

OBBA Business Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2009

The March 28, 2009 OBBA meeting was held at the Ohio Wildlife Center in Columbus, Ohio; hosted by Dr. Burton, Director.

Business Meeting

1. The Business Meeting opened at 11:02AM, Cheryl Dykstra, President, presiding; 15 members attending.

Officer's Reports

2. Minutes for the meeting of August 18, 2008 were presented by Secretary, Melinda Simon. Motion to accept by Bob Thobaben; seconded by Kelly Sieg; were accepted unanimously.
3. Treasurer's report by Bob Thababen;
 - a. We have \$707.92 in the checking account.
 - b. We have two CD's, one \$1278 CD yielding 4.16%, which matures November 2009; the other CD for \$1228 at 4.55%, which matures October 2010.
 - c. There have been no recent newsletters and therefore no associated cost.
 - d. Expenses in the previous period were \$70 to Tom Bartlett for costs related to the field exams associated with the NABC test and \$20 to Bob Thobaben for fuel costs similarly associated.
 - e. Membership
 - i. 18 life members
 - ii. 40 members
 - iii. 2 student members
 - f. Pyle guides (Identification Guide to North American Birds - Part II): \$1400 paid to purchase 36 volumes; 16 already sold; 20 left to sell. OBBA price \$40 (\$65 list)
 - g. Tim Tolford has the printer which belongs to OBBA; if no newsletters are planned, this should be picked up from him.
 - h. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Melinda Simon; seconded by Dick Tuttle; accepted unanimously.

Old Business

4. NABC Test
 - a. 12 individuals took the written test; 9 passed.
 - b. 8 have taken the field test; 5 passed thus far.
 - c. Dave Russell and Paul Dougherty have passed the Trainer qualification tests.
 - d. Next test is in 2011 (every 3 years).

5. Caesar's Creek Banding Event
 - a. Held March 7, 2009.
 - b. 75 guests attended vs. 180 in '08 and 90 in '07.
 - c. Jeff Hays hosted a display of birds from Raptor, Inc.
 - d. 28 birds were banded (windy day!).

New Business

6. A new Newsletter Editor is needed. Tim Tolford did this job for 9 years, but is no longer able to afford the time necessary. The bylaws require 1 newsletter per year. Next step is to identify a candidate for this position. Dr. Judd may be able to oversee a student who would take on this work, as he teaches a class in writing. He will pursue this option.
7. Fall 2009 Meeting
 - a. Tom and Tom's Banding Station was the universal choice. Potential date of August 15, 2009. Tom Kashmer and Tom Bartlett will be asked if they are willing to host again.
 - b. Suggested to limit talks at this meeting to two in the afternoon; potential speakers: Marc Shieldcastle, Andy Jones, Ken Kaufman
 - c. Kelly Sieg to check on arrangements.
8. Spring 2010 Meeting
 - a. Options for location include Miami University (Eco-Resource Center - ERC), Ohio Wesleyan, Caesar's Creek, High Banks Metro Park (north of Columbus)
 - b. Ohio Wesleyan is a central location and would allow students there to be involved and present talks.
 - c. Date to be picked at Fall Meeting; likely Feb. or March 2010.
9. Caesar's Creek Banding Event
 - a. Consensus is to repeat.
 - b. Early March, 2010.
 - c. Bob Thobaben and Bob Powell to set date and direct.
10. Motion to adjourn at 1PM by Irv Simon, seconded by Dick Tuttle, unanimously passed.