



It is customary for the issue of EBBA News immediately after the annual meeting to carry a list of committee members. This will be done in a later issue.

In recent years EBBA has grown by leaps and bounds and since growth means more work on someone's part, the Council Members have had to handle an increasing load of business as well as individual members - all accomplished by long distance communication and a few short hours each year at a meeting. John, as president, found a way to speed up routine matters by asking officers and committee chairman to send in their reports early, so they could be duplicated and sent to all concerned before the meeting. This plan worked so well that the council meeting this year bristled with good constructive ideas.

In the few short hours of the meeting it was impossible to organize these ideas into policy, where needed, and it was likewise impossible to set up ground rules for some of the new committees. You can see from this that John gave a tremendous boost to EBBA, and I for my part want to take the time to handle these ideas carefully. Since being an officer or council member appears to me to be a year-round responsibility, we can certainly take time to communicate with each other and let the members know how we feel about major issues.

In the following issues of EBBA News I plan to elaborate on the goals of committees which have not had a chance to make their report at the annual meeting. In this issue I would like to mention a project which was conceived at the council meeting under John's guidance and carried out on Saturday. It was felt that the species data sheets put out by the Banding Office were few and far between and that banders were in the immediate need of a check list which would at least tell them which species good banders could neither age nor sex. If any species could reasonably be aged or sexed this information would be of great value also. With this in mind a group of very able banders sat down and came up with a very helpful list. Dorothy Bordner, steering this project, has duplicated this list, which is now being reviewed by those who contributed. I can't wait for the final edition, and I'm sure you can't either. Look for the "Ageing and Sexing Check List" in the next issue of EBBA News.

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