
**EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
31 March 2012**

Meeting Convened:

Annual meeting minutes of the Eastern Bird Banding Association held at the Golden Inn, Avalon, NJ. President Bill Hobbs called the meeting to order at 1330 hours.

Officers' Reports

President's Report:

Bill Hobbs reported that we are working on the website and there is a possibility of a joint EBBA, IBBA, WBBA website. We are also working on the paperwork to obtain non-profit organization recognition from Canada. A strategic development committee has been appointed to better promote the organization and advance more research opportunities. We have added a new line item to the budget for donations for research grants. Bill also noted the need for more articles, notes, and research abstracts for *NABB*.

First Vice President:

Margaret Fritze thanked all the participants and speakers for making this year's conference successful.

Second Vice President:

Jim Tate reported that next year's meeting will be a joint meeting with IBBA and will be held in either Tennessee or North Carolina.

Third Vice President:

David Okines reported that the budget for the year 2012-2013 has been accepted projecting a balanced budget of \$14,980.

Treasurer:

Don Mease reported that our assets total \$187,151.39 of which \$110,000 is in American Express which is currently paying 5%. Income for the year was

\$12,143 and expenditures were \$13,473, resulting in a deficit of \$1,330. The bucket raffle last year brought in \$1,400. Don stressed that the bucket raffle money goes into investment and is not spent. The interest from that principle pays the honoraria.

Secretary:

Jerry Lahr reported that we still need e-mail addresses of our members as he receives requests for banders in specific areas and cannot contact them to find out if they will entertain guests at their stations.

Editor/Production Coordinator:

Bob Pantle reported that there are benefits of publishing in *NABB*. There are no page costs, and the manuscripts are not scrutinized as much as in other journals, especially in "News Notes and Comments" section. He noted that the number of manuscript contributions by EBBA have been low this year and asked for more manuscripts to be submitted for publication. Bob reported that we need address changes to be sent in; each returned journal costs us money. Bob also noted that all organizations are having membership problems and, therefore, financial issues. The Editorial Board, with members from all three organizations, has been looking at producing an on-line journal which would drastically cut costs.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee:

Ken Heselton announced the candidates for officers and councilors:

President	Margaret Fritze
First Vice President	James Tate, Jr.
Second Vice President	David Okines
Third Vice President	Melanie Reichley
Secretary	Gerald Lahr
Treasurer	Don Mease

Councilors 2015 Adrienne Leppard (first term)
Betsy Brooks (first term)
Tom Greg (first term)
George Rowsom (first term)

David Hauber was appointed to a one-year term to fill Melanie Reichley's term as councilor, class of 2013. 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:

Elaine Mease noted that there are 310 paid members this year and a list of six new members has been posted. Elaine also noted that we lost two long-time members this year: Mrs. David Lapham, and Bob McKinney. A motion was made by Bob Yunick to accept the new members. The motion was seconded and carried

Memorial Grant Committee:

Doris McGovern reported that 21 applications were submitted of which the following three were selected by the committee.

1. \$1,000 to *Kristen Covino*, "Transition between phases of the annual cycle: spring migration to breeding in Nearctic-Neotropical songbirds." Her research will be done in Louisiana, New York, and Maine. Kristen is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Southern Mississippi.

2. \$1,000 to *Jill Gautreaux*, "Spring stopover of Nearctic-Neotropical migratory landbirds with an urbanized landscape along the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico." Her research will be done in Mississippi. Jill is a graduate student at the University of Southern Mississippi.

3. \$500 to *Jared Wolfe*, "Measuring bird demographics to determine the ecological value of small nature preserves in Baton Rouge, LA." His research will be done in Louisiana. Jared is a Ph.D. student at Louisiana State University.

Net Committee:

Ted Hicks reported that net sales were up. He has been in contact with net manufacturers in China and hopes to place an order shortly.

NABC Delegate Report:

Anthony Hill reported that the spring meeting is later in April at Long Point and, therefore, he does not have a report. He did note that Braddock Bay has certified four at the bander level and two at the trainer level last year. There will be no training sessions at Braddock Bay this year and he knows of no other sessions scheduled to date. The manuals continue to be updated and revised. The website is also being updated.

New Business:

SORA will have volumes 25 thru 30 updated by May 1st.

Adjourn:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1408 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald K. Lahr, Secretary

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List of Speakers and Papers Presented

David Mizrahi has been Vice-president for Research and Monitoring at New Jersey Audubon since 2000. He earned his Ph.D. with honors in Zoology from Clemson University in 1999. The focus of his dissertation research was the behavior and ecophysiology of Semipalmated and Least Sandpipers during spring migration stopovers in Delaware Bay. This work has been expanded at NJ Audubon to encompass the conservation of migratory shorebirds using the Delaware Bay stopover and on wintering grounds in northern South America. During his tenure at Clemson he worked with Dr. Sidney A. Gauthreaux, Jr., studying migration stopover ecology of landbirds using National Weather Service Doppler radar data. At New Jersey Audubon, he and his staff are using