

OBBA Business Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2011

Minutes taken by Melinda Simon, Secretary

The April 9, 2011 OBBA meeting was held at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center in Columbus, Ohio, hosted by Doreen Whitley, Director of Conservation/Assistant Director.

Business Meeting:

1. The Business Meeting opened at 10:10, Kelly Williams-Sieg, President, presiding; 24 members attending.

Officer's Reports:

2. Minutes for the meeting of August, 2010 taken by Melinda Simon were presented ; one correction was made: Bob Bartlett should be changed to Tom Bartlett; motion to accept as amended by Julie West, seconded by Sam Williams; accepted unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report and current membership information by Bob Thobaben:
  - a. All of OBBA's accounts are at the Wilmington Savings Bank, Wilmington, Ohio.
  - b. We have \$1196.73 in the checking account; .3% interest.
  - c. We have three CDs: one \$1278 yielding 1.7% maturing in 2011, one for \$1228 at 4.55% maturing in 2011, one for \$1370.07 maturing 2012 at 0.9%. Total assets of \$5072.80
  - d. Sandra Stone made a motion that we remain in short term CD's for now, given the generally low interest rates available. Motion to accept by Sam Williams, seconded by Bob Scott Placier; agreed unanimously.
4. Membership Committee: The Treasurer reported that membership is a total of 51 paid members plus 12 students, who do not pay dues. (This includes our 18 life members.) An updated list was used for sign-in at the meeting; please check to ensure information is up to date. Cheryl Dykstra has also provided a list of master banders and sub-permittees, plus an electronic list of current members. Tim Tolford also has historic member data.
5. Research Committee:
  - a. The OOS checklist provides frequency data of migration by week; Dave Russell indicated that when superimposing his records over this data, he is seeing earlier migrations this year.
  - b. A Banding Picture Training Manual with digital pictures is being developed.
  - c. Data from Dave Russell's banding station indicates that cardinal survivorship is only 8%, an amazing turnover; recaptures are rarely seen after a year.
  - d. Jill Russell asked that interesting information obtained at banding stations be sent to her for inclusion in the new edition of The Cardinal. Please include banding site name, location and GPS coordinates. There will be a "bander's corner" in the magazine, which will make more people aware of OBBA and its activities.

- e. There is an interest in identifying what the group wants by way of training from OBBA classes.
  - f. Dave Russell will be conducting a field test in October for bander certification.
6. Newsletter/Website:
- a. Jed Burt does not have a current student who can do the newsletter. It would be good to have at least one newsletter per year, which would be sent out electronically and by hardcopy. Sandra Stone volunteered to organize the newsletter if people will provide the necessary content. Bob Thobaben asked that each bander provide a summary of what was banded each year, which would be included in the newsletter.
  - b. Website:
    - i. Irv Simon suggested we send OBBA information and links to other bird and conservation groups to put on their websites and that we do the same on ours. Tim Tolford said he had done this before, but would do so again.
    - ii. Tom Bartlett suggested a link to the Banding Lab.
    - iii. Tim has improved the website, but it still could benefit from more content.
    - iv. Tim intends to have give each bander their own page, which they can access with a password and update with information.
    - v. Kelly asked who we want to have as administrators, with access to the entire site; perhaps a student at OU may be available for a flat yearly fee.
    - vi. Sandra Stone offered to take responsibility for the site, if content is provided....
7. Caesar Creek Banding Report: Bob Thobaben reported it was a slow year with 50 people or so attending. 35 birds were banded. Had heavy rain during much of the time. Dick Tuttle suggested informing scout groups for future years. Bob indicated we would do this again and also commented on the new Environmental Center at Caesar Creek which could be used for a future meeting or event.
8. The next OBBA sponsored written test will be in 2014, unless there is a significant demand sooner. Dave Russell indicated he would be offering written tests when he returns from his summer in Alaska, with field testing later in the year (Oct.).
9. New Business:
- a. Fall meeting options include Kelley's Island or South Bass; these will be investigated. For speaker suggestions, email Sam Williams. There was discussion of the value of skins quizzes and potential sources for them; Cleveland Museum/Andy Jones has many.
  - b. For the Spring 2012 meeting, the new facility at Caesar Creek seems like a good option.
10. There was no charge for use of the Grange Audubon facility; Bob Thobaben made a motion to contribute \$100; Bob Placier seconded; all agreed.
11. Motion to adjourn at 11:15 by Julie West, seconded by Irv Simon; agreed unanimously.