

I am also including data on Eastern Towhee, Dark-eyed Junco and Northern Cardinal. One thousand three hundred and thirty-six individuals of these 16 species were banded. Only eight species had individuals retrapped in subsequent years. Savannah Sparrows showed the highest return rates with 26.9%, followed by White-throated Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Chipping Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Song Sparrow, and Dark-eyed Junco in decreasing order. I will also discuss an unusual habitat for wintering *Ammodrammus* sparrows in northeast Texas and returns for other avian species.

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### **Inland Bird Banding Association Business Meeting, Harlingen, Texas 21 Sep 2002**

The 80<sup>th</sup> meeting of IBBA was opened by President Mark Shieldcastle at 1:00 pm.

**Minutes** of the 2001 meeting were accepted as published in *NABB*, Vol. 26 No. 3.

The **Treasurer** reported total assets are \$56,768.44 as of 21 Sep 2002: Life Membership Account, \$13,954.24; Paul Stewart Research Fund, \$18,703.11; IBBA Avian Research Fund, \$14,263.06. Costs for publications are now \$9.50 per member per year. Membership remains fairly stable at 328.

**Editor** reported 4 issues of *NABB* have been published (Vol. 26, No. 3, through Vol. 27, No. 2, inclusive). IBBA's page count in the four issues were: Vol. 26 (3): 3 pages; Vol. 26 (4): 25 pages; Vol. 27 (1): 6 pages; and Vol. 27 (2): 6 pages. Reviewers McGowan, Hennen, Cink and Lowther were thanked for their assistance.

**Mist Net Account:** This account has been closed and a box of nets returned to Mark Shieldcastle. A motion was made by D. Cimprich and seconded by J. Ingold to contact Birders Exchange or other organizations involved in Neotropical avian research as possible recipients of the nets. The board will vote on these findings via e-mail.

**North American Banding Council:** Tom Bartlett reported on the NABC meeting held in Big Sur, California, in late March. Certifications have been held around the country and approximately 100 banders are now certified. There is now a need to increase the number of trainers. Jerry Jackson, our previous representative, is to step down. T. Bartlett will be our current representative and President Shieldcastle appointed Heide denHaan as alternate, assuming her acceptance. A discussion was held to financially support Banding Lab personnel, who now can participate only at their own expense, not in a governmental capacity. While the IBBA board supports the proposition if all three banding associations were to help, WBBA president Ken Burton said WBBA did not have sufficient funds themselves for that purpose.

**By-Law Revisions:** Revisions related to our legal address and geographic locations were submitted and accepted. A complete copy will be sent to all board members, placed on our website, and published in *NABB*. A previously approved revision in 1994 had never been circulated.

**Web Page:** Improvements to our web site will be made, especially to keep it updated with current information and to include links from other web sites. The organization will seek to get its own domain with a possible name of *ibba.org*. Cathie Hutcheson will make the necessary contacts.

**Grant Awards:** V. Kleen, chairman of the grants committee, will post a copy of the design and protocol for grant requests for each fund on IBBA's web-site, the BIRDNET web page, and as a permanent information page in IBBA's section of *NABB*; the latter to include information on student membership. A final draft will be distributed via e-mail to board members for review and subsequent posting by 1 Dec 2002.

**Future Meeting Sites:** The 2003 meeting will be held in Illinois (south of Carbondale) with C. Hutcheson and V. Kleen as hosts on the third weekend in August. The 2004 meeting is scheduled for near Bartlesville, Oklahoma, hosted by D. Cimprich. Suggestions for future sites include Kalamazoo, Michigan, and a joint meeting with WBBA.

**Dues:** T. Bartlett discussed the need to increase regular and life membership fees. Canadian postage, as well as US postage, continues to increase. A by-laws change will be required.

**Nomination Committee:** All officers have agreed to continue for another year. Brent Ortego, who has been filling a director vacancy, was nominated for a new three-year director position. Nominations were accepted and approved.

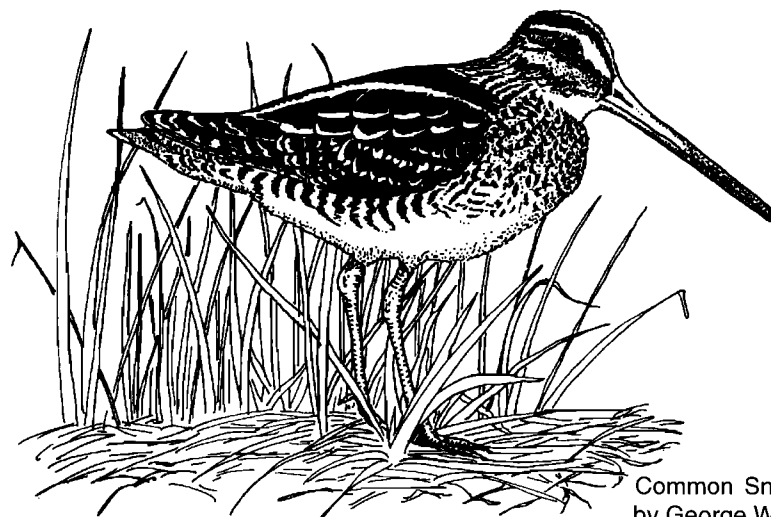
**Board Membership:** T. Bartlett proposed increasing the Board of Directors from three to six, adding one person to each current three-year position, as a way to increase member participation. A by-laws change will be required.

**Honorary Members:** T. Bartlett proposed that Honorary Life membership be bestowed upon Holmes Smith and John Tautin for their dedicated support of IBBA. T. Kashmer and B. Thobaben provided the motion, which was approved. An appropriate certificate will be sent to each recipient.

President Shieldcastle thanked Brent Ortego of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, for hosting this meeting. A total of 47 individuals participated in two days of mist-netting and paper sessions; mist-netting captured 143 birds of 41 species without injury (133 newly banded and 10 recaptures). Excess registration funds were granted to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the purchase of mist nets for their avian studies.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Persons in attendance: Claire Arthurs (MI), Tom Bartlett (OH), Don Bremer (TX), Ken Burton (CA), David Cimprich (TX), Sumner Dana (TX), Betty Grenon (NE), Sandra Herzinger (NE), Nelson Hoskins (IA), Cathie Hutcheson (IL), Jim Ingold (LA), Tom Kashmer (OH), Charles Kemper (WI), Vernon Kleen (IL), Joseph Komorowski (MI), Brent Ortego (TX), Becky Peak (TX), Mark Shieldcastle (OH), B. Thobaben (OH), and Julie West (OH).



Common Snipe  
by George West