



# *Inland Regional News*

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## **Inland Bird Banding Association 2008 Annual Meeting**

Inland Bird Banding Association met for their annual meeting Friday, 3 Oct 2008, through Sunday, 5 Oct 2008, at the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve near Foley, Alabama. Saturday morning included a field trip to Fort Morgan State Historical Park to visit the Hummer/Bird Study Group's migration banding station operated by IBBA members Bob and Martha Sargent.

### **Business Meeting, 4 Oct 2008**

Meeting called to order by President Jim Ingold at 7:19 pm.

Minutes of the 2007 meeting were accepted as published in *NABB*, Vol. 33, No. 2.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cimprich provided the following Treasurer's report. Operations Accounts: \$21,578.00, Paul Stewart Research Fund: \$21,022.86 and Life Members Fund: \$12,555.68; with a total of all funds of \$55,156.54. Increase was due to donations from the Life Members appeal and interest on the Paul Stewart Research Fund. Julie West motioned, Joseph Komorowski seconded and the report was accepted.

**Membership:** Life Members 77, Life Members no-*NABB* 5, Sustaining Members 16, Regular Members 134 with 5 No-*NABB* Members, 4 Student Members and 18 Institutional Members; total 259. A detailing showed 20 states and two provinces within Inland's region, and three countries, three provinces, and 15 states from outside the region. Membership continues to show stability but no growth.

**Editor:** Lowther continues to look for submissions to *NABB*, both the formal articles and informal news and antidotes. Possible revisions in design of the *NABB* journal are in the works. Ingold recommended a thank-you letter be sent to Bob and Rita Pantle for their work in producing *NABB*. Bartlett motioned, Hutcheson seconded and the recommendation was accepted.

**North American Banding Council:** Bartlett provided a report during the conference paper presentations (see Abstracts below).

### **Old Business:**

**Grant Awards:** Ingold advised there is Grant money available.

**Future Meeting Sites:** Ingold advised that St. Louis, MO, will host the 2009 meeting. Future meetings will be in Ohio for 2010 and in Texas for 2011.

### **New Business:**

**Web Site:** The board is considering redesigning the IBBA web site and looking into alternatives and costs.

**Nominations Committee:** Bartlett reported that all officers would continue for another year: President: Jim Ingold; Vice-President: Vernon Keen; 2nd Vice-President: Cathy Hutcheson; Secretary: Linda Tossing; and Treasurer: David Cimprich. Ingold asked for any nominations from

the floor; none were received. Vernon Kleen moved approval, Brent Ortego seconded. The motion was passed.

The slate for the Board Members is as follows: Dan Webb, 2008 - 2009; Nelson Hodskins, 2009 - 2010; Eric Soehren, 2009 - 2010. Ingold asked for any nominations from the floor, none were received.

Bartlett moved approval, Vogt seconded and the slate was elected as presented. Bartlett volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee for the next year.

#### **Other Business:**

Ingold offered thanks to Eric Soehren, John Trent, Michael Shelton and Maureen Nation for their work on the conference. Ingold advised that Darlene Ayers passed away on 6 Jun 2008. Bartlett will submit an article to *NABB* regarding her contributions to IBBA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Tossing, Secretary

#### **First Board Meeting – 3 Oct 2008**

Meeting called to order by President Jim Ingold at 4:19 pm. Board members in attendance: Tom Bartlett, David Cimprich, Cathie Hutcheson, Jim Ingold, Vernon Kleen, Brent Ortego, Mark Schieldcastle, Linda Tossing and David Vogt.

Minutes of the 2007 meetings were accepted as distributed via e-mail and published in *NABB*. Bartlett motioned, Hutcheson seconded and the minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cimprich provided the Treasurer's report. The \$2000.00 increase in receipts was primarily from the solicitation of Life Members. The donations included \$1,330 from four very generous Life Members. While reviewing the report, an addition error was identified; the Treasurer's report is amended as follows:

Operations Accounts:	\$21,578.00
Paul Stewart Research Fund:	\$21,022.86
Life Membership Fund:	<u>\$12,555.68</u>
Total:	\$55,156.54

In the Operations account, the 2008 receipts are \$6,057.43 derived from dues, interest, and some conference fees. Disbursements are \$3,650.72 consisting of *NABB* fees, postage and conference costs. Bartlett motioned, Hutcheson seconded and the report was accepted.

**Membership:** Life Members 77, Life Members no-*NABB* 5, Sustaining Members 16, Regular Members 134 with 5 no-*NABB* members, 4 Student Members, and 18 Institutional Members; total 259. Membership included representatives from 20 states and two provinces within the Inland's region plus three countries, three provinces and 15 states from outside the region. Membership continues to show stability but no growth. Bartlett motioned, Hutcheson seconded and the report was accepted. Cimprich asked if we should charge for the additional cost to mail the *NABB* outside of the US. The board agreed that IBBA should absorb the costs.

**Editor:** Lowther submitted a summary by email of *NABB* activity for year 2008. IBBA has had articles or notes in every issue in the past year. Lowther encouraged the board to promote contributing articles and notes to *NABB*. Lowther, also by email, submitted an email from Walter Sakai (WBBA editor) regarding the discussion at the WBBA annual meeting of possible upgrade to *NABB*. Suggestions such as revision of the cover design and the use of a different text font and size in the body of the publication were discussed. The board felt it would be a good idea to pursue the idea. Ingold agreed to respond to Sakai's email. The board recommended that Ingold should send a letter of thanks to Bob and Rita Pantle for their work in producing *NABB*.

**North American Banding Council:** Bartlett-NABC met in April 2008 in Erie, PA, with Bartlett attending. The conference covered many subjects such as Certification of Banders and Banding Permits for Trainers. The Council agreed to make the Certification Field Test separate from the Written Test. If a person fails a part of the test, they would only need to retake the part they failed. This is a change from prior policy. Also, a trainer will not need a personal banding permit in order to train, as some banders work at a center with a general permit. NABC is currently designing a website to include the ability to download the Banding Manuals. The location of the next NABC meeting is yet to be determined.

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## Old Business:

**Grants:** Ingold asked the Grant Committee to follow up on previous grants and their status. Bartlett will work with Hutcheson to determine the status.

**Future Meeting Sites:** Ingold advised that St. Louis, MO, will host the 2009 meeting. Future meetings will be in Ohio for 2010 and in Texas for 2011.

## New Business:

**IBBA Web Site:** Bartlett advised that Vic Fuzis is ready to give up supporting the IBBA web site. Ingold advised that Ron Munden has offered to take on the support, including the web hosting for \$100 a year, \$50 for maintenance and web design at \$50 an hour. Ingold will get more details from Munden and provide the board via email with more information. The board should review links, etc.

**Nominations Committee:** Bartlett reported that all officers would continue for another year. Richard Keith is completing his second three-year term and must step down. Eric Soehren has agreed to run for the three-year Board position (2009 - 2011). We have an open Board position for two years (2009 - 2010). Requests for nominations will be proposed at the next IBBA business meeting. Keen motioned, Vogt seconded and the report was accepted.

**By Laws & Constitution:** Bartlett advised that the By Laws & Constitution need to be reviewed, revised if necessary and then added to the website. Bartlett provided a copy the 27 Oct 1984 version of the Bylaws of IBBA. Ingold requested the all board members review their historical files to determine if there is a more current version of the Bylaws. Bartlett will work with Tossing to further research this.

Hutcheson motioned for the meeting to be adjourned; Cimprich seconded and motion was accepted. Meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

## Second Board Meeting – 4 Oct 2008

President Ingold called the meeting to order at 9:15 pm and welcomed the new Board. Board members in attendance: Bartlett, Cimprich, Hutcheson, Ingold, Kleen, Schieldcastle, Soehren, Tossing, Vogt and Webb.

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Tossing will send copies of the minutes of the 4 Oct 2008 business meeting, the abstracts presented at the conference, the list of the officers of the board and the board of directors to *NABB* to be included in the next issue. Bartlett will update the website.

**Nominating Committee:** The nominating committee will remain as the same as last year.

**By Laws:** Ingold will scan the By Laws of the IBBA, version 27 Oct 1984 and provide a copy to the board.

**Correspondence:** Ingold will send thank-you letters to the Pantles, Eric Soehren and company, and the Sargents for the banding demonstration. Hutcheson will send a letter to the Grant recipients for a status of the projects. Bartlett will ask Nelson Hoskins to send an article and photo regarding Darlene Ayers to *NABB*.

**2008 IBBA Conference:** Soehren requested Tossing to submit an abstract about the World Bird Sanctuary presentation to be forwarded to Lowther. A question was raised: Where do profits go to from the IBBA Conference? Ingold will provide information via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

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## Titles and Abstracts for the IBBA 2008 Annual Meeting

**History of the North American Banding Council.** H. Thomas Bartlett, *Tiffin, OH*.

This is a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the North American Banding Council which was designed by Audrey Heagy and first presented at the Eastern Bird Banding Association annual meeting in April 2008. The information presented covered the history from the idea being presented by David DeSante in 1995, the first meeting with various banding groups (IBBA being one), its incorporation in 1998, to the present. The mission of the organization, the Banders' Code of Ethics, and what the organization has done to date were presented. Discussed were publications, website, certification, education, training, outreach, policy concerns, international future, and data