, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Migratory Non-game Section, Laurel, MD 20811

The AFR in NABB continues to run a year behind. Only your cooperation can help us up-date the materials.