

**Excerpts from Minutes of EBBA's
78th Annual Meeting
Held 20-22 April 2001
at Harford Glen Environmental Educa-
tion Center
Abingdon, Maryland**

***Theme: Bird Banding and Environmental
Education***

President's Report: President Gehret expressed appreciation for the opportunity of serving as president and reported we had a relatively uneventful year. Considerable effort has been expended by the net committee with help from Bob Yunick to secure a Japanese mist net supplier who could supply polyester nets in a quantity that we could afford to purchase. Alan expressed his appreciation to various members of his team for the fine jobs they are doing: Ken Heselton for organizing this year's meeting; Bob Pantle as EBBA editor and NABB production coordinator; and Brad Silfies as historian.

Memorial Grants: Alan Gehret reported that 12 excellent grant requests were received from which the following two \$500 grants were awarded: Mark Hauber, Cornell University, for his study "Social Experiences and Species Recognition in Brood Parasites"; Vincent Formica, Indiana State University, for his study "Territoriality in the White-throated Sparrow."

Mist Net Committee: Gale Smith reported that he has about \$32,000 worth of Japanese nylon nets for sale. He has been directed by Council to pursue the purchase of polyester nets and is hopeful of having these nets to sell within six to nine months.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Treasurer Don Mease, Alan Gehret reported that the Association's finances are in good condition.

Membership Report: In the absence of Elaine Mease, Alan Gehret reported that we added 28 new members in the past year and we currently have 464 members.

Editor's Report: Bob Pantle announced that there will be a page in each issue of the journal from the North American Banding Council, provided by Lucie Metras. He also noted that a recent issue of *NABB* has an article by Peter Pyle and Steve Howell revising the ageing and sexing key for Blue-throated Hummingbirds as it appears in Pyle's identification guide. This revision was published as a pull-out page to be inserted in the guide. He urged those who present a paper at EBBA's meetings to submit the paper for publication in *NABB*.

Student Travel Award: In the absence of Chairperson Roy Slack, Alan Gehret announced that a \$225 award was presented to Mark Hauber of Cornell University, who presented a paper at this meeting.

Nominating Committee: John Forness presented the following slate of officers which were accepted unanimously:

President	Ken Heselton
First Vice President	Mary Forness
Second Vice President	Brad Silfies
Third Vice President	Ginger Bladen
Secretary	Robert McKinney
Treasurer	Donald Mease
Councilors (class 2004)	David Hauber Herbert Volker Donald Watts Gerald Lahr
Councilors (class 2003)	Barbara Ross Joan Bell Pattison Scott Weidensaul Robert Yunick
Councilors (class 2002)	Cathie Slack Gale Smith Earl Hodnett Richard Roberts

North American Banding Council: Mary Doscher, EBBA's delegate, announced plans to hold a bander certification session this fall at Braddock Bay (near Rochester, NY) on 12 - 14 Oct

Two of the manuals pertaining primarily to passerine banding are available. Future manuals are planned on banding shorebirds, seabirds, and waterfowl. There are also plans to hold a bander certification session in April 2002 at the time of the EBBA meeting in Niagara Falls, NY.

Year 2002 Meeting: John Forness announced plans for the 2002 meeting at "The Pointe" Comfort Inn at Niagara Falls, NY the weekend of 19 - 21 April.

Attendance: There were 96 in attendance for this year's meeting.

Program for the Annual Meeting included:

Featured Speakers:

Chan Robbins - What I have learned from one hundred thousand back-yard net-hours

Dr. William JL Sladen - Teaching Trumpeter Swans Migration Routes by Ultralight Aircraft: The Science behind the Hollywood Movie "Fly Away Home"

Saturday Paper Session:

Mark E. Hauber - Host-parasite hatching asynchrony and the cost of brood parasitism

Paul Wedeking - Exploitation of a Limited Food Source by Blue Jays

Janet Huie - An ideal research effort: Mapping the bird banders who can collect ticks in the U.S.

Bill Hilton, Jr. - Education banding in a cyberworld

Dennis Kirkwood - Bird banding and environmental education

Other Reports and Activities:

David Brewer - Photo Quiz

Dennis Kirkwood - Tour of Harford Glen

John Tautin - Banding Laboratory Report

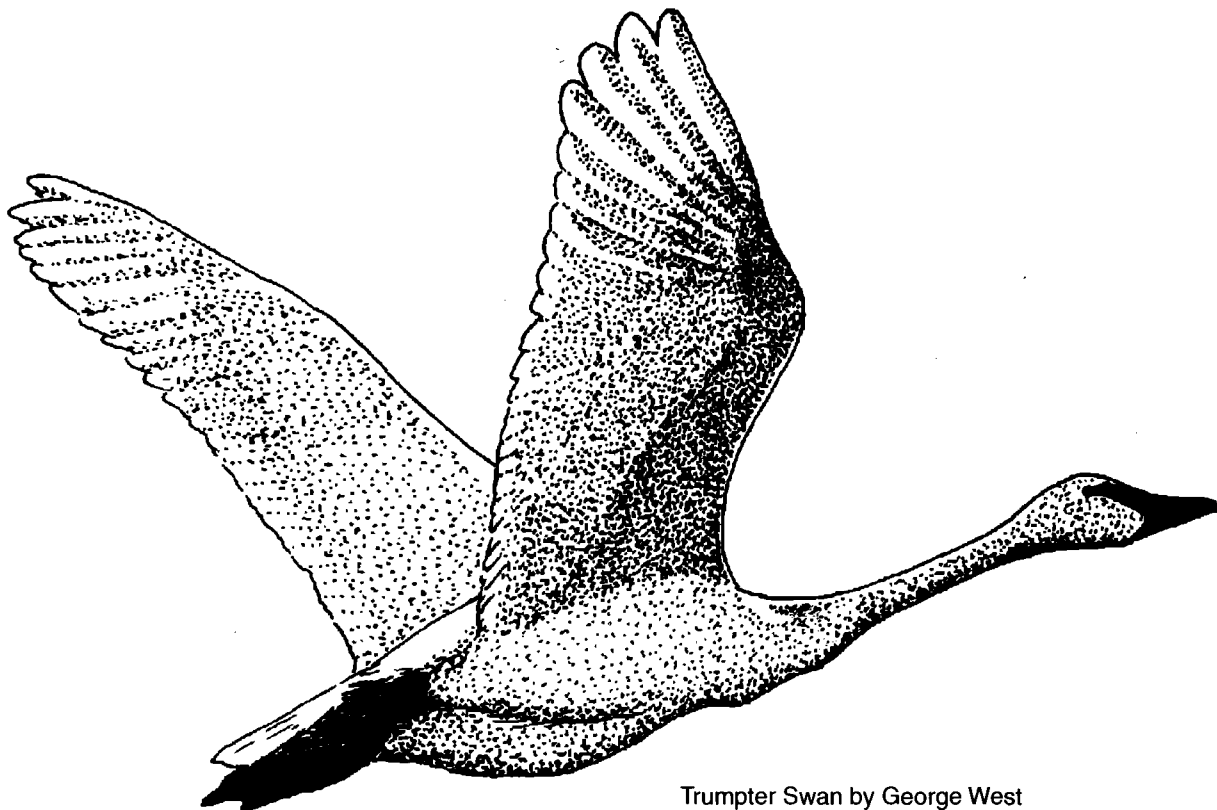
Danielle O'Grady - MAPS

Mary Gustafson - Band Manager

Field Trips:

Visit to a Bald Eagle's nest.

Canoe trip from Estuarian Research Reserve in Leight Park.



Trumpeter Swan by George West