



# Eastern Regional News

**Eastern Bird Banding Association**

**Founded 1923**

**Excerpts from Minutes of EBBA's 77<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Meeting  
Held 14-16 April 2000 at  
Cedarville United Methodist Church  
Family Life Center  
Pottstown, Pennsylvania**

**Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Don Mease reported that income in the past year was slightly under the expenses; investments were lower than this past year due to the down market; and he is now using the computer software Quickbook for the association's accounting records.

**Memorial Grants** Richard Roberts announced that we received many more applications than in past years because we are now advertising the memorial grants on our Web page. Three outstanding grant proposals were awarded \$500.00 each: Megill Weber, masters degree student at College of William and Mary, for a study of Blackpoll Warblers; Rebecca Suomala, masters degree student at the University of New Hampshire for her project involving stopover sites of migrant passerines; and to Mark Hauber, a Ph.D. student at Cornell for his study of how brood parasites learn to recognize their own species for reproductive purposes.

**Mist Net Committee** Gale Smith reported that he returned 524 nets from our new Japanese supplier because they were unsatisfactory. The company (Kohyei Trading Co., Ltd.) agreed to fix the nets. Soon Gale will have no polyester nets available because of the very high minimum order quantity required.

**Back Issues, Publications, and Circulation** Elaine Mease reported that she continues to sell back issues of *NABB* and that she still has a supply of our three publications.

**Membership Committee** Elaine Mease reported that we have added 38 new members in the past year, seven of them life members. Our total membership is now 483, an increase of 11 over last year. She is receiving more inquiries about membership due to our Web page. An honorary membership certificate was presented to Gale Smith for his many years of serving as Net Committee Chairperson.

**Editor** Robert Pantle made an appeal for publishable manuscripts for *NABB*. He reported that there is excellent cooperation among the three banding associations that publish the journal.

**Student Travel Grant Award Committee** Roy Slack reported there were no grant requests received in the past year.

**Nominating Committee** Elaine Mease, committee chair, presented the following names for nomination:

President	Alan Gehret
First Vice President	Kenneth Heselton
Second Vice President	Mary Forness
Third Vice President	Brad Silfies
Secretary	Robert McKinney
Treasurer	Donald Mease
Editor	Robert Pantle

Councilors (Class 2003)	Virginia Bladen
	Joan Bell Pattison
	Scott Weidensaul
	Robert Yunick

Councilors (Class of 2001) Herb Volker  
Donald Watts  
Barbara Ross  
Joseph Borker

Councilors (Class of 2002) Cathie Slack  
Gale Smith  
Earl Hodnett  
Richard Roberts

Past President Elizabeth Brooks

**North American Banding Council** Mary Doscher, EBBA's delegate, reported that the Council held two bander certification sessions in conjunction with meetings of IBBA and WBBA last fall. New training manuals are currently being printed. She stated there will be one page in each issue of *NABB* describing the work of the Council. EBBA plans to sponsor a certification session at the 2001 meeting in Maryland.

**Year 2001 Meeting** Ken Heselton announced that the next EBBA meeting will be held at the Harford Glen Environmental Education Center at Abingdon, Maryland.

**Program for the Annual Meeting included:**

**Featured Speakers**

**Dr. Larry Niles**, Shorebirds or Conch Fritters (The Growing Threat to the Shorebirds of the Delaware Bay)

**Dr. Janet Huie**, Ticks with Lyme Spirochetes found on Passerines in NJ

**Scott Weidensaul** - Living on the Wind – Across the Hemisphere with Migratory Birds

**Saturday Paper Session:**

**Laurie Goodrich** - Effects of Forest Fragmentation on Pennsylvania Songbirds

**Bob & Sue Robertson** - Banding Wintering Kestrels in Cape Coral, Florida

**Bill Elrick** - Preliminary Results for Sexing Immature Passerines Using 8<sup>th</sup> Primary

**Jon (Sandy) Dobbyn** - BAND MAN-AGER: The Banding Data Program for the New Millennium.

**David Brewer** - The Infamous Bird Quiz Questions

**Fred Hartman** - Duck Banding at Moosehorn NRW, Maine

**John Tautin** - Annual Report from the Banding Lab

**Scott Klinger** - Birds Over Troubled Farmland: Can we restore declining grassland bird populations in Southeast Pennsylvania?

**Greg Kearns - Alan Gehret** - Sora Rail Banding and Tracking in the Eastern Flyway And Beyond

**Scott Weidensaul** - Project Saw-whet  
**Bob Yunick** - Use of Rectrix Shape to Determine Age in Passerines

**Dan Froehlich** - M.A.P.S. Update

**Field Trips**

- Meng Wildlife Preserve and Bird Sanctuary
- Mill Grove - Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary

