REPORT OF THE BREEDING BIRD ATLAS COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 30,1987 SIOUX CITY

ATTENDING: John Fleckenstein, Doug Reeves, Carol Thompson, and Barb Wilson.

- 1. Darwin Koenig had sent a letter to Carol resigning from any active participation in the BBA. Doug Reeves will contact him to see if he would consider staying on the committee.
- 2. A new code was suggested -- Pr M. This would be the lowest level under the Probable category with the M referring to multiple males. Most other atlas projects have included this code. The code was adopted by a vote of 4-0.
- 3. We briefly discussed the possible necessity for extending the period of the project. Most would agree to one additional year. We will discuss this at further length when it becomes needed.
- 4. Carol discussed the results of the questionnaire. Of the 32 coordinators sent to , there were 17 responses. Two coordinators resigned which vacated three counties, three coordinators indicated that they would do additional counties, adding three counties. Thus we have 30 coordinators covering 64 counties.

In response to the question of whether the blocks in their area would be done by 1989, there were 10 yes, 6 no, and 1 maybe.

One suggestion from the survey forms was a request from one of the coordinators to receive a summary of work done in each block as to hours spent, species status, etc. We agreed this was a good idea and will try to implement it.

- 5. There was considerable discussion about possible options for hiring birders for blockbusting work for a few months a year. DNR may be able to use a partial person from non-game funds, however, this is uncertain. We discussed the possibility of IOU funds being used for this purpose. This will be brought up at the next board meeting.
- 6. An additional source of labor was mentioned which is the summer interns from the wildlife and fisheries programs at the universities. John said he would investigate this possibility.
- 7. We agreed to set up a meeting in January, 1988 to review the forms for each block and assess their status. Doug will pick a date and let us know.

- 8. A suggestion was made to send a letter to the raptor rehabilitation centers to encourage their participation.
- 9. Another suggestion was to have blockbusting trips at the spring IOU meeting.

Addendum. From the audience at the BBA talk given by Carol and Barb a suggestion was made to do an article for the farm journals.