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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our first-ever Sunday Annual General Meeting was a very successful endeavour. To accommodate Stuart Houston, who couldn't get to a Saturday meeting until very late afternoon, the Executive decided to try Sunday, February 16. As you can see from the minutes elsewhere in this newsletter, we had a busy but most entertaining time.

There were five amendments made to the Constitution (see the December, 1985 Newsletter for details) which will now be retyped and copies made available to those members who wish them. More on that in future newsletters. Your new executive is also listed in this Newsletter and was "elected" as a slate with no other nominations. If anyone out there is interested in serving on the Executive, please let me know and I'll pass your name on next year to the Nominating Committee. It is important and beneficial to have new people and fresh ideas at Executive Meetings: turnover can be very fruitful. Don't hesitate to volunteer.

The best part of the A.G.M. was undoubtedly the afternoon speakers and, in particular, Stuart Houston's presentation on banding raptors in Saskatchewan. Besides providing a wealth of information on the birds and the banders, he added the kind of sparkle and wit that makes such a slide show unforgettable and how can we forget Marsh Field's hilarious comments thanking Stuart?

Many people helped arrange and run this year's meeting. Special thanks go to David Agro, David Brewer, Bob and Fran Hubert, Peter Lockhart, Martin McNicholl, Greg Sadowski, Nigel Shaw, Janet Snaith and Peter Wigham for their contributions.

Don't forget to send in your membership dues for 1986. The form is included in this Newsletter. With it you will find an opportunity to sponsor David Agro on the Baillie Birdathon, May 2/3. David will be the OBBA's official representative and your sponsorship of him will mean that 25% of your pledge will come to our association and 75% to the Long Point Bird Observatory and the Baillie Fund .Please sponsor him -- I imagine he'll find 100 -140 different species during his 24 hour count.

WANTED -- 1985 BANDING RESULTS

The 1984 summary of banding in Ontario appeared in the most recent issue of the journal and was a most interesting compendium. If every member who bands in this province would send me his results for 1985, the next report would be even more interesting and might even approach a complete statement of banding in Ontario.

Enclosed with the Newsletter is a report form for anyone who has banded birds in Ontario in 1985. This report form consists of two parts. One part is a checklist that you can use to indicate your species totals. The second is a separate page for unusual bandings or interesting band encounters. Please complete both of these and mail to:

Bruce Duncan
Box 512, Caledonia,
Ontario, NOA 1A0

I will begin compilation in May, so I would appreciate all reports by April 30.

BANDING IN FINLAND -- Juhani Kahrumaki

The present number of active ringing permits in Finland (as of 1985) is 561 and the annual net increase varies between 20 and 30. In principle, ringing permits are of two types : "nestling permit" and "bird observatory permit".

A nestling permit can be "comprehensive" or "restricted" to certain species or groups. Sometimes nestling permits may be restricted to certain areas or projects. At the moment there are 292 comprehensive nestling permits. Under such a permit, the ringer is allowed to ring all nestlings (except the White-tailed Eagle, Golden Eagle, Peregrine and Osprey for which a special licence from the respective project is needed) as well as full-grown birds excluding passerines, which can be ringed only at the nest.

A nestling permit is always issued as restricted. In order to qualify for one of the 207 current permits the applicant must :

1. get a positive report on training from a senior ringer
2. pass a "basic examination" including the identification of about 220 species -- the applicant will be allowed 2 minutes per skin for 30 museum skins of the selected 220 species -- no identification guides are allowed.
3. determine Greenwich and national grid co-ordinates from basic maps
4. code and decode ringing and retrap data on forms for key-punching
5. must have an acceptable plan, submitted to the Ringers' Board for opinions.

[after some YEARS of perfect work the applicant can apply for a comprehensive nestling permit]

In order to obtain a bird observatory permit, the applicant must:

1. have worked impeccably as an assistant at a bird observatory (or other large scale mist-netting project)
2. pass an "ageing and sexing examination" which includes identification by species, age and sex (according to Svensson's guide) of all birds encountered in Finland (30 museum skins, 3 minutes per skin; guides, notes etc. allowed)

A bird observatory permit is normally needed for all kinds of large scale ringing projects involving full-grown passerines, but certain winter birds can be caught and ringed if a successful ageing and sexing test has been taken by the ringer for these particular species. These regulations hold for senior ringers, too, even if they had been allowed to ring full-grown passerines previously. Large scale netting at other localities than bird observatories always requires special approval of the Ringing Centre.

There is also a Ringers' Board in Finland consisting of five members. These individuals meet 3 - 4 times per year, with travel costs paid by the university, to discuss problems concerning ringing permits. Although the Board has no real decision power, it is an important advisory body between the Ringing Centre and the ringers.

LPBO/OBBA LIBRARY --- PERIODICALS -- Martin K. McNicholl

As indicated in OBBA Newsletter 30(3)7-9, 1985, I am in the process of sorting out the combined LPBO/OBBA library, now shelved at the new LPBO headquarters at St. Williams. All members are reminded that this is a joint library available for use by members of either association. We cannot usually lend material out, but there are photocopying facilities available on the premises. During the headquarters move, I discovered another box of archival material that will be sorted and integrated, in the near future, into the previously known material -- keep watching the newsletter.

To keep members informed as to what we do have, I shall be preparing a series of articles detailing holdings. This will also serve to put them on record, as they are being catalogued (slowly).

The following lists all periodicals that we appear to receive on a regular basis. As there were no records here on my arrival except for LPBO exchanges, I had to wait for bills to come in and in some cases for several issues to arrive before I could sort all this out. The origin of some is still somewhat uncertain.

Anyone wishing to supply us with an additional journal or to sponsor the exchange or subscription of their favourite is welcome to do so -- just drop me a line, so we don't end up with two sponsors for the same periodical. In addition to those listed below, Kathy Pickard has offered to donate her issues of Audubon after she has finished with them and Dr. Duncan MacLulich intends to do the same with Ecology and Ecological Monographs. We also have major runs on some journals that we do not receive on a regular basis (e.g. Bruce Duncan recently donated the first 5 years of Sialia)

LPBO PERIODICALS CONTINUED

Access -- received free by LPBO
American Birds -- LPBO exchange
Ardea -- LPBO subscription
Audubon Naturalist News -- received by LPBO, either free or as part of
another exchange
Auk -- LPBO subscription
Birdfinding in Canada -- LPBO exchange
Birding -- OBBA exchange
Blue Jay & Blue Jay News -- LPBO subscription
BTO News (British Trust for Ornithology) -- LPBO subscription
Bull. del Grup Catala D'Anellement -- LPBO exchange
Canadian Field-Naturalist -- LPBO subscription
Carolina Tips -- received by LPBO, origin uncertain
Chew Valley Ringing Station -- LPBO exchange
Colonial Waterbirds & Colonial Waterbird Group Newsletter -- LPBO
subscription
CFO Journal (Colorado Field Ornithologists) -- LPBO exchange
Condor -- LPBO subscription
DU Canada Conservator (Ducks Unlimited) -- received LPBO free(?)
Environment Canada Update -- received free by LPBO
Eyas -- received free by LPBO
Focus -- received free by LPBO (origin uncertain)
Forest Scene -- received free by "LPBO warden"
IJC mailings -- International Joint Commission -- received free LPBO
Jack-Pine Warbler -- OBBA exchange
Journal Field Ornithology -- LPBO subscription
Living Bird Quarterly -- LPBO exchange
Long Point Bird Observatory Newsletter -- received internally
Manomet Bird Observatory Newsletter -- LPBO exchange
Michigan Bird Banding Association mailings -- OBBA exchange
Nature Alert -- received by LPBO as CNF affiliate
Nature Canada -- received by LPBO as CNF affiliate
Newsletter Hawk Migration Association North America
-- LPBO subscription ; OBBA exchange
Nexus -- received by LPBO, origin uncertain
North American Bird Bander -- LPBO & OBBA exchanges
Northern Perspectives -- received by LPBO, presumably free
Ontario Bird Banding & OBBA Newsletter -- received internally
Ontario Birds -- LPBO subscription
Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas Newsletter -- received by LPBO as project
co-sponsor
Ontario Conservation News -- LPBO exchange
Ontario Field Biologist -- OBBA exchange
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources mailings -- received free LPBO
Ornis Scandinavica -- LPBO subscription
Ornithological Newsletter -- LPBO subscription
Ottawa Banding Group Newsletter -- received free by LPBO
Parkscan -- received by LPBO, presumably free
Ring -- OBBA exchange
Ringing and Migration -- LPBO subscription
Richmond Hill Naturalists Newsletter -- LPBO exchange
San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory Newsletter -- LPBO exchange
Seasons -- received by LPBO & OBBA as affiliates of FON
Toronto Field Naturalist -- LPBO exchange

LPBO PERIODICAL CONTINUED

U.S. Fish & Wildl. Serv. Tech. Rept. -- OBBA exchange (but nothing received recently)
Whitefish Point Bird Observatory mailings -- LPBO exchange
Wildlife Collectibles Journal -- received OBBA, origin uncertain
Wilson Bulletin -- LPBO exchange
Wing Tips -- LPBO exchange
Wood Duck -- OBBA exchange
World Wildlife Fund (Canada) mailings -- received free by LPBO

Thanks to Bruce Duncan for his list of OBBA exchange journals in helping to sort this out.

MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -- David Agro

This year's meeting was held February 16, 1986 at the McLaughlin Planetarium. Approximately 65 people attended the morning and 100 during the afternoon.

The meeting was brought to order by Bruce Duncan, President, at 9:45; welcoming members and guests. Bruce stated, in his opening remarks, that 1985 was a typical year for the OBBA with a stable 153 paid memberships (one more than 1984). He also expressed his regrets that the Journal was not available for distribution at the meeting but would be mailed out very shortly. He also outlined our continuing projects such as 4 Newsletter issues, the revamping of the Journal, the Snow Bunting Project (headed by Wayne Ferguson) and the House Finch Project (headed by Ricky Dunn). Bruce also outlined the Organizational Assessment (organized by Anne Lambert, Bruce Duncan and Martin McNicholl) as well as the Library Organization (at LPBO) and Executive Portfolio Definitions.

Bruce also commented on a number of financial dealings such as ; the selling of the OBBA trailer (to Peter Lockhart), the printing of new brochures, \$200 sent to the Ottawa Banding Group to help during the I.O.C. and \$100 given to LPBO to help with the replacement of items lost in the disasterous storm. Bruce also acknowledged the work of Peter Wigham on the executive and expressed his regret at Peter's decision to retire from the executive. On a sadder note, Bruce reported the death of Ed Keith voiced the sorry of OBBA at the loss of a long-time bander.

There were 5 proposed changes to the Constitution and after some discussion and one amendment were accepted as follows;

1. Clause 15 changed from "shall annually appoint an editor for the OBBA journal" to "shall annually appoint editors for the OBBA journal and newsletters"
2. Second paragraph of Clause 15 shall become Clause 16 and the following clauses are renumbered accordingly.
3. Clause 21 changed from " shall present an annual report for adoption" is changed to "shall present annual reports from at least the president, membership secretary, treasurer and Journal editor for adoption"

4. All of Clause 22 is changed to " the Association shall endeavour to hold additional general meetings annually. "
5. Addition of Clause 32 which reads "Upon a vote of the general membership, the directors shall be empowered to dissolve the association and turn over all properties to the LPBO or an organization with similar goals. The vote shall be by mail with a count being taken 60 days after the mail out."

These ammendments were moved by Martin McNicholl and seconded by Dave Brewer and passed by the membership present.

A financial report was presented by Fran Hubert who moved its acceptance. Seconded by Ricky Dunn. The motion passed without objection.

Bruce Duncan announced that he would be retiring as Journal editor after 1986 and wished to thank the valued assistance of David Shepered, Martin Taylor and Martin McNicholl in preparing the Journal. Bruce also requested that the general membership consider finding another editor as soon as possible.

David Brewer presented the Executive slate for 1986.

President	:	Bruce Duncan
First V.P.	:	Martin McNicholl
Second V.P.	:	John Miles
Membership Secretary and Treasurer	:	Fran Hubert
Recording Secretary	:	David Agro
Officers	:	Wayne Ferguson
	:	David Shepherd
	:	Nigel Shaw
	:	Bill Read
Past President	:	Chris Risley
Journal Editor	:	Bruce Duncan
Newsletter Editor	:	David Lamble

Although nominations from the floor were requested, none were offered so the nominations were closed. A general vote was taken and the proposed slate was accepted.

After a short (?) 30 minute break, the meeting was reconvened for the Station reports.

LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY

David Shepherd reported that LPBO had an excellent year with over 30,000 birds banded. David also commented on the destruction at the tip and showed some depressingly accurate slides. However, fund raising to replace the field station is going well and David indicated that any help would be welcome.

OTTAWA BANDING GROUP

Tracey Dean reported the group was able to hire students and that generally 1985 was a good year. The group is looking forward to the IOC this summer and invited interested members to assist them in banding demonstrations.

HAWK CLIFF

Don Fowler reported that the Hawk Cliff group had a generally successful year and made some comparisons of banding results over the last 10 years.

PRINCE EDWARD POINT

A report by Charles Francis informed us that the Kingston area banders had revived their passerine banding. Banding of Saw-whet owls over selected nights produced 226 birds.

TORONTO BIRD OBSERVATORY

Eric Machel reported the Muggs Island Station was operated for 31 days out of a possible 70 . A number of records were broken but the overall banding totals were down due to the reduction of gulls by Metro Toronto on the Leslie Street Spit. Winter banding was started in Newcastle by Nigel Shaw.

After the station reports, Steve Wendt gave a brief presentation, representing the banding office. He spoke on the definition of a "significant" recovery , as outlined in the manual. He also commented on the problem of insufficient numbers of bands. He felt the size zero problem was now in hand , however, he did comment that they were now out of 1B's. However, Steve made several references to the concept of a Canada Banding Association and thought it was an idea whose "time-had-come"

Lunch was followed by Tony Diamond, of the banding office, reporting on the banding report which is well under way. He gave some of the more interesting recoveries as examples of what is contained in the report.

Martin McNicholl then welcomed Stuart Houston as our main guest speaker. Dr. Houston provided us with a delightful and informative talk on his efforts at banding various species of raptors in Saskatchewan. His slides of his banding locations in Saskatchewan, from the top of 50 metre hydro pole (carrying 200 000 volts) to the sheer cliffs of a butte clearly emphasized his dedication to the "art" or "sport" of banding. He was thanked afterwards with a gift of a sponsorship of a Cooper's Hawk in the LPBO's Project Recovery .

David Brewer then conducted a slide-quiz on the identification of various bird species. The slides were often just enough out of focus or a bit angular to provide a challenge to the best birder. The two best birders were Charles Francis and David Shepherd who tied with about 80% correct. The winner was determined by the skill-testing question; "What species has a Scientific Name, named after a lady's underwear?" David Shepherd won and was given an Encyclopedia of Birds. [Editor's note -- if you want the answer -- contact David Brewer -- 'cause I don't know the bird!!!]

Hamilton Naturalists' Club

CHECK-LIST OF THE BIRDS OF THE HAMILTON AREA (1980)

Comprising 362 species that have occurred within a 25-mile radius of Dundurn Castle, Hamilton, Ontario. Sightings of birds in small print (rare or accidental) should be reported to the Hamilton Bird Records Committee using the documented report form.

OBSERVER	MONTH	DAY	LOCALITY	SPECIES
				Fulvous Whistling Duck
				MALLARD
				BLACK DUCK
				GADWALL
				PINTAIL
				TEAL, GREEN-WINGED
				BLUE-WINGED
				Cinnamon
				WIGEON, European
				AMERICAN
				N. SHOVELER
				WOOD DUCK
				REDHEAD
				RING-NECKED DUCK
				CANVASBACK
				SCAUP, GREATER
				LESSER
				Tufted Duck
				GOLDENEYE, COMMON
				Barrow's
				BUFFLEHEAD
				OLDSQUAW
				Harlequin Duck
				EIDER, Common
				KING
				SCOTER, WHITE
				SURF
				BLACK
				RUDDY DUCK
				MERGANSER, HOODED
				COMMON
				RED-BREASTED
				VULTURE, TURKEY
				Black
				Mississippi Kite
				GOSHAWK
				HAWK, SHARP-SHINNED
				COOPER'S
				RED-TAILED
				RED-SHOULDERED
				HAWK, BROAD-WINGED
				Swainson's
				ROUGH-LEGGED
				EAGLE, Golden
				BALD
				MARSH HAWK

OSPREY				SANDPIPER, STILT
Gyrfalcon				Buff-breasted
FALCON, Prairie				GODWIT, Marbled
Peregrine				HUDSONIAN
Merlin				Ruff
AM. KESTREL				Am. Avocet
GROUSE, Spruce				Black-necked Stilt
RUFFED				PHALAROPE, Red
Willow Ptarmigan				WILSON'S
Gr. Prairie Chicken				NORTHERN
Bobwhite				JAEGER, Pomarine
RING-N. PHEASANT				PARASITIC
GRAY PARTRIDGE				Long-tailed
Turkey				GULL, GLAUCOUS
Sandhill Crane				ICELAND
RAIL, King				GR. BLACK-BACKED
VIRGINIA				Lesser B-b.
SORA				HERRING
Yellow				Thayer's
Black				RING-BILLED
GALLINULE, Purple				Mew
COMMON				Black-headed
AM. COOT				Laughing
PLOVER, SEMIPAL.				FRANKLIN'S
Piping				BONAPARTE'S
Wilson's				LITTLE
KILLDEER				Ivory
PLOVER, L. GOLDEN				Black-legged Kittiwake
BLACK-BELLIED				Sabine's Gull
RUDDY TURNSTONE				TERN, FORSTER'S
AM. WOODCOCK				COMMON
C. SNIPE				Arctic
Long-billed Curlew				Roseate
WHIMBREL				CASPIAN
Eskimo Curlew				BLACK
SANDPIPER, UPLAND				Razorbill
SPOTTED				Thick-billed Murre
SOLITARY				Black Guillemot
WILLET				DOVE, ROCK
YELLOWLEGS, GREATER				MOURNING
LESSER				Passenger Pigeon (ext.)
RED KNOT				CUCKOO, YELLOW-BILL
SANDPIPER, Purple				BLACK-BILLED
Sharptailed				OWL, Barn
PECTORAL				SCREECH
WHITE RUMPED				G. HORNED
BAIRD'S				SNOWY
LEAST				Hawk
Curlew				Burrowing
DUNLIN				Barred
SANDPIPER, SEMIPAL.				Great Gray
Western				LONG EARED
SANDERLING				SHORT EARED
DOWITCHER, SHORTR. B.				Boreal
Long-billed				SAW-WHET

Chuck-will's widow		THRUSH, Varied			
WHIP-POOR-WILL		WOOD			
C. NIGHTHAWK		HERMIT			
CHIMNEY SWIFT		SWAINSON'S			
RUBY-T. HUMMINGBIRD		GRAY-CHEEKED			
BELTED KINGFISHER		VEERY			
C. FLICKER		E. BLUEBIRD			
WOODPECKER, PILEATED		Townsend's Solitaire			
Red-bellied		BLUE-G. GNATCATCHER			
RED-HEADED		KINGLET, GOLDEN-CR.			
YELLOW-B. SAPSUCKER		RUBY-CROWNED			
WOODPECKER, HAIRY		WATER PIPIT			
DOWNY		WAXWING, Bohemian			
B.-B. THREE-TOED		CEDAR			
N. Three-toed		SHRIKE, NORTHERN			
KINGBIRD, EASTERN		Loggerhead			
Western		STARLING			
FLYCATCHER, Scis.-tailed		VIREO, White-eyed			
G. CRESTED		Bell's			
E. PHEBE		YELLOW-THROATED			
FLYCATCHER, YELL.-B.		SOLITARY			
Acadian		RED-EYED			
ALDER		PHILADELPHIA			
WILLOW		WARBLER			
LEAST		WARBLER, BL. AND-WH.			
E. WOOD PEWEE		Prothonotary			
OLIVE-S. FLYCATCHER		Worm eating			
HORNED LARK		GOLDEN-WINGED			
SMALLOW, TREE		BLUE-WINGED			
BANK		TENNESSEE			
ROUGH-WINGED		ORANGED-CROWNED			
BARN		NASHVILLE			
CLIFF		N. PARULA			
PURPLE MARTIN		YELLOW			
JAY, Gray		MAGNOLIA			
BLUE		CAPE MAY			
Black-billed Magpie		BLACK-THR. GREEN			
C. Raven		YELLOW-RUMPED			
C. CROW		Black-th. Gray			
CHICKADEE, BLACK-C.		BLACK-THR. BLUE			
Boreal		CERULEAN			
TUFTED TITMOUSE		BLACKBURNIAN			
NUTHATCH, WHITE-BR.		Yellow-throated			
RED-BREASTED		CHESTNUT-SIDED			
BROWN CREEPER		BAY-BREASTED			
WREN, HOUSE		BLACKPOLL			
WINTER		PINE			
Brewer's		Kirtland's			
CAROLINA		Prairie			
LONG-BILL MARSH		PAIM			
SHORT-BILL MARSH		OVENBIRD			
N. MOCKINGBIRD		WATERTHRUSH, NORTH			
GRAY CATBIRD		LOUISIANA			
BROWN THRASHER		WARBLER, Kentucky			
AM. ROBIN		CONNECTICUT			

WARBLER, MOURNING		House Finch			
MacGillivray's		PINE GROSBREAK			
C. YELLOWTHROAT		REDPOLL, Hoary			
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT		COMMON			
WARBLER, Hooded		PINE SISKIN			
WILSON'S		AM. GOLDFINCH			
CANADA		CROSSBILL, RED			
AM. REDSTART		WHITE-WINGED			
HOUSE SPARROW		RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE			
BOBOLINK		SPARROW, SAVANNAH			
MEADOWLARK, EASTERN		GRASSHOPPER			
Western		LeConte's			
BLACKBIRD, Y.-headed		HENSLOW'S			
RED-WINGED		Sharp-tailed			
ORIOLE, ORCHARD		VESPER			
NORTHERN		Lark			
BLACKBIRD, RUSTY		DARK-EYED JUNCO			
Brewer's		SPARROW, TREE			
C. GRACKLE		CHIPPING			
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD		Clay-colored			
TANAGER, Western		FIELD			
SCARLET		Harris'			
Summer		WHITE-CROWNED			
CARDINAL		WHITE-THROATED			
GROSBREAK, ROSE-BR.		FOX			
Black-headed		LINCOLN'S			
Blue		SWAMP			
INDIGO BUNTING		SONG			
Dickcissel		LAPLAND LONGSPUR			
EVENING GROSBREAK		SNOW BUNTING			
PURPLE FINCH					

NUMBER OF SPECIES RECORDED

NOTES

WEATHER:

Check lists available from the Secretary, Hamilton Naturalists' Club,
P.O. Box 5187, Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4L3.

MARCH, 1986.

DEAR OBBA MEMBER:

FOR THE 1986 ISSUE OF ONTARIO BIRD BANDING, WE WILL AGAIN BE INCLUDING A REPORT ON BANDING IN ONTARIO, 1985. IF YOU HAVE BANDED ANY BIRDS IN THIS PROVINCE IN 1985, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU. BELOW IS A FORM TO BE FILLED IN AND ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER IS A CHECKLIST ON WHICH YOUR NUMBERS OF BIRDS BANDED CAN BE DETAILED. ONCE COMPLETED, PLEASE RETURN BOTH SHEETS TO:

BRUCE DUNCAN (EDITOR)
Box 512, CALEDONIA,
ONTARIO, NOA 1A0

THANKS FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

OBBA BANDER'S REPORT, 1985:

NAME _____

ANY SIGNIFICANT BAND ENCOUNTERS REPORTED IN 1985?

ANY INTERESTING OR UNUSUAL BANDING OCCURRENCES?

COMMENTS?



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