



Eastern Regional News

Eastern Bird Banding Association

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**EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
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BREWSTER, MA**

Officer's Reports:

President's Report

Tom Greg opened the meeting by thanking all officers, committee members, and councilors, for all their hard work during the year. Tom also thanked Sue Finnegan for putting together another successful meeting.

First Vice President:

Sue Finnegan stated that we had 57 attendees on Friday evening, 75 registered for tonight and approximately 90 for today's sessions. Special thanks to Don and Elaine Mease for handling the registrations, Gretchen Putonen for handling the registration table and assembling the registration package, Bill Finnegan for his assistance throughout the year, Tom Greg for his assistance, Joey Mason for her help with the video, Anthony Hill and Gretchen for agreeing to moderate the sessions, Carolyn Kennedy and Susan Putonen for manning the registration table, David Hauber and his wife for all the work on the bucket raffle and to the Ocean Edge staff.

Second Vice President:

John Tautin reported that the next annual meeting will be held on 11 and 12 Apr 2008 in Erie, PA. The meetings will be held at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center.

Third Vice President:

David Hauber reported that the budget includes an income of \$18,100, expenses of \$16,775, with a net income of \$1,325. Additions include \$400 for the annual meeting, \$250 for archiving *NABB*, \$25 for the website, and an additional \$1,500 for memorial grants. Dave reported that the tentative location for the 2009 meeting is Chincoteague, Virginia.

Treasurer:

Don Mease reported that income was \$13,342 from dues, interest and dividends. Total expenses for operations is \$15,000. The Frazier Fund income was \$1,491, which is used to pay the editor's expenses. With all the income added together, we closed the year with a surplus of \$3,100. Copies of the treasurer's report are available to any member who would like a copy.

Editor:

In the absence of Bob Pantle, Jerry Lahr reminded everyone that the job of editor is difficult and time consuming. EBBA contributed approximately 29% of *NABB*. There have been some talks with Ontario Bird Banding Association about joining *NABB*. Volumes from 1976 thru 2000 have been archived and one year at a time will be added when a protocol for updating is established. As Bob always reminds us, manuscripts are needed; much help is available if you want to publish. Contact Bob Pantle for assistance.

Committee Reports:**Nominating Committee:**

Jerry Lahr announced the candidates for officers and councilors:

President:	Susan Finnegan
First Vice President	John Tautin
Second Vice President	David Hauber
Third Vice President	Charles Ziegenfus
Secretary	Gerald Lahr
Treasurer	Don Mease
Councilors	2010
	Rodney Olsen (second term)
	Adrienne Leppold (first term)
	Gretchen Putonen (first term)
	Margaret Fritze (first term)

There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were accepted as read. It was moved and accepted to have the Secretary cast a vote for the proposed slate of officers.

Publication & Membership:

Elaine Mease reported that there are 14 new members this year and a list has been posted. Currently our membership is about 368. She also reported that the three publications we have for sale are available here.

Memorial Grant Committee:

Elizabeth Brooks reported that 18 applications were submitted of which the following two were selected:

Scott Friedman (College of William and Mary): "Mercury contamination and reproductive success in a terrestrial song bird (Carolina Wren)."

Maria A. Maglianese (Costa Rican Biologist Professional School): "Habitat use of a tropical dry forest in northern Costa Rica by Neotropical migratory birds during the winter season."

Council also approved increasing the funding available for the 2008 Memorial Grant to a total of \$2,500

Net Committee:

In the absence of Gale Smith, Don Mease reported that 46 orders were received this year with 279 nets sold. The inventory should last through summer of next year. The income this year was \$4,100. Don said he has nets available here for sale. He also noted that credit card sales are now available.

NABC Delegate Report:

Mary Doscher stated that the banding council has set the requirements and testing for Banders Assistant. Some Central American groups are interested in joining NABC which is a good sign of increased cooperation in the western hemisphere.

Emblem Committee:

Tom LeBlanc reported that all members received copies of the proposed by-law changes and the emblem. There are three revisions to the original By-Law as proposed: 1) correct the misspelling of the word stationery; 2) change the word 'white' background to 'light' background; 3) change the name for Newfoundland to Newfoundland and Labrador. A motion was made and seconded to incorporate the changes to the proposed by-law change. Motion carried. A motion was then made to accept that change into the Association's By-laws. The motion was carried unanimously. The new article III is as follows:

ARTICLE III Emblem of the Association

The emblem of the Association shall be six birds in silhouette with two passerines, a hawk, a hummingbird, a shorebird, and duck in a circle with the Eastern Bird Banding Association, Inc. 1923 around the edge - displaying the outline of 17 eastern states of the United States of America (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida) and six eastern provinces of Canada (Ontario, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland and Labrador) symbolizing the territory of the Association.

Section 1. This emblem shall be represented on a light background with black or some other appropriate color(s) outline.

Section 2. This emblem may be used on any official printed stationery of the Association, official electronic correspondence of the Association, and on such publications and other documents of the Association where deemed appropriate.

The meeting was adjourned.

ABSTRACTS FROM PAPERS GIVEN AT EBBA'S ANNUAL MEETING 23 - 25 MARCH 2007

***From Egg to Old Age: Long Term Studies of Common Terns* - Ian Nisbet, Scientific Consultant**

This presentation summarizes results obtained during a long-term (1970-2005) study of Common Terns in Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts. Numbers of terns increased more than ten-fold during the study period, leading to changes in the biology of the birds and requiring changes in methods of study. Topics addressed during the study included exposure to and effects of toxic chemicals, food and foraging ecology, breeding behavior and ecology, factors influencing egg size and egg

quality, predation and anti-predator adaptations, metapopulation dynamics, energetics, age-specific biology, individual quality, survival, life-history trade-offs, nest defense behavior, endocrine function, immune function, and several aspects of senescence. Long-term studies are difficult to plan and require creative approaches to funding. This study has relied on and has benefited from partnerships with many institutions and individuals with a wide range of specialized expertise.

***Saw-whet Owls in Southeastern New York: What do their feathers tell us?* - Gertrude Battaly, Drew Panko, Larry Fischer, Environmental Consultants**

Northern Saw-whet Owls (*Aegolius acadicus*) occur in southeastern New York state during fall and winter. Our study attempts to determine the origin of these visitors by use of hydrogen isotope analysis of feather specimens to approximate the latitude at which the feathers were formed. Our isotope study is part of a broader effort to understand the ecology of saw-whets, including duration of stay, roost site characteristics, and prey base. In fall, we trap owls at Westchester Community College in the middle of Westchester County. In winter, we trap owls at Pelham Bay Park along the coast of Long Island Sound in the Bronx. Our fall season is from mid-Oct to mid-Nov, and the winter season is from Dec to the end of Mar. Since beginning in Oct 2004, our maximum number of owls for a combined fall/winter season was 50 in 2005/2006.

***Breeding Hormones and Behaviors in Vireos* - Brandi Van Roo, Biology Department, Framingham State College, 100 State St., PO Box 9101, Framingham, MA 01701**

Birds are unusual for the degree to which males contribute to parental care. Further, males of different species of birds may contribute care to various degrees and in a variety of forms, including: nest building, incubating eggs, and feeding young. In order to elucidate the physiological basis of interspecific variation in male care, I have been documenting baseline levels of the hormones testosterone (T) and prolactin (PRL), as well as parental behaviors and breeding success, in several species of vireos. Like most north