

OBBA Business Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2008

The August 16, 2008 OBBA meeting was held at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge near Lake Eire in Ohio. In addition to the Business Meeting summarized below, scientific/research presentations were made by Dr. Herman Mays from the Cincinnati Natural History Museum, Mr. Richard Tuttle, OBBA member and Dr. David Russell, Miami University.

Business Meeting

- 1. Meeting opened at 1:08 PM, Cheryl Dykstra, President, presiding. 23 members attending.**
- 2. Minutes from the meeting of April 5, 2008 were submitted. Spelling of Winous Point and Young Birders group affiliation was corrected. Motion to accept by Bob Thobaben seconded by Kelly Seig; passed.**
- 3. Treasurers report by Bob Thobaben.**
 - a. OBBA has \$1798.81 in its checking account.**
 - b. We have two CD's: \$641.10 and \$1263.35.**
 - c. Total funds in the treasury are \$3703.26 as of July 23, 2008.**
 - d. Expenses for the past year were \$250, lower than previous years due to the lack of newsletters.**
 - e. Treasurer's report accepted: motion to accept by Tom Kashmer, seconded by Tom Bartlett.**
- 4. Membership Committee report by Tim Tolford.**
 - a. 36 active annual members; 17 life members; total of 53 members.**
 - b. Note that life memberships will now be \$150 vs. \$100 effective January 1, 2009.**
 - c. Note was made of the fact that State banding organizations have declined over the past years. There are only 6 left. There may be value in having joint meetings or events with Michigan and/or Ontario to increase interest. There may also be benefits in events which attract younger individuals with interests in birds and the natural sciences to banding.**
 - d. Membership Committee report accepted; motion to accept by Irv Simon, seconded by Bob Thobaben.**
- 5. NABC Practicum**
 - a. Of the 10 individuals who took the written test in April, 8 passed. Each of these individuals must now take and pass the practical/field element. There are opportunities for this to be scheduled at Dr. David Russell's banding station at Hueston Woods or at Bob Thobaben's**

farm. It is expected that the examiners and test takers will schedule their practicum on an individual basis.

- 6. Caesar's Creek banding**
 - a. Discussion focused on making this an annual event and March 7, 2009 was selected for next year.**
 - b. 150 people attended this four hour event in 2007; 200 in 2008. A wide range of ages were in attendance and the consensus was that this was a good way for OBBA to reach the public.**

- 7. New Business**
 - a. Bob Thobaben proposed and formally made a motion that OBBA contribute \$300 to cover the costs of new nets for Tom Bartlett and Tom Kashmer, to replace those which have been used in conjunction with OBBA shorebird events and/or field testing. Bob Placier seconded this motion and it passed.**

- 8. Spring 2009 Meeting**
 - a. Ohio Wildlife Center on March 28, 2009.**
 - b. Potential speakers: Donald Burt, DVM, Charlie Bombaci (prothonetary warbler), Jim McCormick, Bob Thobaben and Jeff Hays (Cape May adventure).**
 - c. Field trips TBD**

- 9. Fall 2009 Meeting**
 - a. Winous Point or Ottawa NWR, August 15, 2009.**
 - b. Tom Kashmer and Tom Bartlett to band, etc.**
 - c. Potentially 2-3 speakers including Andy Jones from the Cleveland Museum and Mark Shieldcastle from the Black Swamp Bird Observatory.**

- 10. The new Pyle book (Vol. II) is available with a discount if ordered in quantity (\$35 each instead of \$50). Members were invited to reserve a copy. Kelly Seig will place the order; Bob Thobaben to advance the funds from the treasury. Vol. I will also be available.**

- 11. Motion to adjourn by Tom Bartlett seconded by Tom Kashmer. Meeting adjourned at 1:46 PM.**

Submitted by Melinda Simon, Secretary