

## OBBA Business Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2009

Minutes taken by Julie West (in lieu of Secretary Melinda Simon), with additions by Cheryl Dykstra

The August 22, 2009 OBBA meeting was held at the Winous Point Conservancy; hosted by Tom Bartlett and Tom Kashmer.

### Business Meeting

1. The Business Meeting opened at 13:04AM, Cheryl Dykstra, President, presiding; Approximately 15 members attending.

### Officer's Reports

2. Minutes for the meeting of March 28, 2009, written by Secretary Melinda Simon, were presented. Motion to accept by Tom Bartlett; seconded by Tom Kashmer; were accepted unanimously.
3. Treasurer's report by Bob Thababen;
  - a. We have \$1336.44 in the checking account.
  - b. We have three CD's, one \$1278 CD yielding 4.16%, which matures November 7, 2009; one CD for \$1228 at 4.55%, which matures October 2010; one \$634 CD at 3.73%, maturing September 18, 2009. Our Treasurer Bob Thobaben is authorized to roll these over or move to a better rate; it was suggested that he try to keep the periods short.
  - c. Total funds = \$4477.21
  - d. We have a credit of \$96.67 with Slate Creek Press; Kelly Williams-Sieg will check with the Press to see if they will ship us 2 more Pyle II books rather than refund the difference. If they will not, she will request a refund.
  - e. There have been no printed newsletters and therefore no associated cost. Bob Thobaben encourages electronic newsletter, as it saves \$90- 120 each newsletter.
  - f. Membership
    - i. Bob Thobaben reports 40 members and 18 life members as of last fall; he does not have more recent figures from Membership.
  - g. Pyle guides (Identification Guide to North American Birds - Part II): \$1400 paid to purchase 36 volumes: all are gone but some members still owe OBBA for them.
  - h. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Tom Bartlett; seconded by Tom Kashmer; accepted unanimously.

### 4. Research Committee

Research Committee has not met, but Chair Dave Russell suggests it might be useful for OBBA to be collecting photos of various examples of molt for use as a bander's resource and a study guide for NABC test. Members mentioned some similar websites and manuals that already exist. There was general agreement that this would be useful. Dave Russell will put together instructions for ways to photograph and will select 20 species frequently encountered in OH for which he would like photos.

