



# Eastern Regional News

**Eastern Bird Banding Association**

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## EASTERN BIRD BANDING Council Meeting Minutes 27 March 2015

Council meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association was held at the NorthBay Adventures, North East, Maryland.

### Meeting Convened:

The meeting was called to order by President David Okines at 1200 hours on Friday, 27 Mar 2015. President David Okines presented the agenda for the meeting. Bill Hobbs moved that the agenda be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

### Attending:

Officers and Councilors:  
David Okines, Melanie Dance-Reichley, David Brinker, David Hauber, Donald Mease, Gerald Lahr, Kenneth Heselton, Adrienne Leppold (via Skype), William Hobbs, Andrea Patterson, John Waud, Dan Small, Maren Gimpel, Andy Thiede, Wayne Laubscher, and Donald Watts.  
Guests: NABC Representative Anthony Hill,  
Communications: Hannah Suthers,  
Membership/publications: Elaine Mease

### Quorum:

Quorum of at least eight voting members was established.

### Call for proxies:

Donald Mease held proxy for Robert Pantle.

### Minutes:

It was moved to dispense with the reading and to accept the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held 28 Mar 2014 by Bill Hobbs. The motion was seconded and carried.

### Officer's Reports:

#### President: David Okines

President Okines thanked Melanie Dancer-Reichley for her efforts in arranging this meeting and the officers and committees for their work this past year.

The President's report was e-mailed to all attendees in advance of the meeting. He reported that the *NABB* editorial board met via teleconference. The topics discussed were cost of *NABB*, increasing membership/circulation, increasing paper submissions, websites, and "BioOne". The minutes of the conference were sent out by Bob Pantle.

David also reported that the EBBA website went live 27 Feb 2015. He thanked all involved for their countless hours of work to make it happen.

David noted that the profit from net sales was only \$246 this year. We need to find a way to increase net sales.

#### First Vice President: Melanie Dance-Reichley

Melanie reported that her report was not yet finalized because registrations for the session were still coming in but, at present, 47 had pre-registered.

#### Second Vice President: David Brinker

David reported that the 2016 meeting will be held 8,9,10 Apr at Blackwater Falls State Park, Davis, West Virginia. David said he has a feeler out with Inland for a possible joint meeting. A motion was made to accept the meeting dates and location by Ken Heselton. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### Third Vice President: David Hauber

David reported his intention to have the 2017 meeting at or near Cornell University (Ithaca, NY). David Brinker moved that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

David Hauber presented a budget which, after discussion and revision, showed a proposed income of \$12,810 and proposed expenses of \$13,600. Bill Hobbs moved to accept the 2016 budget. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### Treasurer's Report: Donald Mease

Treasurer Don Mease e-mailed his report in advance to all attendees. There were no corrections or questions. The report listed total liabilities and equity of \$196,818.14. Don reported that he moved funds from fixed income to mutual funds to cover increased expenses over the proposed budget. As a result, we now have less than a two-year cushion. In order to protect EBBA from a drop in mutual funds (correction) he will pull funds from Ameriprise to get back to a three-year cushion. This action should result in no ill effects for EBBA due to normal market corrections. Ken Heselton moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.

#### Secretary: Gerald Lahr

Gerald Lahr stated that he is still receiving some requests from people who would like to get involved in banding for which he has trouble directing. There were no e-mail votes in the past year.

#### NABB Editor: Bob Pantle (e-mail report)

Bob Pantle reported that EBBA accounted for 30% of the 228 pages for *NABB* this past year. EBBA contributed two of nine manuscripts. There were 1,123 journals mailed to EBBA members in 2014, an increase of eight journals over 2013. Bob reported that he has received an e-mail from a member who volunteered to compile a banding summary for EBBA, similar to the summaries published by Inland and Western. This would require a Council decision as the pages would increase the cost to EBBA.

#### Production Coordinator: Bob Pantle (e-mail report)

Bob reported that EBBA was the only association that showed an increase in journals mailed in 2014.

Maren Gimpel and Dan Small were successful in scanning *NABB* volumes 31 and 32 and have archived them to SORA. Thanks to them for a job well done. Bob stated that he has provided a CD with volumes 33 and 34 to Maren and Dan. When volumes 33 and 34 have been scanned and archived, *NABB* will be at the five-year limit agreed to by the associations.

Bill Hobbs moved that all the officers' reports be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### Past President Report: Ken Heselton

Ken reported that he has relinquished his position as chair of the website committee. The chair was turned over to Andy Thiede. He also reported that he is attempting to contact banders in EBBA territory urging them to join EBBA.

#### Committee Reports:

**Audit Committee:** Don Mease reported that the books will be turned over to the Audit Committee after the meeting.

#### Nominating Committee: David Hauber & Adrienne Leppold

Candidates for officers and councilors:  
President: Melanie Dance-Reichley  
First Vice President: David Brinker  
Second Vice President: David Hauber  
Third Vice President: Adrienne Leppold  
Secretary: Gerald Lahr  
Treasurer: Don Mease  
Councilor: 2018 Robert Yunick (first term)  
Robert Mulvihill (first term)  
Luke DeGroot (first term)  
To be determined

Ken Heselton moved that the slate be accepted except for the last three new councilors and to present a slate of officers consisting of members, that are not delinquent, to the membership for a vote tomorrow. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### Memorial Grant Committee: (per e-mail report from Betsy Brooks)

There were 14 applications for the 2015 EBBA Research Grant. After review by the committee the following two grants are recommended:

*The influence of stopover site quality on long-term population dynamics of migratory birds: a study of shorebird stopover habitat*, submitted by Anna Tucker. The committee recommends \$1,000.  
*Factors influencing habitat selection, spatial distribution, and site fidelity in the Veery*, submitted by Elizabeth Farley-Dawson. The committee recommends \$500.

Andrea Patterson moved that the grants be accepted in the suggested amounts. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### Net Committee: Ted Hicks (e-mail report)

Ted reported that he is still searching for a net supplier. So far he has had several leads but found they cannot fulfill our needs. He has one possible supplier from China that sounds promising. Ted is reporting sales of 16 nets for an income of \$791.00 and a profit of \$246.76. The net inventory for EBBA has a current value of \$12,416.18.

#### Membership Committee: Elaine Mease

Elaine Mease reported that we have 11 new members whose names will be posted in the meeting room. They are: Margaret F. Ackerson, Lyme, NH; Cleo Conk, Sandy Hook, NJ; Luke DeGroot, Rector, PA; Michael & Nancy Furber, Cayuga, Ontario; Gigi Gerben, Venetia, PA; Annette Kalinoski, Fletcher, VT; Nancy LaFramboise, Stuart, FL; Keith Richardson,

Oak Hill, WV; James Saller, Rochester, NY; Todd Schnopp, Fairmont, WV; Augie Wirkus, Eau Claire, WI.

We currently have 283 members. Elaine also stated that Ralph Bell and Leonard Soucy passed away this year. It was also learned that John Forness passed away last year.

**Back Issues, Publication & Circulation Committee: Elaine Mease**

Elaine Mease reported that the three publications we have for sale are "Introduction to Statistics for Banders" @ \$4.00, "B.I.R.D. Manual" @ \$5.00; "Banding Techniques" @\$4.00. None were sold this year. We sold nine copies at \$15.00 each of the monograph, "Relationships Among Body Mass, Fat, Wing Length, Age and Sex for 170 Species of Birds banded at Powdermill Nature Reserve". Since publication in April 2004 we have sold 258 copies. That leaves 729 to sell. No back issues of *NABB* were sold this year.

Elaine Mease suggested that since life members pay no dues, it would be advisable to compose a letter to ask for donations and she volunteered to write the letter. The letter should also request e-mail addresses so they can keep up with the organization's business.

Bill Hobbs moved that all committee reports be accepted. Motion was seconded and passed.

**NABC Delegate Report: Anthony Hill**

Anthony Hill reported that the 2014 meeting was held in Newport, RI, on 27 and 28 May. Points of interest include:

1. Banding manuals in progress: Hummingbirds, Raptors, Waterfowl, Nest box Species, and Sea-birds.
2. Future publications planned include manuals for Colonial Water birds and Woodpeckers.
3. Banding Curriculum for Passerines has been developed.
4. Handling a Big Day Guidelines will be on website this summer.
5. Photography Guidelines are on the website.

Anthony reported that 17 people were certified at the bander level and two as trainers. Anthony also noted that the James Henry Fleming Award was presented to **Robert P. Yunick** in recognition of his outstanding service and contribution to the mission of NABC.

**Communications Committee: Hannah Suthers.**

Hannah stated that she is the official mailing address of EBBA and she also handles some correspondence from people looking for banders in their area.

**Bander Certification Committee:** No Report.

**Student Travel: Andrea Patterson**

Andrea noted that there were no travel grants this year.

**Strategic Planning, Outreach and Marketing Committee:**

Ken Heselton reported that the results of the survey from last year's meeting are not yet available.

**NABB Advertising:** No Report.

Bill Hobbs moved that all committee reports be accepted. Motion seconded and passed.

**Old Business:**

**Appointments:**

Net Committee chair: Ted Hicks  
NABC primary representative: Anthony Hill  
NABC secondary representative: Maren Gimpel  
NABB Editor: Bob Pantle  
Ken Heselton moved that the appointments be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mary Doscher resigned as NABC alternate representative. The council thanked her for her years of dedication to EBBA as an NABC representative.

Andy Thiede walked the council through the EBBA website.

**New Business:**

**Discussion:** EBBA is having problems getting e-mail addresses of members. It was suggested that the Banding Lab has all e-mail addresses but, due to privacy issues, cannot give them out. Also suggested was that the Banding Lab notify all banders that EBBA exists and suggest membership in the association. The primary purpose of the e-mail addresses is to notify members of up-coming events. A motion was made by Ken Heselton that the EBBA President contact the Bird Banding Lab for information on e-mail addresses for the banders in our jurisdiction. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Discussion:** David Okines noted that the Ontario Bird Banding Association would like to purchase *NABB* for each member. It would be cheaper on the members to buy *NABB* than to join both EBBA and OBBA. It was determined that the exact cost per issue is not known at the moment. It would only entail the cost of printing and, therefore, would benefit EBBA and approximately 100 more banders would be reading *NABB*. No decision was made.

**Discussion:** because the nominating committee has had problems in the past several years in finding current members to fill positions, it was decided to appoint the Nominating Committee earlier and to

provide the committee with a list of conference attendees and a list of current paid members.

**Discussion:** Website and the use of "PayPal" opposed to credit cards for payment of membership dues. Don Mease noted that the use of "PayPal" would save money because of the charges made by credit card companies.

A motion was made by Ken Heselton that council appoint a special committee to review the EBBA By-laws to propose updates to the By-laws and requests that the new president appoint David Okines to chair that committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made by Ken Heselton that the one of the duties of the First Vice-President is to provide a list of attendees at the conference to be used by the nominating committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Andrea Patterson moved that the guidelines for travel funds be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ken Heselton moved that the council grant an honorarium of \$500 each to *NABB* editor Bob Pantle and Net Chair Ted Hicks. Motion was seconded and passed.

**Adjourn:**

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1646 hours.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Gerald K. Lahr, Secretary

**EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION**

**Annual Meeting Minutes**

**28 Mar 2015**

**Meeting Convened:**

The Annual meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association held at the NorthBay Adventures, North East, MD.

President David Okines called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Don Mease moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 29 Mar 2014 annual meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Officer's Reports:**

**President's Report:**

David Okines welcomed all to the meeting. He thanked Melanie Dance-Reichley and all who assisted in making the conference a success. David noted that the EBBA website is up and running. He also asked all members to provide e-mail addresses so that we can keep members informed of EBBA activities. He also stressed that we need to increase membership.

**First Vice President:**

Melanie Dance-Reichley reported that there were 50 to 55 members registered for the meeting.

**Second Vice President:**

David Brinker announced that next year's meeting will be held at Black Water Falls State Park

near Davis, West Virginia, on 8-9 Apr 2016. The theme will be "Banding with a Purpose".

**Third Vice President:**

David Hauber reported that the budget for the year 2015-2016 has been accepted projecting an income of \$12,810 and expenses of \$13,680. David also announced that the 2017 meeting will be somewhere in the Ithaca, NY area. Ken Heselton moved the report be accepted. Motion was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer:**

Don Mease reported that last year's income was \$13,500 with expenses at \$11,255. He noted that the dues account for approximately \$5,000.00 and the bucket raffle last year approximately \$800.00. The bucket raffle funds are deposited into the Frazier Fund. Ken Heselton moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Editor/Production Coordinator:**

In the absence of Robert Pantle, President Okines reported that EBBA accounted for 30% of the 228 pages for *NABB* this year. EBBA contributed two of nine manuscripts. There were 1,123 journals mailed to EBBA members in 2014, an increase of eight journals over 2013. EBBA was the only association that showed an increase in journals mailed in 2014.