



Eastern Regional News

Eastern Bird Banding Association

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EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 10 Apr 2010

Meeting Convened:

Annual meeting minutes of the Eastern Bird Banding Association held at Rocky Gap State Park, Cumberland, Maryland. President David Hauber called the meeting to order at 1410 hours.

Minutes:

It was moved by Ken Heselton, seconded and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes of the 2009 meeting as submitted.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report

David Hauber thanked all the officers and councilors for their support during the year. He especially thanked Ken Heselton for setting up the meeting, Bob Pantle, as editor and production coordinator of NABB, and Gale Smith who is stepping down as Net Committee Chair after 25 years of dedicated service to EBBA. He also noted that tickets for the bucket raffle are available and there are copies of the monograph available.

First Vice President:

Ken Heselton thanked all those who are attending and special thanks to all the participants and speakers for making this year's conference successful. Special thanks to Sue Heselton for all her assistance.

Second Vice President:

Bill Hobbs announced that the next annual meeting will be held at Shawnee Inn at Shawnee on the Delaware, Pennsylvania. The dates will be 1-3 Apr 2011. Bill showed pictures and described the area which is along the shores of the Delaware River.

Third Vice President:

Margaret Fritze reported that the budget for the year 2010-2011 has been accepted, projecting an income of \$12,100 and an estimated expense of \$15,746.

Treasurer:

In the absence of Don Mease, Jerry Lahr reported that the total assets and liabilities were \$196,498.10 and the net income was \$27,238.30. He said that, according to Don Mease, we are almost back to where we were

prior to the economic crisis. Copies of the treasurer's report are available to any member who would like a copy.

Editor/Production Coordinator:

Bob Pantle reported that it is very important that EBBA be notified of any address changes. He thanked the members for the manuscripts and reminded everyone that we are always in need of manuscripts. Help is available in completing manuscripts. NABB is looking into providing color photos. He also said that we are in need of peer reviewers. Bob noted the changes to NABB are the font style, italicized abstracts, and literature cited will be in a smaller font. It has been suggested that we go to a standard cover.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee:

Bob McKinney announced the candidates for officers and councilors:

President	Ken Heselton
First Vice President	William Hobbs
Second Vice President	Margaret Fritze
Third Vice President	James Tate
Secretary	Gerald Lohr
Treasurer	Donald Mease
Councilors	2013 Doris McGovern (1st term) Melanie Reichley (1st term) Gale Smith (1st term) John Tautin (1st term)

To replace James Tate, Council appointed Adrienne Leppold Councilor, class of 2012.

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

Publication & Membership:

Jerry Lahr noted that there are 338 paid members this year and a list of 14 new members has been posted. A motion was made by Ken Heselton to accept the new members. The motion was seconded and carried

Memorial Grant Committee:

David Hauber announced that the Grant committee has selected four projects for grants out of 24 applications that were submitted:

1. \$1000 to Patricia Newell, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Georgia, for her study "Are between-year apparent survivorship and site fidelity of Rusty Blackbirds related to winter diet composition?"
2. \$500 to Theodore J. Zenzel, Jr., a Master of Science in Biology candidate at the University of Southern Mississippi, for his study, "The migration and stopover ecology of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds (*Archilochus colubris*) at a Louisiana chenier."
3. \$500 to Phillip L. Vasseur, a Master of Science in Biology candidate at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, for his study, "Habitat edge and patch size effects on nesting success of Painted Buntings."
4. \$500 to Nanette Mickle, Volunteer Research Assistant for Ecological Monitoring Projects at the Smithsonian NZP Conservation and Research Center, for her study, "Tracking long-distance songbird migration (Purple Martins) using geolocators."

Net Committee:

Jerry Lahr reported that net sales are down and inventory is running low. We have lost our supplier and Ted Hicks is working on reaching an agreement with a new supplier. Gale Smith is stepping down as Net Committee Chair and Ted Hicks will be assuming that position.

NABC Delegate Report:

Anthony Hill reported that he attended the 2010 meeting in Tucson, Arizona.

The next meeting will be in Oregon. He also reported that there will be a Raptor Conference in Colorado this year.

Adjourn:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1447 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald K. Lahr, Secretary

**ABSTRACTS
FROM PAPERS DELIVERED AT
EBBA'S ANNUAL MEETING
9-11 APRIL 2010**

Results from Banding Royal and Sandwich Terns. - *John S. Weske*, Weske Associates, Sandy Spring, MD (e-mail: jsweske@juno.com)

As a result of the extensive banding of Royal Tern and Sandwich Tern chicks over many years, a substantial portion of the adult breeding population of North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland is now banded. In some colonies, over 80% of nesting adults are marked. These known-age individuals provide a source of information on population age structure, survival, philopatry, age of first breeding, and age-related seasonal movements. For example, Royals delay breeding until at least the age of three and Sandwich Terns until at least age two. The terns are long-lived, however, and individuals in their late teens and early twenties are not unusual.

Why Leave Town? Banding Returns from Backyard Juncos to Nesting Canada Geese by the Mall - *Dr. David Thorndill*, Professor of Biology, The Community College of Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD.
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Winter returns of Dark-eyed Juncos and White-throated Sparrows to a suburban Baltimore

backyard are presented, along with estimated population sizes. Also, data from two years of observing thirty-five banded Canada Geese near ponds and parking lots of a suburban Baltimore shopping area will be presented. These geese were banded by the Maryland Wildlife Division, Department of Natural Resources, 100 miles away. One pair of geese had young in 2008 and 2009 and is still together for a third spring.

Trend Analysis for the Northern Saw-whet Owl in Maryland - *Melissa Boyle*, Park Manager at Hashawha Environmental Center, Westminster, MD.

Dunn and Hussell's methodology, "Instructions for Calculating Annual Population Indices and Trends from Daily Migration Counts" was used with thirteen to seventeen years of Maryland banding data to conduct a trend analysis for the Northern Saw-Whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*) population. No significant long-term population trends were evident using this method with the Maryland data. However, the three stations analyzed showed similar four year cyclical irruption patterns. While the effort values varied among stations, effort did not directly correspond to number of owls netted. The index value (mean number of birds per day in that season after adjustment for variable effort and missing days) was highest at the station with the lowest effort values. The migration window and middle date of migration showed variation based on location—the earliest migration time began at the western most station with the highest elevation.