



# Eastern Regional News

**Eastern Bird Banding Association**

**Founded 1923**

**Excerpts from Minutes of EBBA's 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
held 16-18 April 1999 at Airport Holiday Inn  
Rochester, New York**

The meeting was attended by 118 members and guests.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Don Mease reported that EBBA expenses were paid leaving us with a surplus. He reported that interest from the Frazier Fund is used to pay the Editor's honorarium, and the interest from the Memorial Fund is used to pay for grants and awards.

**Memorial Grant Committee:** Richard Roberts announced that from the four applications received, two awards were made. One was to Rae Winfree, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Princeton, for her study of brood parasitism of the Brown-headed Cowbird as related to the decline of North American songbird populations. The other grant was to Robert Smith, University of Southern Mississippi, who is studying the migratory condition and its relation to reproductive performance in American Redstarts and Magnolia Warblers. Last year's recipient, Greg Jones, has submitted a manuscript of his paper to the *North American Bird Bander* for publication.

**Mist Net Committee:** Gale Smith announced that we again have nets for sale from a new Japanese supplier. All nets are tethered. Dave Hauber acknowledged Bob Yunick's help in obtaining the net supplier.

**Back Issues Publications and Circulation:**

Elaine Mease reported that she can arrange to sell members' back issues of the *North American Bird Bander*. She also stated that if anyone knows of a library that would like a set of back issues of *NABB*, she can arrange to get them to the library.

**Membership Committee:** Elaine Mease reported that as of 10 Mar 1999 we have 472 members, which is a decrease of four from last year. New members attending the meeting were welcomed and voted into membership.

**Editor:** Bob Pantle reported that the requirements for manuscripts for *NABB* has been upgraded with the approval of the three regional editors. He made an appeal for more manuscripts for *NABB*. He announced that for about a month now EBBA has had an Internet web site. He intends to include a copy of the cover of the current issue of *NABB*. There is provision for readers to make contact with him and with all EBBA officers by e-mail. The address is <http://www.spectra.net/~bpbird/> all in lower case characters. Bob thanked Susannah Graedel for working on an index for the first twenty volumes of *NABB*. Susannah stated that she has been working on the index but because of changes in her personal life, finds she needs help. She asked for volunteers.

**Student Travel Grant Award Committee:** Roy Slack announced the recipient this year was Greg Jones, a former recipient of a Memorial Grant award. The award pays for his travel expenses from Florida.

**Nominating Committee:** Bob Pantle announced the slate of nominees for the coming year:

President	Elizabeth Brooks
First Vice President	Alan Gehret
Second Vice President	Ken Heselton
Third Vice President	Mary Forness
Secretary	Robert McKinney
Treasurer	Donald Mease
Editor	Robert Pantle

Councilors (Class 2000)	Glen Mahler Tony Quezon Robert Yunick Brad Silfies
(Class 2001)	Herb Volker Donald Watts Barbara Ross Joseph Borker
(Class 2002)	Cathie Slack Gale Smith Earl Hodnett Richard Roberts
Past President	David Hauber

**New Business:** Alan Gehret announced the meeting next year will be held 14, 15 & 16 April at Audubon, Pennsylvania, the site where Audubon banded the first bird in the United States in the year 1805.

**Bird Banding Lab Report:** In answer to a question as to how the BBL plans to implement acknowledgment of banders' expenses for income tax purposes, John Tautin indicated that if a bander will request in writing, such acknowledgment from the BBL, the BBL will send a letter to the bander acknowledging the bander's prior year participation in the banding program. By current IRS code, such a letter for the year of filing must be dated and in hand prior to filing before 15 April of the following year; i.e., to verify the claimed expenses for 1999, one needs the letter in hand prior to filing on or before 15 April 2000.



### Sale of EBBA Mist Nets

If you are interested in purchasing EBBA mist nets, it is now possible to contact EBBA's net committee chairperson Gale Smith and view the size nets currently in stock and their prices at EBBA's web site at: <http://www.pronetisp.net/~bpbird/>

**In order to purchase mist nets you must provide a copy of your license and/or authorization for their use.**

