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Inland Bird Banding Association

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Inland Bird Banding Association Business Meeting Carbondale, IL 16 Aug 2003

Meeting called to order by President Mark Shieldcastle at 11 AM. A roll call of Board Members indicated the following were in attendance: Mark Shieldcastle, Vernon Kleen, James Ingold, Tom Bartlett, Peter Lowther, Betty Grenon, Cathie Hutcheson, David Cimprich, and Brent Ortego (proxy)

Minutes of the 2002 meeting were accepted as published in *NABB*, Vol. 27, No. 3.

Treasurer's report was provided. Life memberships increased by about \$2,500. It is recommended that a dues increase be considered as the cost for *NABB* publication is greater than IBBA income. Life membership interest also is not covering cost of life membership. The Operations Accounts stand at \$21,268.11, a decrease of approximately \$2,000. The Paul Stewart Research Fund balance is \$19,187.14 and the Life Membership Fund is \$16,491.61. All balances are as of 4 Aug 2003.

Membership: The biggest change was in life membership, probably in response to the announcement in 2002 minutes of possible dues increase. A short discussion on student membership followed and was then tabled to old business,

as Bartlett is to provide a breakdown of membership by state for *NABB*. Total membership remains within one of the 2002 total. i.e. 327.

Editor: Lowther indicated that IBBA still has small contribution to *NABB*; anecdotal notes or formal reports are acceptable. Lowther offered help with the formal reports.

North American Banding Council: The next meeting will be September 2003 in Delta, Manitoba. Bartlett reported that certification opportunities may increase with trainers coming to the individual's location in the future.

By-Law Revisions: The revisions, as mailed to the membership, with changes to Article 5.1 increasing the maximum number of directors from three to six, and Article 5.3 increasing the dues structure, were moved by Bartlett, seconded by Kashmer, and passed by the membership.

Grant Awards: Kleen reported that two grants are being made available by IBBA for bird research. The Avian Research Grant will provide up to \$500 a year for proposals by IBBA members with at least three years' membership. The Paul Stewart Grant will continue to be open for bird research with awards up to \$1,000. More information is available on the IBBA website.

Meeting Manual: Shieldcastle reported that the manual is in final form and will be e-mailed to the board in near future.

Future Meeting Sites: Sutton Avian Research in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is set for the meeting site in 2004 with the date to be determined. A proposal of Kalamazoo, Michigan, was accepted as the 2005 location.

New Business

Student Membership: At the Board's recommendation, a student classification with dues of \$10 and an advisor's signature for qualification was approved.

Dues Changes: Bartlett moved that the dues increases as proposed and mailed with the By-Laws' changes be approved. Grenon seconded and the membership approved. The increased rates will be effective as of 1 Jan 2004.

Nominations Committee: The acceptance of the slate of officers consisting of all incumbents was moved by Hutcheson, seconded by Lowther, and passed. The floor was opened for nominations for additional Directors: Tom Kashmer and Sumner

Dana were nominated and approved for a three-year term each to expire in 2006.

A vote of thanks and applause were given to Vernon Kleen and Cathie Hutcheson for hosting the 2003 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Grenon, Secretary

Persons in Attendance: (IL) Vernon Kleen, Lee & Lynda Johnson, Vicki Hedrick, Mike Ward, Kelly McKay, Tom May, Jim Hampson, Cathie Hutcheson, Barrie Hunt, Peter Lowther; (LA) Jim Ingold; (MD) Justin & Karen Jones; (MI) Richard & Brenda Keith, Brian Nelson; (MN) Joe Gartner; (NE) Betty Grenon; (OH) Tom Kashmer, Julie West, Tonya Kieffer, Julie & Mark Shieldcastle, Kim Fredritz, Matt Brown, Tom Bartlett, Dan Webb; (TN) David Vogl; (TX) David Cimprich, Sumner Dana; (WI) Larry Bennett, Augie Wirkus.



Cooper's Hawk
by George West