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ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As previously announced, the annual and a Special General Meeting of the OBBA will be held in Toronto at the Royal Ontario Museum on Saturday, February 8th. There is a parking lot alongside the Museum (cost approx. 50¢).

Members should congregate in the foyer of the Museum inside the main entrance between 9:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. from where they will be conducted to the Brodie room on the fourth floor where the morning session will be held. The afternoon session will take place in Room 64.

The programme schedule is as follows:

- 0930 - Registration (fee \$1.00) commences
- 1000 - Introduction of members
- 1015 - Minutes of previous annual general meeting
- 1025 - President's report
- 1045 - Treasurer's report
- 1050 - LPBO Station highlights: Chairman LPBO station committee
- 1100 - PPBO " " " PPBO " "
- 1110 - Proposal for amendment to constitution (see January newsletter)
- 1120 - Election of officers
- 1135 - Any other business
- 1150 - Introduction of new executive
- 1200 - Adjourn for lunch
- 1400 - "Surveillance studies for arbovirus infections in Ontario birds"-L.Karstad
- approx. 1430 - "Studies of Sharpshinned Hawks" - a progress report - J.O.L.Roberts
- " 1500 - Coffee Break
- " 1515 - "Ornithological Research at Cedar Grove" - H. Mueller

There will be a display of books and periodicals. By arrangement with the F.O.N., books may be bought or ordered (payment in advance) at the reduced prices offered to F.O.N. members. A part of the proceeds will go to OBBA funds so take this opportunity to purchase your needs.

Annual membership dues for 1964 (\$2.00) will be collected at the meeting.

Arrangements have been made for space to be available for lunch at about 12:15 p.m. at the Steak-n-Burger on Bloor St. Between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. the Bird room, with Don Baldwin in attendance, will be open to any members who wish to use it.

In the evening Bill and Betty Wasserfall will entertain at their home in Willowdale. All members and guests are welcome from 8:30 p.m. on. The address is 22 Roycrest Avenue.

Proposed OBBA Executive for 1964

For the information of members, the chairman of the nominating committee advises that the committee plans to propose the following slate of officers:

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| President | - B. B. Westcott | (Toronto) |
| Vice Presidents | - N. T. Kelley | (Detroit) |
| | - D. H. Baldwin | (Toronto) |
| Secretary | - Pat Woodford | (Toronto) |
| Treasurer | - W. Martin | (Toronto) |
| Executive | - R. Rutter | (Huntsville) |
| members | L. A. Gray | (Hamilton) |
| | M. Wilcox | (Toronto) |

Report of January meeting

The January meeting was held at 8 p. m., Tuesday, January 14th at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Westcott. 12 members attended.

There was some discussion of work to be done at Long Point in the immediate future and arrangements made for a working week-end January 25th. Some other minor business matters were briefly discussed.

Don Baldwin displayed museum skins of tanagers in different plumages and pointed out the differences between males and females and between adults and immatures, or sub-adults. The subtler distinctions depend in males upon the wing colour—brown or black and for females on the presence or absence of whitish wing bars. In all six different plumages were demonstrated - 4 male and 2 female.

Attention was drawn to the fact that programmes for banding at the LPBO and PPBO in 1964 are now being drawn up. Anyone interested in taking part in the operations should contact—for Long Point, Don or Maureen Baldwin, 62 Walmsley Blvd., Toronto (485-5272)—for Point Pelee, John Roberts, 62 Inglewood Dr., Toronto (481-0180), or Neil Kelley, 3681 Forest Hill Dr., Birmingham, Michigan. (Mi.7 - 0672). Lots of help is needed especially for periods of a week or more.

Ringbilled Gulls at Mohawk Island

Geoff. Holroyd, 225 Sheldon Avenue, Toronto 14 (Cl.5-1923) requests that any banders who have banded R. B. Gulls at Mohawk Island send their banding totals and details of recoveries to him.

Returns & recoveries on Ducks banded at Chippawa

F. Folensbee who has been banding ducks on the Niagara River, at, or near Chippawa, Ontario, reports the following foreign retraps taken during the winter season, 1962-63. Unless otherwise noted, all of the following retrapped birds were captured, examined and released.