

Ontario Bird Banding Association

April Newsletter-1974

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the McLaughlin Planetarium in Toronto on Saturday February 9, 1974.

David Brewer read minutes of 1973 Annual General Meeting. Passed by Jim Andeson, seconded by Jayne Evans. Carried.

Presidents report-Ted Dinniwel- Thanked members for past meetings in their homes and for banding sessions- also thanked members of the executive committee. Please send material for O.B.B.A. journal to Dr. MacLulich. We are again becoming active.

Treasurer's report- H. Howkins

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| Balance Jan. 31st, 1974 | current account- | \$59.54 |
| | savings account | <u>\$250.00</u> |
| | | \$309.54 |

Passed by H. Howkins

seconded by D. Brewer Carried.

Editor's report- D. Brewer

Dr. D. MacLulich is the new editor. Cheerful that we will be able to have printing done at reasonable cost. D. MacLulich called for manuscripts.

Station reports- Bill Wasserfall reported for Dennis Rupert on the Point Pelee station. It was manned from Sept. 16th-Nov. 3rd (47 days) by 5 banders with 12 assistants. Daylight coverage Sept. 16-Oct. 7- mainly sharpshins. Night coverage Oct. 7-Nov. 3- saw whets.

New park's policy restricted banding to sharpshinned hawks and saw whet owls- all other species had to be released.

717 birds were banded. (688 sharpies and 21 saw whets)

John Robert's Long Point report

He showed slides of flooding, burned cabin, new boat, and Backus house. They hope to introduce bird banding programme at Backus for local interested people and other banders. It has great benefits for O.B.B.A. It will provide good facilities for projects.

Hawk Cliff- Report was given by Marshal Field.

1084 hawks were banded. Redtail nestlings (98 young banded) , other miscellaneous road trapped brought the total to 1295. Cooper's numbers up to 81 from 52 in 1973. It was a good goshawk year-41 banded. There is a kestrel nesting programme. The slides were excellent.

There was a proposed amendment to the O.B.B.A. Revised Constitution presented at the meeting. It was proposed that #9. read as follows

9. The affairs of the Association shall be administered by an Executive Committee which shall consist of the Officers of the Association, the immediate past President, and five other members (at least one of whom shall be drawn from members resident outside the Metropolitan Toronto area).

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instead of 9. The affairs of the Association shall be administered by an Executive Committee which shall consist of the Officers of the Association, the immediate past president, and three other members (at least one of whom shall be drawn from members resident outside the Metropolitan Toronto area).

This motion was passed by D. Hussell and seconded by Jayne Evans.
Motion carried.

Slate of officers and executive committee for 1974 was proposed by B. Wasserfall chairman of the nominating committee. There were no nominations from the floor.
The following were elected-

President- Dr. Edward Dinniwell, 7 Esquire Place, Hamilton, Ont. 389-3416
Vice-president- Dr. David Hussell, Dept. of Biology, University, of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. 19174
Vice-president- Dr. David Brewer, R.R.1 Puslinch, Ont. 824-4342
Treasurer- Mrs. Heather Howkins, 24 Whitehall Rd., Toronto. 929-3992
Membership secretary- Mrs. Jo Ann Murray, 11 Oakley Blvd. Scarborough, Ont.
Corresponding secretary- Peter Middleton, 73 Haddington Ave. Toronto
O.B.B.A. journal- Dr. Duncan MacLulich, 26 Stewart St., Strathroy, Ont.
Program director- Dave Broughton, 407 Rhodes Ave, Toronto, Ont.
Other directors- Bill Wasserfall, 22 Roycrest Ave., Willowdale, Ont.
- Harold Richards, 37 Killdeer Cres., Toronto, Ont.

followed by introduction of the new executive.

There were no other station reports.

Proposed annual report on banding and recoveries in Ontario by David Brewer. It is still under discussion. It will be based on an annual report of banding and recoveries, excluding game birds, banded in Ontario or banded outside Ontario and recovered in Ontario. There is agreement with C.W.S. so long as we get permission from the individual banders to publish that they (C.W.S.) will give data. We will get something out in a few months. Permission from each bander before publishing his information is required. A form letter will be sent to EACH BANDER. Data will be published in O.B.B.A. Journal.

Other business- The resolution on non-game bird banding as circulated to the membership two weeks before the A.G.M. was presented by Bill Wasserfall. This motion was moved by Bill Wasserfall and seconded by Charles Long. Motion carried. This motion was to be sent to the C.W.S. (This motion has been filed with the minutes of the A.G.M. 1974 in the minute book).

Adjourned for lunch at 12:10

The Bird Room of THE R.O.M. was open during lunch.

3. Afternoon Session

David Hussell introduced Stu MacDonald the main speaker for the afternoon. He spoke on "Bird Studies at the High Arctic Research Station, Bathurst Island, N.W.T." Very excellent slides were shown. A question period followed. The speaker was thanked by Jim Woodford.

Bill Rayner announced a North American Hawk Migration conference at Syracuse, N.Y. April 19-21, 1974. All are welcome.

Coffee break.

A. Middleton spoke on the winter banding of goldfinches. There were slides followed by a question period.

W.J. Richardson showed an exciting film of a radar screen (accelerated) which showed bird migration over the period of a day. Besides the migration of hawks and other birds this film also showed the local movements of local residents such as starlings leaving their roosts to feed for the day and going back to their roost at night.

Thanked by Ted Dinniwell.

There was also special thanks to D. Hussell for arranging the program. The meeting adjourned.

The social part of the evening was spent at Bill Wasserfall's place.

About Ontario Bird Banding Journal

Several members have told us that they have not received certain copies of Ontario Bird Banding Journal. If you are missing copies which you think you should have please let Heather Howkins, 24 Whitehall Rd. Toronto know and she will send it along. There are several reasons why you may not have received every copy of Ontario Bird Banding. One is that we have had a high turnover of membership secretaries in recent years and in the resulting confusion some members names have accidentally been omitted from some mailing lists. Another reason is that we are several issues behind in publishing Ontario Bird Banding, partly due to lack of funds but mainly because of lack of suitable material to publish.

The latest issue published was Vol.9 No.1 March 1973. Three issues were published in 1972, and The Long Point Observatory Annual Report for 1971 will be mailed to you in lieu of a fourth issue. (We had hoped to mail this several months ago, but L.P.B.O. is also behind in publishing its report.)

For the next two volumes (1973&1974) we plan to follow the same procedure (3 editions of Ontario Bird Banding plus the L.P.B.O. Annual Report), unless we get sufficient material and funds to publish a fourth edition each year.

We hope that the proposed new annual report on banding and recoveries will become a regular feature of Ontario Bird Banding and will be of great interest to banders. This should provide us with a substantial amount of new material. However, our present income is barely enough to support our current level of publication and we need a substantial increase in membership to sustain Ontario Bird Banding. Members are asked to bear with us through this irregular publication schedule, and

