

**EASTERN BIRD BANDING  
ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MINUTES  
28 Mar 2014**

Council meeting minutes of the Eastern Bird Banding Association at the Holiday Inn Oakville, Ontario, Canada. A joint meeting with the Ontario Bird Banding Association.

**Meeting Convened:**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Heselton at 1200 hours on Friday, 28 Mar 2014. President Ken Heselton presented the agenda for the meeting. Bill Hobbs moved that the agenda be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Attending:**

Officers and Councilors: Ken Heselton, David Okines, Melanie Reichley, David Brinker, William Hobbs, Gerald Lahr, Robert Pantle, Robert Yunick, Andy Thiede, Maren Gimpel, Adrienne Leppold, David Hauber, Andrea Patterson, and Dan Small.

**Guests:**

NABC Representative Anthony Hill; Communications, Hannah Suthers.

**Quorum:**

Quorum of at least eight voting members established.

**Call for proxies:**

Gerald Lahr held proxy for Don Mease.  
Adrienne Leppold held proxy for Margaret Fritze.  
David Okines held proxy for Stuart Mackenzie.  
Bill Hobbs held proxy for Thomas Gregg.  
Andrea Patterson held proxy for Elizabeth Brooks.

**Minutes:**

It was moved to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held 5 Apr 2013 by David Hauber. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Officers Reports:**

President Heselton thanked the officers and committees for their work this past year. He noted that this is a joint meeting with Ontario Bird

Banding Association (OBBA). The president's report was e-mailed to all attendees in advance of the meeting.

**First Vice President: David Okines**

David reported that his report was not yet finalized, because registrations for the session were still coming in.

**Second Vice President: Melanie Reichley**

Melanie reported that the 2015 meeting will be held at North Bay Adventure Camp, 11 Horseshoe Point Lane, North East, Maryland, 27, 28, 29 Mar.

**Third Vice President: David Brinker**

David reported that the 2016 meeting will be held 8, 9, and 10 Apr at Blackwater Falls State Park, Davis, West Virginia. A motion was made to accept the meeting dates and location by David Hauber. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer's Report: Don 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 \$196,669.96. The transfer of funds from a conservative account to a more moderate account generated a surplus of \$12,844.06. Interest and dividends totaled \$2,664.53 for a total income of \$15,508.59. The end of the year book value movement resulted in a \$5,647.97 loss for a net gain of \$9,906.64.

**Secretary: Gerald Lahr**

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

**EBBA Editor: Bob Pantle**

Bob Pantle reported that the EBBA contributions to *NABB* increased this year, as five of the eight manuscripts were submitted by EBBA for a total of 39 pages. Bob reported that for volume year 38, EBBA's number of journals showed a decrease of 112 journals mailed. IBBA and WBBA mailings increased over last year. The postage for 2013 increased by about \$450 over 2012. Postage needs to be monitored carefully.

**NABB Production Coordinator: Bob Pantle**

Bob reported that although journals mailed decreased for EBBA, both IBBA and WBBA showed an increase in 2013. Bob stated that volumes 31, 32, and 33 may be added to SORA archive to keep us five years back. Bob stated that he is still looking for clarification on providing PDFs of manuscripts.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Audit Committee: Bill Hobbs**

The treasurer's books for the year ending February 2014 have been audited and the books are in order with appropriate documentation to verify the items in the treasurer's report. Bill suggested that the banks be approached to possibly waive certain small service charges; and, that we pursue PCI Compliance for receiving credit card payments to avoid the PCI non-validation fees.

**Nominating Committee:**

**Bill Hobbs & Adrienne Leppold**

Candidates for officers and councilors:

President: David Okines

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Melanie Reichley

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: David Brinker

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: David Hauber

Secretary: Gerald Lahr

Treasurer: Don Mease

Councilors - 2017 Maren Gimpel (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Andrea Patterson (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Wayne Laubscher (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
To be determined

The following were elected by council for a one-year term

Councilor 2016 Ted Hicks (replace David Hauber - to 3<sup>rd</sup> VP)

Councilor 2015 Bill Hobbs (replace George Rowsom - deceased)

Bob Yunick moved that the slate be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Memorial Grant Committee:**

**Andrea Patterson**

In the absence of Doris McGovern, Andrea reported that 16 applications were submitted of which the following two were selected for a \$750 grant by the committee.

(1) Mack Frantz a doctoral candidate at West Virginia University for "Epigenetic (DNA Methylation) Variation in the Louisiana Waterthrush due to Shale Gas Development in West Virginia".

(2) Rachael Derbyshire, an M Sc Candidate at the University of Guelph for "Mechanism of Population Decline in the Algonquin Park Gray Jay Population."

A motion was made by Bob Pantle to accept the report. 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 the search has been fruitless but he is continuing to look for a reliable supplier. This year Ted is reporting sales of 63 nets for an income of \$3,342.00 and a profit of \$2,870.02. The net inventory for EBBA has a current value of \$12,823.92.

**Membership Committee: Elaine Mease**

(via e-mail) Elaine Mease reported that we have 11 new members whose names will be posted in the meeting room. They are: Bibliotheque, D Env, Canada; James Cox, Ariane Giudicelli, David Grunzel, Eve Iverson, Dr. Dennis Kirkwood, Lisa Kiziuk, Amanda Koss, Sobolesky Koss, Mark Manske, Richard Wells. There were five reinstatements; Mary Barnwell, Mary Dowdell, Lloyd Kiff, Mary Thompson, and John Waud.

We currently have 290 members. Elaine also stated that Joseph Schrieber passed away this past year. (It was also noted at the meeting that George Rowsom passed away last year.)

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

(via e-mail) 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. We have sold two this past year. The monograph

“Relationships Among Body Mass, Fat, Wing Length, Age and Sex for 170 Species of Birds banded at Powdermill Nature Reserve” at \$15.00 each. We sold four copies. (Two sold at last year’s meeting). Since publication in Apr 2004 we have sold 249 copies. That leaves 738 to sell. A total of 76 back issues were sold this year.

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 is to be held in Newport, RI, on 27 and 28 May. Points of interest:

- (1) A Trainer cannot evaluate own Trainee - requires waiver from CertChair.
- (2) ‘Experienced Trainer’ certification application now on-line (alternate path).
- (3) International-materials translated into Spanish and a growing number of certified Trainers in Canada and in countries to our south and in the Caribbean.
- (4) NABC is working to offer more NABC opportunities in Canada.
- (5) Seven Trainers from three countries assessed the skills of 11 candidates at session held 3-5 Nov at Long Point, Ontario. Certified at the Bander level were six candidates from Ontario, one each from Alberta and Quebec, and one from Colombia.
- (6) NABC Manual on banding with the public and various other useful reference materials, including ID guides, under ‘Bander Resources’ at NABC website
- (7) ‘Busy Day’ guidelines forthcoming (8) Photo guidelines - taking and publicizing; to be published in *NABB*

Member organizations (EBBA in this case) urged to express support for BBL through communication with USGS.

**Communications Committee: No Report.**

**Bander Certification Committee:**

**Bob Yunick.**

Bob reported that there was a September certification session and two were certified as trainers. The dates of the 2014 session have yet to be determined.

**Student Travel:**

**Andrea Patterson**

Andrea noted that there were no travel grants this year. She also noted that we should develop guidelines for student travel allowance.

**Strategic Planning Committee:**

**Ken Heselton**

Reported that the Strategic Planning Committee has a short survey in the lobby for all EBBA members to fill out and return.

**Outreach and Marketing:**

**NABB Advertising:**

Ken Heselton noted the importance of these two committees and requested that anyone with interest in serving on either or both of these committees contact him.

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: Mary Doscher

*NABB* Editor: Bob Pantle.

David Brinker presented a budget which, after discussion and revision, showed a proposed income of \$15,910 and proposed expenses of \$19,300. Bill Hobbs moved to accept the 2014 budget. The motion was seconded and passed.

**New Business:**

A motion was made to grant an honorarium of \$500 each to *NABB* editor Bob Pantle and Net Chair Ted Hicks. Motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was put forward and seconded to have the President compose a letter in support of the Banding Labs. The letter is to be approved by the Executive Committee prior to transmission.

Bob Pantle noted that the individual who updates *NABB* to *SORA* has been unable to perform the task. After discussion, Maren Gimpel and Dan

Small stated that they would be able to perform the update. Bob Pantle moved that Maren and Dan be assigned the task of updating *NABB* to *SORA*. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bob Pantle also asked for guidelines for providing and/or selling *NABB* articles and abstracts. A committee was appointed to determine the means and methods of selling *NABB* articles.

Ken Heselton appointed himself, Andrea Patterson, Dan Small, and Maren Gimpel to the committee.

After a discussion on Web Masters and Websites, Andy Thiede moved that the building of the EBBA website be awarded to 'prizewebworks.com' at an initial cost of approximately \$1500 and an annual fee of \$200 per year for continued upkeep. The motion was seconded and passed. President Ken Heselton appointed Andy Thiede and David Brinker as liaison between the web builder and EBBA.

Ken Heselton stated that he and a committee to be named will explore the ramifications of allowing on-line membership.

In response to several acts or activities considered to be unethical in nature, Bob Yunick moved as follows: "In light of alleged banding activities resulting in negative impressions of bird banding practices, EBBA council affirms that it does not support nor condone any banding behavior violating the NABC Bander Code of Ethics. Further, we favor bringing any such information of reported incidents to the attention of the BBL for investigation and corrective action, if necessary". The motion was seconded and passed.

**Adjourn:**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 1707 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Gerald K. Lahr, Secretary**

**EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
29 Mar 2014**

**Meeting Convened:**

The Annual meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association being held at the Holiday Inn Oakville, Ontario, Canada. A joint meeting in conjunction with the Ontario Bird Banding Association.

President Ken Heselton called the meeting to order at 1400 hours.

**Officer's Reports:**

**President's Report**

Ken Heselton welcomed all to the joint conference with OBBA. He thanked all who assisted in making the conference a success. He offered a special thanks to Dave Okines for arranging the meeting. Ken noted that the Strategic Planning Committee has placed a survey at the registration table for all to fill out. He stated that council has funded a webmaster for "Eastern bird banding.org". Due to the fact that some banders are having problems with 'Bandit' he has instituted 'Bandit Buddies' so we can assist each other with 'Bandit' problems.

**First Vice President:**

No Report.

**Second Vice President:**

Melanie Reichley reported that next year's meeting will be held at the North Bay Adventures on 27, 28, 29 Mar 2015 in North East, Maryland.

**Third Vice President:**

David Brinker reported that the budget for the year 2014-2015 has been accepted, projecting a balanced budget of \$19,300. He also noted that the 2016 meeting will be held at Blackwater Falls State Park near Davis, West Virginia on 8, 9, 10 Apr 2016.

**Treasurer:**

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