



Eastern Regional News

Eastern Bird Banding Association

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**Excerpts from Minutes of
EBBA's 75th Annual Meeting
held 17-19 April 1998
at Villa Maria Center,
Erie, Pennsylvania**

President's Report: President Earl Hodnett announced that representatives from both EBBA and WBBA have been invited to a joint banding meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, in fall 1998, hosted by IBBA and the Assoc. of Field Ornithologists. He also encouraged present members to become more actively involved in the association and encouraged everyone to solicit new members.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Don Mease reported that income for the past fiscal year covered expenses; that the Memorial Grant Fund monies come from life membership payments and contributions which are invested; and the Frazier Fund income comes from donations and the proceeds of the bucket raffle.

Memorial Grant Committee: (see report below)

Mist Net Committee: Gale Smith reported he was still having communications problems with our net supplier in Japan. He has Japanese nets for sale in other than 12 m lengths. He also has Taiwanese nets for sale which are the same type available from Spidertech in Finland.

Membership: Elaine Mease reported that EBBA has added 24 new members in the past year for a current total of 476 members.

Editor: Robert Pantle made an appeal for articles for *NABB* and also requested line drawings. He also reported that the three editors and the literature review editor of *NABB* are working on changes to the format for manuscripts. These changes will be published in the Suggestions to Authors section when agreed upon.

Historian: Brad Silfies reported that he has received a request for founding information about EBBA for a chapter in a proposed volume on Contributions to the History of North American Ornithology. He has requested any historical material about EBBA be sent to him (address on inside front cover).

Nominating Committee: President Earl Hodnett reported the following officers and councilors for 1998/99:

President	Dave Hauber
First Vice President	Elizabeth Brooks
Second Vice President	Alan Gehret
Third Vice President	Ken Heselton
Secretary	Robert McKinney
Treasurer	Donald Mease
Editor	Robert Pantle
Councilor (replacing Heselton)	Brad Silfies
Councilor	Herb Volker
Councilor	Donald Watts
Councilor	Barbara Ross
Councilor	Joseph Borker

New Business: Betsy Brooks announced that next year's meeting will be 16-18 April in Rochester, New York, sponsored by Braddock Bay Bird Observatory. The meeting theme will be "Migration Monitoring."

Roy Slack announced that next year travel grants will be available to students to help them with the cost of attending the meeting. There will be an announcement in *NABB*.

Mary Forness received a certificate of honorary membership in recognition of all the work she has done for the association.

Ken Heselton announced that size 0A banding pliers available from Avinet now have the proper size holes to close the bands. Roger MacDonald no longer sells pliers for small bands and has contracted with Avinet to have them do so.

Bob Pantle announced that he is planning to prepare a web site for *NABB*. When available, it will be announced in *NABB*.

Friday Night's Program - Winter Diving Duck Banding on the Niagara River and August Waterfowl Banding in Alberta, **Jerry Farrell**, speaker.

Saturday: Paper sessions, workshops, equipment display, silent auction, bucket raffle)

Ron Mumme, Social Behavior of the Florida Scrub-Jay: Implications for Conservation

Don Watts, Kestrel Nest Box Trail near Warren, PA

Rick White, Changes in Community Along Successional Gradients in Hardwood Forests

Joan Howlett, The Effects of Nest Concealment, Female Color, and Within-Season Dispersal on Predation in Hooded Warblers

Pixie Senesac, Cornell Nest Box Network

Dave Darney, Locating and Banding Saw-Whet Owls during the Day

Mary Forness, Avian First Aid

John Tautin, Annual Report from the Bird Banding Lab

Ken Burton, Workshop on the New Bird Banding Manual by Pyle

Banquet Program: **James R. Hill, III**, founder of the Purple Martin Conservation Association, The Purple Martin: An Internationally Shared Resource.

MEMORIAL GRANT 1998 AWARDS

Two applications were received and reviewed for the 1998 grant awards. Each applicant has finished his masters program recently, with several publications, and has started the Ph.D. program at another institution. Both were awarded grants for 1998.

Robert J. Smith of Mount Olive, MS, received his grant for his project "Resource Dynamics and Early Spring Arrival of Nearctic-Neotropical Migrant Landbirds Along the Northern Lake Huron Shoreline." This project will evaluate the use and importance of chironomids and other available arthropods to American Redstarts and other warblers arriving at their northerly breeding grounds in early spring.

Gregory A. Jones of Gainesville, FL, received his grant for "Assessment of Avian Interaction with Citrus Production in Florida: Enhancing the Agroecosystem Balance." This three-year project will study the effects of wild bird management on the productivity and sustainability of agriculture and in the maintenance of ecological integrity and biodiversity in modern agroecosystems.

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Memorial Grants Committee

