

IBBA Board Minutes 28 February 2021

Welcome & Roll Call The IBBA Board held its mid-year meeting as a conference call. Tossing opened the meeting at 6:35 pm. Attending: Linda Tossing, Cathie Hutcheson, Vernon Kleen, Butch Tetzlaff, David Cimprich, Mike Eichmann, Steve Gabrey, Lianne Koczur, Scott Rush, Amy Wilms, Bob Placier, Peter Lowther, Mark Shieldcastle; not present Erik Johnson

Secretary's Report: Motion was made to accept the previous meeting's notes; seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report: As of 30 Nov 2020, \$14721.14 assets, \$6129 expenses; checking ballance as of 26 Feb 2021, \$9257.60. There was discussion about cost of production of *NABB* and options about possibly going to a web publishing model which would need coordination with EBBA and WBBA.

Membership report; currently IBBA has 65 life members, 117 regular members. There have been 4 new members in the last month representing Arkansas, Wisconsin and Canada.

Grant Committee Report. There was one application for the Paul Stewart fund in 2020. This application was worthy of funding, but did not meet the requirements of the Stewart fund but did qualify instead for the research fund and was awarded \$500. There was discussion regarding fund sustainability and need to increase awareness of these grants

NABC: NABC is moving towards taxon based manuals. Manuals established for passerines; waterfowl and shorebirds have a training process; development continues for working with raptors and hummingbirds. Training and certification continue but are difficult under current conditions. The 2021 meeting will be virtual. An ad hoc committee on diversity and equality in banding community has been established.

President's report. The current bylaws do not cover virtual meetings, so we need to update the bylaws to enable virtual meetings. Two amendments are presented: adding a sentence to bylaws, Article 4.1, we need to add a statement that electronic messages are allowed to make notices to
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member. Article 6.1, regular board meeting, add a sentence stating that Board meetings may be held electronically. We need board approval then submit to regular members and vote on the issue during the next meeting. Motion to accept these two sentences, seconded, approved. We need to check with Nebraska (Secretary of State) law concerning electronic meetings and to put a notice in *NABB* for the need to vote on these bylaw changes at the 2021 annual meeting.

Old Business

IBBA 2021 meeting Planning continues for the annual meeting on 8-10 October 2021 at Springfield IL. Reservations have been made and an alternate hotel is nearby if the initial plans does not work out. The college is still doing virtual meetings but we do not know about next fall. Vern Kleen will work with Mike Eichmann to get the list of members.

IBBA Website We are using Go-Daddy for the web site at \$120 per year. Discussion was made about other options and reducing costs and perhaps coordinating with the other banding associations.

Migration Monitoring Network and Banding Laboratory update MMN is at a standstill because of Covid. A training workshop in coordination with IBBA meeting may be possible. A Great Lakes/upper Mississippi project is in the works. The Banding Lab is working to develop on-line band submission in 2-3 years.

New Business

The 2022 IBBA meeting may take place at Black Swamp, OH, in October 2022. IBBA will have its 100th Anniversary in 2022. IBBA was founded at a meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union and held its first independent meeting in 1923 at Indianapolis, IN.

IBBA is incorporated in Nebraska, and our registered agent at University of Nebraska-Lincoln is retiring and possibly moving away. We need either (1) to find another person or (2) to move the state of incorporation. We have 3 members in Nebraska now.

We need to find a new 2nd Vice President for next election; Tom Bartlett will work on it.

Adjourn Motion to adjourn, second, approved.

8:34 pm adjourned.