

OBBA Business Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2010

Minutes taken by Melinda Simon, Secretary

The April 10, 2010 OBBA meeting was held at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland, OH; hosted by Andy Jones, Chair of Ornithology at the Museum.

Business Meeting:

1. The Business Meeting opened at 13:00, Cheryl Dykstra, President, presiding; approximately 15 members attending.

Officer's Reports:

2. Minutes for the meeting of August 22, 2009 taken by Julie West, in lieu of Secretary Melinda Simon, with additions by Cheryl Dykstra were presented. Motion to accept by Tom Bartlett, seconded by Andy Jones; accepted unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report by Bob Thobaben:
 - a. We have \$1540.67 in the checking account.
 - b. We have three CDs: one \$1278 yielding 1.7%, one for \$1228 at 4.55% maturing Fall 2010, one for \$660 at 1.5%, maturing September 2010. Laddering of CD's not getting much better rates. Motion to renew all CD's for one year: Melinda Simon, seconded by Julie West; agreed unanimously.
 - c. 36 Pyle 2 books all paid for at \$1400.
 - d. Membership includes 19 life members and a total of about 41 members.
 - e. Jed Burt has the organization's color printer.
4. Research Committee: Dave Russell reported that the "Guide of Top 20 Species of Ohio" is not proceeding along entirely successfully. Photos of wings are proving difficult. A protocol is needed for how to display the wings for photos. The Italy Ringing Guide calls for taping wings to a board with 18% grey background... then wing feathers are arranged with a mascara brush. Now, one current technique typically has three-quarters of the wing is open, but covering coverts and stacking tertials. Kelly Sieg noted that at Powdermill they use a fabric-covered board held at an incline to hold the wing. Lighting is critical in all approaches to get good results. McGill website suggests photographing the wing three-quarters closed, which Dave Russell thinks provides no useful information. Cheryl Dykstra suggests that interested parties communicate ideas to Dave Russell.
5. Membership: There was a discussion of student memberships for those active at banding stations. Jill Russell volunteered to become the new Membership Committee Chairperson. In future, the Chairperson will take in membership dues and provide the funds to the Treasurer, maintain a list of all current members, (emails and addresses.)

6. Tom Bartlett suggested we communicate with the Bird Lab to obtain a list of all Master Banders and subs which can be used to contact these individuals with the goal of expanding our membership.

Old and New Business:

7. Old Business:

- a. Jed Burt and Jack Stenger need articles for the website. Goal is to get articles by May for inclusion on the website by June.
- b. Caesar Creek event: 76 attended, less than in previous years; poor weather, heavy snow. Raptor gave program, along with the bird banding. (Caesar Creek expects a new Environmental Center Building to be constructed; they are waiting to see when funding will be provided.) Next year (2011) should target end February or 1st week of March for this event. Bob Thobaben will continue to be the contact.
- c. Discussion of other options and events: Dick Tuttle suggested a week day to attract school groups. Dave Russell indicated that Tallawanda High School has been coming to his banding station for seven years. Bob and others will pursue additional banding day events at Caesar or other future sites.

8. New Business:

- a. Election: (note that there is a term limit for President and Vice President.) Nominations:
For President: Kelly Williams-Sieg
For Vice-President: Sam Williams
For Treasurer: Bob Thobaben
For Secretary: Melinda Simon
For Members-at-Large: Bob Placier
Voting to be done via mailed ballot before the next meeting.
 - b. Website: Tim Tolford has been doing this for a long time and needs a replacement; discussion of options to accomplish this and the need to pay for website set-up and maintenance. Members to bring ideas to the next meeting.
 - c. Fall 2010 Meeting will be at the Edge of Appalachia, August 21, 2010 featuring Herm Mays. Bob Placier volunteered to coordinate with Julie Means to identify speakers in the afternoon; potentially students. Food is being handled by Chris Beadle.
 - d. Spring 2011 meeting potentially at Ohio Wesleyan or Grange Center in Columbus, late March or early April. NABC Testing, written test, to be scheduled the morning of that meeting. Possibility of having banding at Whittier, if the meeting is at Grange.
 - e. NABC field testing scheduled for October 29-31 at Crane Creek.
 - f. Motion to donate \$150.00 to the Cleveland Museum for hosting the meeting passed unanimously.
 - g. Tom Bartlett suggested that future meetings have a more limited number of speakers to allow sufficient time for networking.
9. Motion to adjourn at 13:45 by Bob Placier, seconded by Bob Thobaben; agreed unanimously.