



Inland Regional News

Inland Bird Banding Association

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**Inland Bird Banding Association
Kellogg Biological Station
Richland, Michigan**

First Board Meeting – 30 Sep 2005

Meeting called to order by President Jim Ingold at 4:45 p.m. Board Members in attendance: Tom Bartlett, David Cimprich, Betty Grenon, Cathie Hutcheson, Jim Ingold, Tom Kashmer, Richard Keith, Vernon Kleen, Peter Lowther, Mark Shieldcastle.

Minutes of the 2004 meetings were distributed via e-mail. Bartlett moved, Kashmer seconded, that the minutes be accepted; motion approved.

Treasurer's report was provided by Cimprich. Three-year comparisons of all three accounts show that fluctuations within the accounts vary only slightly from year to year. All surplus funds are invested in stair step CDs, which allows for necessary liquidity. All accounts are now with Old Fort Savings Bank in Fremont, Ohio, except checking account #2, which is with Extraco Bank in Copperas Cove, Texas. In the Operations account, the 2005 receipts are \$11,305.35 derived from dues, interest and some conference fees. Disbursements are \$12,517.05 consisting of NABB fees, postage and one Paul Stewart award. Kashmer motioned, Bartlett seconded and the report was accepted.

Membership: Life members 88, Sustaining members 10, Regular members 145 with 3 No-NABB members and 2 Student members currently. A detailing showed 19 states and 2 provinces within Inland region and 3 countries, 2 provinces and 16 states from outside the region. Membership Oct.- Dec. 2005

continues to decline. A questionnaire will be sent out with renewal slips to find out which members would be interested in contributing banding station reports and whether they would host visiting banders at their station. The template for the information will be posted on the IBBA website.

Editor: Within the most recent four issues of *NABB* (Vol. 29, No. 3 and 4, and Vol. 30, No 1 and 2), IBBA had contributed 28 pages of articles and 11 pages of notes. However, one issue was without any notes. Once again, all members were strongly urged to provide anecdotes and informal notes for the Notes section.

North American Banding Council: Bartlett – NABC met in 2004 in Lake Placid, Florida, with Bartlett and Heidi den Haan attending. The Council is currently assisting Latin American banders with manuals published in Spanish and French. Minutes of these meetings are on the website. A certification session was held at Black Swamp Bird Observatory, where two banders were certified. It was noted that the written exam and the practical test could be done at separate times and places.

Old Business:

Grant Awards: Bartlett– A scholarship request of \$1,000 from Tom Kashmer for Virginia Rail research was approved earlier in the year via electronic vote.

Meeting Manual: Shieldcastle has the master copy of the meeting manual; Cimprich has an electronic copy. Ingold is to prepare several copies to have available for future meeting hosts. Cimprich is to get a copy to Dave Vogt for the 2006 meeting.

Web Page: The web page is up to date, but could benefit from additional materials.

Future Meeting Sites: The 2006 meeting will be held near Chatanooga, Tennessee, with Dave Vogt being the host. Specific date and details will be available later.

New Business:

Nominations Committee: No Nominating Committee was appointed. As a result, all officers agreed to continue for another year. Richard Keith was nominated for a three-year director term and David Vogt agreed to finish out the one year of Sumner Dana's director position.

Cimprich discussed ways to reduce the inventory of back issues of *NABB*. Now that these are available on line, there is not much need for the level of inventory that exists. The board agreed to reduce the extra copies that are provided to the Treasurer and to Don Varner, who has the inventory, to five and two respectively. Suggestions included having old issues available at future IBBA meetings, listing them on the web site, an ad in *NABB* and distributing to banding stations. A full volume, four issues each year, would cost \$10.00.

Ingold said he could have a student scan the old IBBA newsletters and put these on the web site. Hutcheson made a motion to allow up to \$1,000 as a stipend for a student to do this; Cimprich seconded and the motion will go to the business meeting as a recommendation.

It was noted that Mary Gustafson, biologist from the Banding Lab, has accepted a job with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as coordinator for the Rio Grande Valley Joint Venture at Bentsen State Park, a World Birding Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**General Business Meeting
1 October 2005**

Meeting called to order by President Jim Ingold at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes of the 2004 meeting were accepted as published in *NABB*, Vol. 29 No. 4.

Treasurer's report was provided by Cimprich (See above, First Board Meeting).

Membership: (See above, First Board Meeting).

Editor: Lowther reported that IBBA usually averaged one submission per issue, but that the informal Notes were not well supported. There are five articles currently being processed and Lowther indicated his willingness to help with anything someone wanted to submit.

North American Banding Council: Bartlett – NABC trainers can now come to the individual who wishes to certify. Although the manuals are on the web site, the first 40 pages of the Pyle manual are useful for the certification testing. An Outreach Committee is now active in NABC which helps with bird banding in the U.S. and Latin America. Bird observatories in the U.S. are to get a CD copy of the manuals.

Old Business:

Grant Awards: Bartlett announced the award of \$1,000 from the Paul Stewart Research Fund to Tom Kashmer for his study of feather sexing of Virginia Rails. DNA analysis of feathers taken at the Black Swamp Bird Observatory will be used.

Web Page: The address of the IBBA web site is in *NABB*. Members were asked to review the site and offer suggestions. More photos are needed and the list of banding stations accepting visitors would be recommended.

Future Meeting Sites: The 2006 meeting will be held in Tennessee with Dave Vogt as host. It is located on the Tellico Plains near the Cherokee Mountains at the Wood Meadows Banding Station. The nearest airport is in Knoxville. A possible joint meeting with WBBA was proposed for 2007.

New Business:

Nominations Committee: Richard Keith was nominated for a three-year term as a director; Dave Vogt was nominated to complete the final year term of Sumner Dana's term. Julie West moved and Cimprich seconded that these directors be accepted by a vote of acclamation. All other

officers were nominated for an additional year, which was also accepted by vote of acclamation.

Banding reports, in addition to Ortego's table, are desired for publishing in *NABB*. A member notice will be sent with the dues notice with a template for submitting reports.

NABB back issues will be posted on the web site as available for \$2.50 each. Extra issues have been reduced in light of the availability of *NABB* on line.

The recommendation of providing up to \$1,000 seed money to hire a student to scan the old IBBA newsletters was motioned by Darleen Ayres, seconded by Hutcheson and accepted.

It was mentioned that Van Remsen, Louisiana State University Museum of Natural Science, has contacted various birding organizations to help birders affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the Baton Rouge Audubon Society is looking to help the people of Cameron Parish that have welcomed birders to their area. A list will be developed and donations of funds or equipment will be encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Persons in Attendance: (IL) Cathie Hutcheson, Vernon Kleen, Peter Lowther, Tom May, John Skach; (IA) Darleen Ayres; (LA) Jim Ingold; (MD) Terry Liddick; (MI) Karen Kolbasa, Torrey Moss, Mike Petrucha, Emma Pitcher; (MO) Pat Lueders, Linda Tossing; (NE) Betty Grenon, Rick Schmid; (OH) Tom Bartlett, Tom Kashmer, Mark Shieldcastle, Julie West; (TN) David Vogt; (TX) David Cimprich.

Second Board Meeting 1 October 2005

President Ingold called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. and welcomed the new Board. Board members in attendance: Bartlett, Cimprich, Grenon, Hutcheson, Ingold, Kashmer, Keith, Kleen, Lowther, Shieldcastle, Vogt.

New Business: A letter will be sent to non-IBBA attendees from this conference inviting them to join IBBA. A display for membership and applications should be set up at the next meeting.

Suggestions for the meeting manual from Keith will be given to Shieldcastle and Vogt.

Grant information on the web page and OSNA needs updating.

Cimprich had suggestions of additional questions for the membership questionnaire. One was for banders willing to have visitors as their stations. That list would be included as an insert to *NABB* for IBBA members only.

Kleen is to compile station reports for *NABB*.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Grenon
Secretary

2005 IBBA Meeting Abstracts

Restoring the Trumpeter Swan to the Midwest, with emphasis on the Michigan effort. JOE JOHNSON, Kellogg Biol. Station, Richland, MI.

The Trumpeter Swan had been missing from the Midwest for more than a century. Several Great Lakes states and Ontario began restoration efforts in the mid-1980s. Goals and objectives, as well as restoration methods, varied among states. Banding methods included standard federal leg bands, plastic tarsal and neck collars, and patagial bands. A very limited number of swans were tracked with radio/satellite collars. By 2004, 2272 swans had been released. An additional 5285 wild cygnets have been reared to flight. Our last survey indicated over 4500 swans, including 402 successful nesting pairs that produced over 1200 cygnets in the Midwest in 2004.

Avian contributions to the emergence of Lyme borreliosis in Michigan. SARA YAREMYCH, JEAN TSAO, EDWARD WALKER and GRAHAM HICKLING, Michigan State Univ., East Lansing, MI.