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Your dues are paid to April 82. If your dues have expired, this is the last newsletter you will receive.

Ballots for the election of officers and directors are enclosed with this newsletter. Only members in good standing will have a ballot included. If your letter is marked "expired", a ballot will not be enclosed.

We will have all of the candidates presented in a section further in the newsletter. This is to let each member become familiar with the people running for office.

In the last letter I mentioned the fact that postage was one of the most costly things about the newsletter. I have been trying to cut down on the postage costs. Many members have renewed or joined since the last letter went out. I have all of their membership cards to go out with this letter. To send each card would cost about .20 cents and this would amount to around \$5.00 in extra postage. These people are covered for any meets that they might have entered and all other benefits of the I.W.B.A.

In the last newsletter there was material put in about the Indian Runners. Several members wrote in about the article. Some said that the information was not completely correct. I am sorry about that, but in the article that I had, that information was not there. The author might not have had the correct dates. It was meant as an interest item only.

There is a very interesting article about the formation of the Cumberland White Egg Runner Club in the 1913 Yearbook of the American Poultry Journal. Mrs. Andrew Brooks of Auburn, New York wrote the article. I will give just a few of the more interesting points in this article.

The club was formed to give proper recognition to the English Penciled (Cumberland) Runner. The members felt by a mistaken action by the Revision Committee, the true runner was omitted from the Standard. The type and variety that was described in the Standard was not the True English Runner.

People thought the name of the club was too long. "To us it all seems needed, at least for a time. We must make it plain that we stand for the white eggs and the word "Cumberland" is a necessary bar to the other types of colored Runners, as we recognize the best and purest descendants of the original imports to County Cumberland, England, eighty years ago, as the best all-around Runner. As it is now well known that Cumberland Runners are penciled, we drop the "penciled," but we claim all these names, the distinction being necessary. The duck described in the Standard took the name "Indian Runner", to which it had no right, when it was standardized."

"As our Standard says nothing against penciling, the Runners made good progress in this country, winning the prizes in the shows, when a calamity befell the breed. A breeder bred in foreign blood (presumably Pekin) and produced a lighter shade of fawn color without penciling, with drake's head and rump markings of near the same shade as body color. The new production made a hit at the shows, and the penciled were not awarded prizes when in competition with the light fawn birds. The Standard did not disqualify penciling, but it might as well, for the penciled were barred from the shows and publicly discredited in every way. The injustice naturally aroused its breeders and the struggle was on. Irreparable harm has been done and fortunes made in selling hatching eggs of the imitation Runner, which traded on the reputation the true Runner had made in egg contests and its performance in several countries."

Two breeders discovered the source in India of the original root-type of the breed, which are claimed to be the purest in blood and best in type of any in the world. The new birds are not limited to one variety, but there are several, among which are White Runners, Fawn and White and the whole-colored "Fairy Fawn". These new natives of the Runners layed both white and pale green eggs. It was said that green eggs were proof of impurity of breed, but now the statement needs modifying. The new natives may prove to be a valuable acquisition in time when the green eggs are bred out. "To my certain knowledge, green eggs were sent everywhere for hatching by breeders of the Standard stock as recently as 1910, and it now has only a claimed record of three (?) years of white egg ancestry."

"The vicissitudes that the true Runners have encountered will eventually result in placing them on a firmer foundation, which may be one way of saying that everything happens for the best."

In the same book are the winnings at major show around the country that year. At the Boston, Mass. show held Jan. 7-11, 1913 the only waterfowl shown are as follows. Pekins, Indian Runners-Eng. Penciled and White; Toulouse and Embden geese with the judge being John Kriner. The classes were from 1 to 5 for ducks and from 3 to 6 per class for geese.

On Saturday October 31, 1981 the Board of Directors (members present) had a meeting at the N.A. Waterfowl Expo. Present were; Darrel Sheraw, Curtis Oakes, Donna Hart, Porter Pepperdine, Gerald Donnelly and Lyle Jones. Items were discussed for order of business at a meeting to be held on Nov. 1, 1981.

It was brought up about raising the dues to cover the higher costs of printing and postage. With the increased memberships, it was decided to also increase the amount of cash that we offer at IWBA meets.

It was brought up about installing a person to hold the title of Historian for the IWBA.

Following up on a past suggestion, the Sect. brought information about a plaque which will be labeled as the I.W.B.A. "Hall of Fame". The names going on this plaque will be of inactive or deceased persons who have made contributions to waterfowl. We had a low bid on the plaques, so we decided to get two. The second plaque will have the name of all of the people who have held the title of "Waterfowl Person of the Year". Both plaques were to be paid for by donations rather than by the general fund.

The plaques are available for display at any show upon request.

^ election commissioner was voted upon. Choice Culver will serve as Election
(commissioner for this election. Ballots will be sent in special envelopes
addressed to Choice.

November 1, 1981. The meeting called to order by Darel Sheraw. New Business
Motion by Stan Osika to raise the dues on the following; single membership
will go from \$3.00 to \$5.00; family will go from \$5.00 to \$7.00; Jrs. will go
from \$1.00 to \$3.00. Second by Curtis Oakes. Motion carried. Rates are
in effect January 1, 1982.

Motion by Stan Miller. With increased memberships rates, increase the cash
specials at I.W.B.A. Meets. State Meets will now be \$7.00 for Champ. Duck &
Goose; with at least 6 members living in that state. District Meets \$10.00
with at least 15 members living in the district. National Meet; \$25.00 for
each. Winners must be a member in good standing to get the money.

Members thought the position of Historian was a good idea. The new Historian
will have no voting rights on any policy changes made by the Board of Directors
The responsibilities of the Historian will be to keep records of waterfowl
winners at shows, take pictures and preserve important information for the
future. Darrel Sheraw was appointed to this position.

The members thought it was a good idea about the plaques for the Hall of Fame
and Waterfowl Person of the Year. Donations were taken up and enough money
was collected to pay for both plaques.

Nominations were opened for the upcoming election of officers and directors
of the IWEA. Nominations were taken for President, Vice President, Sect.-
(as., Directors in the Eastern, Central and Canadian Districts. It was
agreed that nominations would also be taken at the National Meet in New
Mexico on the 21st and 22nd of Nov. Nominations closed December 1. People
nominated were sent forms asking if they accepted or declined. They were
ask to write something to go into the newsletter.

The majority of the Board members felt the State Fairs should not tabulated
for points for the Master Exhibitor Awards. The members had mixed feelings
about this move. There was a suggested change in the points also. Giving
1st place 8 points times number in class instead of 6. The second thru 5th
would remain the same, 4-3-2-1-.

It was agreed that all of the above actions would be brought up at the Nat.
Meet where the annual meeting is supposed to be held. Meeting ajorned.

Due to confusion at the show in Albuquerque, at meeting was not held until
after the show was done. Several members did not get to attend the meeting.
Some were to be reached later by phone to inform them what took place.
All of the business from the previous meeting was brought up before the
members at the meeting.

The members like the idea of the plaques and several donated money toward
future engraving costs. Both plaques were on display at the show and many
fine remarks were made about them. Six of the name plates are engraved on
the Waterfowl Person of the Year plaque.

Members thought the Historian was a good idea and agreed with the choice of
[son chosen.

The matter of the increase in dues and cash specials was also agreed upon.

Several nominations were made at the Albuquerque meeting. Nominations for
President, Western Director, New England Director and Central Director were
taken.

Most of the members in the west felt they would not even be considered if State Fairs are not tabulated. A person has to show at twice to be in the running for the M.E. Awards. Most show at the state fair and a club show (near by due to great distance they must travel to get to the next nearest show, 10 to 12 hours away. The members present thought the Master Exhibitor Awards should be left as it is now.

Meeting ajorned.

We would like to welcome the following new members;

Clare F. Shier - Golden, Colo.
Ben O. Wilson - Eureka, Calif.
A. Bradford Judd - Shrewsbury, N.J.
Steve Zurcher - Oberlin, Ohio
Chuck Wood Family - Clarence, Mo.
Jim Ash - Durango, Colo.
Roy & Betty Chinn Clarence, Mo.
Dan Matthias - Littleton, Colo.
David Reath - Vulcan, Mich.
M. William Breadheft Fam. - Andover, Conn.
Carl Richetelle - Merdian, Conn.
Keith O'Neil - Chelsea, Mich.
Mark Nelisse - Huntsburg, Ohio
William Clark - Mechanicsville, Va.
Alice Birchfield - Amerillo, Texas
Danny Byrne & Fam. - Albuquerque, N.M.
Jack & Robert Brunacin - Peralta, N.M.
B.L. & Susan Taul - Bosque Farms, N.M.
J & J Poultry - Albuquerque, N.M.
Bobby & Judy Nafus - Albuquerque, N.M.
Loren Bolinger - Albuquerque, N.M.
James Moffitt - Albuquerque, N.M.
Sharon L. Horton - Kiowa, Colo.
Bill Durbin - Hutchinson, Ks.
Jim & Connie Lemon - Kalamazoo, Mi.
A.M. Armstrong - Carrollton, Mo.
Robert L. Theis - Friend, Neb.
Mark Podgwaite - Woodbridge, Conn.
Peter Krusell - Ridgeville, Ont.
Robert Henderson - Manchester, Conn.
Kenneth Weeks - Kalamazoo, Michigan

On the ballot, candidates for each office are listed in alphabetical order. A pre-addressed envelope is enclosed to mail the ballot to the Commissioner.

The A.P.A. has agreed to go ahead with the new color plates for the new Standard. Several of the waterfowl speciality clubs have said they will sponsor a color plate. So far the Campbell Breeders, Eastern Waterfowl Breeders, United Call Breeders and the Indian Runner club said they would put a color plate in. The I.W.B.A. is going to sponsor a plate also, but we have not decided what breed to cover. Any individual can sponsor a plate also. The Chairman of the Color Committee is Brad Atwood, 12842 Pierce St. Pacoima, Calif. 91331. The costs of an oil painting is \$50.00 from which (the plates are made. To cover both sexes of a breed will costs \$100.00. The oil paintings are returned to the sponsor after the color seperation is made. The APA would like to see all breeds pictured in color in the new Standard.