



Eastern Regional News

Eastern Bird Banding Association

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**Excerpts from Minutes of
EBBA's 80th Annual Meeting
Held 4-6 April 2003
at the Powdermill Nature Reserve
near Hidden Valley, PA
"Expanding the World of Banding"**

Second Vice President - Ginger Bladen recommended the 2004 annual meeting be held 16-18 Apr at New London, CT.

Third Vice President - Betsy Brooks reported the acceptance of the budget and the proposal of three possible locations for the 2005 meeting: Long Point Ontario, Bowie, MD (near the Banding Lab) in conjunction with AFO and the Wilson Ornithological Society, and Braddock Bay, NY.

Treasurer - Don Mease reported the budget figures and indicated that the organization is sound. The financial report is available for any member who would like a copy.

Editor - Bob Pantle pointed out that the last issue of *NABB* (Vol.27, No. 4) contained no manuscripts, and put out a call for them. He indicated that editors and statisticians are available to assist authors. He also reported that the editors have the option to reject pre-published manuscripts.

Publication Committee - Elaine Mease reported that the membership is approximately 436, with 70 memberships still unpaid for the year. There has been a dues increase in the past year and new brochures have been printed. The website has been a help in recruiting new members.

Memorial Grant Committee - (Report by John Forness for Richard Roberts, chair, who resigned) The Memorial Grant Committee suggested two grants which were approved by council: "Age Related Hunting Tactics of the American Kestrel in Eastern Pennsylvania" by William Hobbs a PhD student at Rutgers University, and "Forest Fragmentation and Induced Edge Effect on Black-capped Chickadee" by Susan Guer, Department of Biology, Villanova University, Villanova, PA. These students each received a grant of \$500.

Net Committee - Gale Smith reported that some of the new nets had problems with knots coming undone and were sent back to Japan for repairs. Council voted to purchase more nets and agreed to have Gale eliminate some little-used net sizes and switch popular sized to polyester. He also reported that Spidertech nets will no longer be stocked. Net sales have shown a sizeable profit.

NABC Delegate Report - Mary Doscher attended a meeting in New Orleans, LA, last September and indicated the Banding Council is working on the shorebird manual and developing procedures for re-certification.

Nominating Committee - John Forness announced the candidates for officers and councilors, which were accepted as submitted:

President: Brad Silfies
First Vice President: Ginger Bladen
Second Vice President: Elizabeth Brooks
Third Vice President: Thomas Gregg
Secretary: Gerald Lahr
Treasurer: Don Mease
Councilor 2005: Barbara Ross
(replacing Richard Roberts)
Councilor 2006: Clay Black
Thomas LeBlanc
Robert Yunick
Mary Doscher

EBBA Editor: Robert Pantle

Net Committee Chair: Gale Smith

NABC Delegate: Mary Doshier with
Betsy Brooks, alternate

Logo Committee (ad hoc): Council suggested that designs should be solicited for a logo and possibly incorporate the New England states—which are now a part of the Association of Field Ornithologists—into EBBA. If they are included both the logo and the by-laws must be changed.

Bander Certification Committee - Betsy Brooks and Bob Yunick reported on a bander certification session at Braddock Bay, NY, last fall certifying three banders.

NABB Advertising Report - No report was received due to the absence of Roy Slack. Roy tendered his resignation.

Papers and Workshops included:

Robert Yunick, "NABC certification: What is it?"

Ian Gregg, "Nationwide Mourning Dove banding project"

David Norman and **Will Peach**, "Annual survival/mortality analysis of Sand Martins (*Bank Swallows Riparia riparia*) breeding in Cheshire, UK 1981-2002, and the correlation with rainfall in their West African wintering areas"

Adrienne Leppold, Robert Mulvihill, and Robert Leberman, "Body mass and wing length variation of 150 species of birds banded at Powdermill Nature Reserve: a descriptive and statistical analysis of 300,000 original banding records from 1974-2000"

Bill Elrick, "Age determination improves banders' ability to determine sex of Ovenbirds based on wing and tail measurements"

Mike Lanzone, "A project to develop a photographic guide to ageing North American birds"

Jim Sheehan, Terry L. Master, and Robert Mulvihill, "Acadian Flycatcher nesting ecology in Eastern Hemlock: the importance of a banding approach"

Scott A. Rush and **Bridget J.M. Stutchbury**, "The effects of forest fragmentation on post-fledging survival and dispersal of a forest songbird"

Steve Babaris and **Bridget Stutchbury**, "Land use and territory of wintering Black-capped Chickadees"

Gary Williams and **Petra Bohall Wood**, "Relations of habitat to Wood Thrush nest predators, nest attendance, food delivery rates, and fledging success in the Monongahela National Forest, West Virginia"

David Norman, "British birds in Senegal."

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Lukas Jenni, "Principles of moult and ageing in European passerines"

THANK YOU: EBBA thanks all the people who contributed to this meeting and all the help from the Powdermill Nature Reserve. We are very indebted to Carnegie Museum of Natural History for hosting this event and for their generous financial contribution. We express our appreciation to **Dr. Jenni** and **Dr. Norman** for making the journey across the "big pond" to attend this meeting and to share their experiences, knowledge, and expertise.

EBBA also acknowledges the extraordinary effort, hard work, and excellent job done by **Bob Mulvihill** for this conference. His diligence in all aspects of this conference resulted in making the 80th EBBA meeting a unique international exchange of ideas and knowledge for all attendees.