

# *Inland Regional News*

## *Inland Bird Banding Association*

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Great meeting in Arkansas! Good friends, good birds, good weather, great fall color! I am honored to serve as IBBA's President for the coming year and look forward to working with you.

My goals for the year are to (1) increase membership, especially among students, (2) increase the number of pages IBBA contributes to *NABB*, (3) provide an opportunity for more personal interactions through *NABB*, (4) get the constitution and bylaws in good shape and up-to-date, (5) get a useful membership list out to members, (6) get an annual meeting handbook prepared and available for our meeting hosts, (7) assure that IBBA plays a leading role in the North American Bird Banding Council, (8) enhance our meetings with workshops and roundtable discussions for all banders, and (9) get a new membership brochure out. I am very open to new ideas and anxious to involve our members in moving ahead with projects that can improve the quality, usefulness, and enjoyment of banding.

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### IBBA'S 1996 FALL MEETING

Inland Bird Banding Association met jointly with the Arkansas Audubon Society, 25 - 27 October 1996, at the Mt Sequoyah Conference and Retreat Center, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The Friday evening speaker was *Dan Reinking*, G. M. Sutton Avian Research Center, who spoke on "Avian Research in the Tall Grass Prairie of Oklahoma."

Saturday's Dinner Speaker was *Peter Stangel* of the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, speaking on "The Future of Birds."

The Saturday program included the following papers:

*Kathy Klimkiewicz*, Bird Banding Laboratory, "Bird Banding Laboratory Updates"

*Gina Crowder*, University of Arkansas, "Correlation between female condition and fecundity in the Ouachita National Forest Red-cockaded Woodpecker population"

*Jerome A. Jackson*, Mississippi State University, "Aspects of the behavioral ecology of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers at Fort Polk, Louisiana"

*Kenneth Burton*, Point Reyes, "The effects of sampling frequency on productivity indices at MAPS stations"

*Chris Kellner*, Arkansas Tech University, "Mist-netting during fall migration: A comparison of early and late successional forests"

*Camille Ciriano*, University of Arkansas, "A comparison of Wild Turkey nest micro-habitats between the Ozark and Ouachita National Forests"

*Don Catanzaro & Kim Smith*, University of Arkansas, "The Arkansas Gap Project: Mapping the avian diversity of the state"



## MINUTES OF FIRST IBBA BOARD MEETING

President Strnad called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm, 25 October 1996, at Fayetteville, AR. Attendees: Forest Strnad, Jerry Jackson, Ruth Green, Tom Bartlett, Betty Grenon, Darleen Ayres, Molly Henke, Ron Weiss and Mark Shieldcastle.

The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report with total assets of \$45,696.20 was accepted. A research grant for Jim Armacost of \$1000 was paid out (\$300 from the Paul Stewart Fund and \$700 from the Endowment Fund).

Membership is currently 363 and continues a slow decline.

**Old Business:** Terry Ingram will be requested to submit an Income/expense statement to support the declared shortfall from the October 1995 conference.

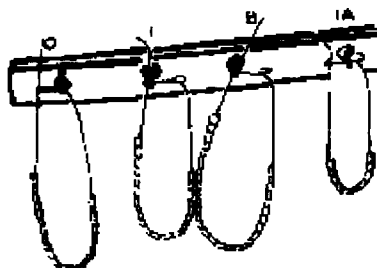
Discussion on the mist net activity was tabled until the report and statements are received from Terry Ingram.

**New Business:** A proposal was passed to establish an Audit Committee consisting of an IBBA member and the President to review the Treasurer's books prior to the installation of a new Treasurer. The President's report was read and discussion generated about the need for a handbook or set of guidelines for the sponsors of the annual meeting. Jerry Jackson offered to draft such a paper and Molly Henke will review. A motion was passed to provide a seed fund of \$300 for each annual meeting, to be reimbursed from the registration proceeds. The American Ornithologists' Union meeting in Minneapolis, MN, in mid-August was recommended as a site for an interim IBBA board meeting. All members will be invited and encouraged to attend both sessions. The Membership Secretary noted a need to renew/restock new membership brochures. The member roster should be mailed with the 1997 dues notice, without specialization categories. A letter from Ed Peartree proposing a separation of IBBA from the *NABB* journal was read. Sense of the board opinion was to try to enhance IBBA's participation rather than drop our commitment.

**Editor's report** commented on the need for more member articles and participation.

**Mark Shieldcastle**, reporting for Julie Shieldcastle, presented the slate of officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.



## IBBA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Forest Strnad called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, 26 October 1996, at Fayetteville, AR. The Secretary determined that a quorum was present of the 26 members registered. The minutes from the previous business meeting was approved as published in *NABB*.

Treasurer's report presented balances as of 1 October 1996 as follows: Operations Account, \$19,492.52; Paul Stewart Research Fund, \$15,517.33; Life Membership Fund, \$10,686.35; Total assets, \$45,696.20. Annual receipts, \$5,539.36; annual disbursements, \$5,353.34.

President Forest Strnad announced that he would not be a candidate for President again, and recognized all who assisted him in his term. He also suggested that additional informal reports for *NABB* might restore some of the earlier personal closeness of working together that the Minnesota banders experienced.

Editor Lowther reported on the year's efforts and requested submissions from members. Three manuscripts have been published this year. He also noted that timeliness of the issues has a direct association with having material on hand to process. A steady trickle of submissions would avoid last minute scrambling for material. Robert Pantle, Production Manager, *NABB*, has expressed some concern about the viability of IBBA in terms of total membership and activity as related to IBBA's section in the journal.

**Endowment Committee:** Bauldry reported that the Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve had a test run of a MAPS station with the financial help of IBBA. They are committed to the project for 5 - 10 years. They requested a donation of 10 thrush nets for a Saw-whet Owl banding station.

**Membership Secretary Bartlett** reported a current membership total of 363, a slight decline for the third year in a row. An IBBA bander directory will be published with this year's dues

notice; this had been delayed from the previous year. New membership brochures are also being developed.

**Old business:** Updates of the by-laws have been partially completed and should be available at the next meeting. Ingram reported that we have 98 mist nets on hand and owe the Polish supplier \$785 for part of an order sent by mistake. (Action taken at the subsequent Board meeting called for termination of this project upon sale of remaining stock due to unsatisfactory quality of the nets.) Jane Dunlap reported that the safe deposit box in Norfolk has been closed and the contents sent to Jerry Jackson. A copy of all contents are to be maintained by the Secretary.

**New business:** The Nominating Committee submitted the slate of officers for the coming year: Jerry Jackson, President; Ruth Green, First Vice-President; Mark Shieldcastle, Second Vice-President; Tom Kashmer, Treasurer; Betty Grenon, Secretary; and Ronald Weiss, Director. Directors Molly Henke and Tom Little remain in office. The Secretary was directed to cast an unanimous vote accepting the slate as proposed. Next year's Nominating Committee will be chaired by Jane Dunlap.

President Strnad received a letter from Ed Peartree requesting consideration of replacing *NABB* participation with a quarterly newsletter for IBBA. The consensus of the Board was that the same results could be achieved by using *NABB* more fully. Submissions from members are required in either case.

Jim Armacost, an IBBA grant recipient of 1996, was in attendance and recognized.

Don Varner indicated that he still has numerous back issues of *NABB*. It was noted that the early records were in conjunction with the Wilson Society. There is still a need for an official repository.

An interim Board meeting, to be held in conjunction with the American Ornithologists' Union meeting in Minneapolis in mid-August 1997,

was proposed and a special effort will be made to encourage IBBA members to take advantage of this event.

The next Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, 10-12 October 1997. The meeting will be held at the Camp Perry National Guard Facility in Port Clinton, Ohio, in the northwest part of the state. There will be a limited number of motel accommodations at the facility within walking distance of the meeting and banquet rooms. More information later. The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 pm.

*Elizabeth A. Grenon*  
Secretary

**Attendance:** Arden Aanestad (MN), Jim Armacost (MS), Darleen Ayres (IA), Tom Bartlett (OH), Vince & Virginia Bauldry (WI), J. H. & Jane Dunlap (NB), Perk & Lenah Floyd (AR), Thomas Foti (AR), Ruth Green (NB), Betty Grenon (NB), John Haertel (SD), Molly Henke (MN), Nelson Hoskins (IA), Terry, Ida & Nancy Ingram (IL), Jerry & Bette Jackson (MS), Douglas James (AR), Tom Kashmer (OH), Ethel Kawamura (TN), Keith Kimmerle (MO), Portia Macmillan (TN), Jeri McMahon (OK), Peter & Mary Lou Petersen (IA), Dan Ragen (ON), Mark Shieldcastle (OH), John Steiner (SD), Forest & Kirsten Strnad (MN), Marge Thomas (MN), Don & Joyce Varner (OK), Ronald & Linda Weiss (IN), Bill & Ellie Womack (OK)

## SECOND IBBA BOARD MEETING

President Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm, 26 October 1996, at Fayetteville, AR. Attendees: Jerry Jackson, Mark Shieldcastle, Tom Kashmer, Betty Grenon, Molly Henke, Ron Weiss, Forest Strnad, Tom Bartlett, Vince Bauldry, and Terry Ingram.

**New Business:** President Jackson discussed his sense of direction for IBBA as focusing on expanding membership and reaching out to members through the newsletter. To that end he requested that publicity on the Board meeting at the AOU meeting, minutes from this meeting, including names of those attending, and notice of future meetings be submitted to Peter Lowther for

IBBA's section of *NABB*. The membership roster, new brochures for recruiting members, and the meeting guidelines for hosts were reiterated as important tasks for the next few months. Student membership, more banding workshops at annual meetings, and clarification and publicity of endowment grants were also discussed as beneficial to increased attractions for members.

The next meeting of the North American Banding Council will meet in late May-early April 1997 in Tucson, AZ. Ruth Green and Jerry Jackson will continue as IBBA's representatives to this meeting. A motion was passed for IBBA to pay representatives' expenses to attend.

**Old Business:** Discussion of the mist net sales follows. Due to unsatisfactory net quality, a motion was passed to discontinue the net sales when the current inventory is gone.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

## BUBOLZ NATURE PRESERVE

The MAPS program is on its way at the Bubolz Nature Preserve thanks to the financial help of the Inland Bird Banding Association and Wisconsin Society of Ornithology. Thirty-six hours of banding captured 91 species and included target species for the program as well as a Nashville Warbler and numerous Northern Waterthrushes. Because the Preserve is such a large wetland tract, this first year has been designed as a test run. Chuck Petters, Tom Meyer, and Elaine Meyer spent extra time searching out new sites for next season's run and the establishment of a permanent location. Only young of five species were captured (Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler, American Robin, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and possibly Gray Catbird).

The Preserve appreciates IBBA's support and is committed to the MAPS project for the next 5 - 10 years. Please contact me if you would like to tour the station next summer.

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FALL BIRD MIGRATION MONITORING  
AT  
METRO BEACH METROPARK

Bird migration monitoring studies continue in the far southwestern corner of Metro Beach Metropark on Lake St. Clair, near Mt. Clemens, Michigan. During this eighth fall, mist nets were opened 13 days between 24 August and 6 October 1996. On 7 September, no nets were up because of an unrelenting downpour of rain, a peripheral effect of Hurricane Fran. The next day, however, 103 birds were banded -- 143.1 birds/100 net hours.

Natural areas of Metro Beach Metropark, though small in size, are important stopover sites for migrating birds: this fall over 1000 individuals of migrating birds used this banding area. Included were 22 warbler species, 6 thrushes, 6 sparrows and 4 vireos. Overall, this fall's numbers were low compared to previous falls. Totals were 45% lower than our 1991 peak year. Totals this fall included 589 individuals of 54 species banded during 1014 net hours and 1160 individuals of 85 species observed.

Highest numbers included Magnolia Warbler 88, American Redstart 40, Song Sparrow 33, Gray Catbird 31, White-throated Sparrow 31, Swainson's Thrush 25, Nashville Warbler 24, Black-capped Chickadee 22, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 21, Red-eyed Vireo 19, and Common Yellowthroat 19. The following species were represented by 1 each: Eastern Wood-Pewee, Traill's Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Veery, Wood Thrush, Blackburnian Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Lincoln's Sparrow and White-crowned Sparrow.

Species banded but not independently observed in the banding area included Traill's Flycatcher 1, Least Flycatcher 1, Gray-cheeked Thrush 2, Solitary Vireo 5, Northern Parula 2, Chestnut-sided Warbler 12, Blackburnian Warbler 1, Black-and-white Warbler 9, Connecticut Warbler 1, Mourning Warbler 1, Canada Warbler 6, Lincoln's Sparrow 1. These data continue to demonstrate the necessity of including mistnetting and banding, as well as observations, in landbird migration monitoring studies.

Recaptures showed that 55 individuals of 18 species remained at Metro Beach Metropark from 1 to 43 days. In the following list, numbers indicate days between banding and recapture: Hermit Thrush, 1; Orange-crowned Warbler, 15; Nashville Warbler, 2, 2, 1; Magnolia Warbler, 8, 8, 8, 2, 1, 1, 1; Black-throated Blue Warbler, 1; Bay-breasted Warbler, 2; American Redstart, 8, 1; Northern Waterthrush, 9, 7, 1; Common Yellowthroat, 9, 9, 2, 1, 1; Canada Warbler, 2; White-throated Sparrow, 1.

Returns from previous seasons included 11 individuals of 8 species: Downy Woodpecker, Yellow-shafted Flicker, Black-capped Chickadee, Gray Catbird, Common Yellowthroat, Northern Cardinal, Song Sparrow and Swamp Sparrow. A male chickadee, first banded 9 September 1989 and caught again this fall, has flown into mist nets 21 times.

The members of the all-volunteer Fall 1996 Banding Team were Marilyn Brannigan, Mary Brown, Russ Brown, Allen Chartier, Kathy Cooper, Mandy Dunlap, Margaret Gazette, Audrey Grier, Terry Halatek, Kay Horton, Larry McCullough, Mary McCullough, Fred McDonald, Jeff Rebitzke, Phyllis Schroeder, John Tyler, Jim Wheeler, and Sue Wright. They join me in extending appreciation for fine cooperation from Metro Beach administrators and staff.

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