

OBBA Business Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2008

The April 5, 2008 OBBA meeting was held at Hopewell Culture National Historic Park in Chillicothe, Ohio; hosted by Kelly Seig. In addition to the Business Meeting, eleven people took the National Banding Council Test, which was administered by Tom Bartlett and Bob Thobaben.

Business Meeting

1. Meeting opened at 11:05, Cheryl Dykstra, President, presiding. 22 members attending.
2. OBBA Election report: Tim Tolford reported the results of the election for officers of OBBA for the coming year.
 - a. President: Cheryl Dykstra
 - b. Vice President: Kelly Seig
 - c. Secretary: Melinda Simon
 - d. Treasurer: Bob Thobaben
 - e. Member at Large: Janet Creamer (unable to attend this meeting due to illness.)
 - f. Member at Large: Dan Kramer
 - g. Communications: Sharon Pawlowski (This is a new position established to identify interesting and relevant bird/bird banding news for the newsletter and other communications.)
 - h. Newsletter: Tim Tolford
3. Minutes from the meeting of August 18, 2007 prepared by Secretary, Sharon Pawlowski, were accepted unanimously.
4. Treasurer's report by Bob Thobaben
 - a. We have \$1567 in the checking account
 - b. We have two CDs with a total value of \$1743.67.
 - c. Newsletter costs are \$173 based on the last issue
 - d. Motion to accept report by Irv Simon, 2nd by Kelly Seig, passed unanimously.
5. Membership Committee report by Tim Tolford
 - a. 36 active members
 - b. 17 life members
 - c. Newsletters to members and courtesy copies: 65
 - d. Bob Thobaben There are only six State Banding organizations left in the U.S. Many others are now parts of regional organizations. For Ohio, there may be good opportunities to conduct cooperative meetings and events

with Michigan and with Ontario, Canada, which has a vibrant banding organization.

6. Old Business

- a. Bob Thobaben reported on the Annual Banding event which was held at Caesar's Creek on xxxxxxxx, 2008. 203 people attended. 74 birds of 14 species were banded. This included 5 returns. Highlights were a Brown Thrasher and a Purple Finch. In addition to the banding, Raptor Inc. provided an educational exhibit with birds. Discussion favored repeating this event in the future.

7. New Business

- a. Increasing dues: Based on the increase in costs for the newsletter, events, speakers and related activities, there was discussion about raising membership fees. A motion was made by Tim Tolford, seconded by Kelly Seig to raise memberships, starting in 2009 to:
 - i. Membership: \$15/year
 - ii. Family Membership: \$25/year
 - iii. Life Membership: \$150
 - iv. Students: no costMotion passed unanimously.
- b. Tom Bartlett proposed a motion, seconded by Cheryl Dykstra, that OBBA allocate up to \$150 per session to the Committee for NABC for expenditures related to copying for testing and related field activities. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Tim Tolford discussed and made a motion to donate \$50 to the Amish Birding Symposium in Adams County for 2009. This symposium, where OBBA traditionally has participated with a display, has limited funds to operate. Bob Thaboben and Dick Tuttle both discussed OBBA's very limited financial resources and income and the need to preserve these for our own activities. Motion was defeated.
- d. The Fall 2008 NABC Practicum will be held October 10 and 11 at Dave Russell's station. Due to the time consuming nature of the test, about four individuals can be accommodated each day, which should be sufficient to accommodate those who have passed the written test.
- e. Fall 2008 Meeting: The consensus location for the Fall 2008 OBBA meeting is at Wyness Point or a similar location where shorebird banding can be done. August 16 is the target date. Tom Bartlett and Tom Kashmir were asked to organize the meeting. Dave Russell and Dick Tuttle volunteered to identify/participate as speakers. Tim Tolford suggested an aging and sexing clinic with study skins. Tom Kashmir and Julie West will handle food and accommodations.

- f. Spring 2009 Meeting: Several options were discussed on a preliminary basis. They include Bruckner Nature Center, Caesar's Creek, Ohio Wildlife Center. Each will be assessed by members over the coming months.
- g. There was discussion by Dick Tuttle, Bob Thobaben and Kelly Seig about means to increase membership and participation in banding by younger birders, perhaps through the Black Swamp Bird Observatory's Young Birders group. Ideas included inviting them to future banding events such as the shorebird banding in August.

8. Motion to Adjourn, 1PM, by Irv Simon, seconded by Dave Russell, passed unanimously.