

2004 All American Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 7, Friday, October 8, 2004

Meeting was called to order by Louise Loepke, President of ABS at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call

Louise Loepke, President	Bill Birney, District 5 Proxy
John Miles, 1 st Vice President	Walter Loepke, District 6 Proxy
Dan Scholtes, 2 nd Vice President	Mark Denekas, District 7 Proxy
Vic deVictoria, Chairman of Judges Panel	Rodney Silva, District 9 Director
Chris Lazowy, District 1 Director	Greg Ruth, District 10 Director
David Hyatt, District 2 Proxy	Paige Gover, District 11 Director
Bernie Rahmlow, District 4 Director	Chet Swanson, District 12 Director

Invocation was lead by Louise Loepke

A moment of silent prayer and reflection in respect for our members who have passed away since our last meeting; Earl Nichols, Seth Foster, Jim Ford, Marion May, Rick Rach, Fred Weigt and Tom Overcash.

Motion 1 Chet Swanson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the 2003 ABS Board Meeting minutes. 2nd by John Miles **Passed** Unanimous

A special presentation was made by Bernie Rahmlow on behalf of the Wisconsin Cage Bird Club, of a \$500 check to sponsor the 2004 Membership Campaign. This called for a round of applause from the Board.

Louise Loepke read recommendations from the Treasurer, George Tripp who was not able to attend. Due to reduction in cash reserves, the following motions were made:

Motion 2 Motion made by Rodney Silva to increase affiliation dues starting 2005. Affiliations now at \$100. raised to \$130. Affiliations now at \$50. raised to \$75. and to raise membership dues as of July 1, 2005 to Regular Membership, \$30, Dual Membership \$40, Junior Membership \$15. 2nd by Greg Ruth **Passed** Unanimous

Reports were given by 1st Vice President, John Miles
2nd Vice President, Dan Scholtes
Editor, Greg Ruth
Products Div, Walter Loepke
Registrar, Bill Birney

Motion 3 Chet Swanson made a motion to accept the appointment of Walter Loepke as Product Division Manager. 2nd by Chris Lazowy **Approved** Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Birney reported on the idea of Variety Breeder of the Year awards. He did not recommend adopting such a program since most of the varieties are covered within the Rare Exhibitor of the Year Awards.

Life Memberships were restudied. Chet Swanson presented what the American Legion offers.

Motion 4 Motion made by Chet Swanson to offer Life Memberships based on the tables of the American Legion 2nd by Dan Scholtes **Passed** Unanimous

Bernie Rahmlow made a presentation for the Budgie Breeders of Wisconsin to host the 2006 All American.

Motion 5 Motion made by David Hyatt to present the 2006 All American to the Budgie Breeders of Wisconsin, Labor Day weekend. 2nd by Rodney Silva **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 6 Chet Swanson made the motion that ABS change the name of the Rare Show to Specialty and Rare Variety Show, as is being done in England.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion 7 Motion made by David Hyatt that all birds at ABS shows should be banded with ABS bands. 2nd by Chris Lazowy. **Failed** 3 Yes 10 No
1VP-N, 2VP-N, C/J-N, D1-Y, D2-Y, D4-N, D5-N, D6-N, D7-N, D9-N, D10-N, D11-Y, D12-N

Motion 8 Motion made by Walter Loepke that members be allowed to show double-banded birds. Both bands must be registered to the exhibitor, by an organization that keeps records. One of the bands must be an ABS band. 2nd by Rodney Silva **Failed** 2 Yes 11 No
1VP-N, 2VP-N, C/J-N, D1-N, D2-N, D4-N, D5-N, D6-Y, D7-N, D9-Y, D10-N, D11-N, D12-N

Motion 9 Motion made by Mark Denekas that ABS awards (Best in Show and Best Rare in Show plaques and ABS rosettes) be presented to the winning birds, regardless of the affiliation carried on the band of the winning entries. Birds must be banded with a closed seamless band showing the year of birth of the bird, a number used to identify only this bird, and a code which is used to identify the breeder. 2nd by Dan Scholtes **Failed.** 3 Yes 10 No
1VP-N, 2VP-Y, C/J-N, D1-N, D2-N, D4-N, D5-N, D6-N, D7-Y, D9-Y, D10-N, D11-N, D12-N

Motion 10 Motion made by Rodney Silva that the ABS awards be presented to winning birds as long as the bird is shown by a current ABS member. 2nd by Chris Lazowy **Failed**
3 Yes 10 No
1VP-N, 2VP-Y, C/J-N, D1-N, D2-N, D4-N, D5-N, D6-N, D7-Y, D9-Y, D10-N, D11-N, D12-N

Motion 11 Motion made by Bernie Rahmlow that ABS BIS and Best Division plaques be changed to read Best ABS banded bird in Show and Best ABS banded rare bird in Show. 2nd by John Miles **Passed** 11 Yes 1 No 1 Abstained
1VP-Y, 2VP-Y, C/J-Y, D1-Y, D2-Y, D4-Y, D5-Y, D6-Y, D7-A, D9-Y, D10-Y, D11-Y, D12-N

Motion 12 Motion made by Mark Denekas that the ABS Board of Directors will authorize opinion polls or questionnaires to be published with our bulletin, to offer the general membership greater opportunities for input concerning the future, the philosophy, the structure and government, All-American show date, the ethics, etc. of our society. 2nd by Greg Ruth **Failed** 3 Yes 8 No 2 Abstained
1VP-N, 2VP-Y, C/J-N, D1-N, D2-N, D4-N, D5-N, D6-N, D7-Y, D9-A, D10-Y, D11-A, D12-N

Motion 13 Motion made by Rodney Silva that show pictures of winners' birds be rotated into the ABS Website and into the ABS Bulletin with designated show personnel to provide ABS Bulletin Editor with appropriate pictures. 2nd by Greg Ruth **Passed** 12 Yes 1 Abstained
1VP-Y, 2VP-Y, C/J-Y, D1-Y, D2-Y, D4-Y, D5-Y, D6-Y, D7-A, D9-Y, D10-Y, D11-Y, D12-Y

Motion 14 That the ABS Board of Directors approach the Board of Governors of BAA proposing to host the ABS All-American and the BAA Grand National on the same weekend at the same location with a coin toss settling which society will show on the first or second days, (perhaps alternating in subsequent years,) and that such a proposal would provide arrangements for separate business meetings and joint educational and social events. This proposal must clarify that all breeders of budgerigars would be invited to compete at both shows with equal welcome and respect. **Motion withdrawn** by Mark Denekas

Motion 15 To table any proposal to combine ABS All American and BAA Grand National. **Motion withdrawn** by Rodney Silva

Motion 16 That the All American host club can decide the date of the show. **Motion withdrawn** by David Hyatt

Motion 17 To reorganize the ABS Hall of Fame selection process utilizing a straight point selection system based on all aspects of service and participation in the hobby. **Motion withdrawn** by Rodney Silva

Motion 18 Motion made by Greg Ruth to table reciprocal advertising in related bird oriented magazines. 2nd Walter Loepke **TABLED** Unanimous

Motion 19 Motion made by Rodney Silva to deposit all monies (checks) in a timely manner 2nd by Bill Birney **Passed** 12 Yes 0 No 1 Abstention
1VP-Y, 2VP-Y, C/J-Y, D1-Y, D2-Y, D4-Y, D5-Y, D6-Y, D7Y, D9-Y, D10-Y, D11-Y, D12-A

Motion 20 Motion made by Greg Ruth to have timely acknowledgment from ABS that a new member has joined (i.e. ABS Membership Card, Welcome Letter, name printed in Bulletin, etc.). 2nd by David Hyatt **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 21 Walter Loepke made a motion to go into special by law session. 2nd by John Miles **Passed** Unanimous

BY LAW SESSION

Motion 22 Motion made by Paige Gover that a member of ABS who is also a member of any other NATIONAL domestic budgerigar society shall not be allowed to serve ABS in any elected position, on the Judges' panel or as a proxy for another elected member, under any circumstances. 2nd by Dan Scholtes **Failed** 5 Yes 6 No 2 Abstained
1VP-Y, 2VP-N, C/J-N, D1-Y, D2-Y, D4-A, D5-A, D6-Y, D7-N, D9-N, D10-N, D11-Y, D12-N

Motion 23 Motion made by Rodney Silva that the District Director is to vote on issues as directed by members of the District he represents as expressed in the District meeting. 2nd by Vic de Victoria **Failed** 4 Yes 8 No 1 Abstained
1VP-N, 2VP-N, C/J-Y, D1-A, D2-Y, D4-N, D5-N, D6-N, D7-N, D9-Y, D10-N, D11-Y, D12-N

Motion 24 Motion made by John Miles to combine Districts 1 and 3, combine districts 6 and 8 And delete district 13 and add Hawaii to District 9. 2nd by Greg Ruth **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 25 Motion made by Greg Ruth to end special by law session. 2nd by Chet Swanson **Passed** Unanimous

President, Louise Loepke called for a Special By Law Session to be held at the 2005 All American Annual Board Meeting.

Meeting recessed at 10 pm and will reconvene on Friday, Oct. 8, 2004 at 10 am.

Meeting reconvened at 10 am. All present.

Motion 26 Motion made by Greg Ruth to remove the following resolution that is no longer viable or active.

18. COMMITTEES

a. A legislative review committee chairperson be appointed by the president whose function will be to review and report in the ABS Bulletin on at least a quarterly basis, or as needed, any legislation pertaining to the keeping, exhibiting, or selling birds. (#4 1995) 2nd by David Hyatt **Passed** 12 Yes 1 No 1VP-Y, 2VP-Y, C/J-Y, D1-Y, D2-Y, D4-Y D5-Y, D6-Y, D7-Y, D9-Y, D10-Y, D11-Y, D12-N

Motion 27 Motion made by Greg Ruth that ABS affiliate as a supporting membership with AFA and have an AFA Representative so that pertinent information is made available in our bulletin and on our website. 2nd by Walt Loepke **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 28 Motion made by Greg Ruth to remove the following resolution that is no longer viable or active.

8. t. (bulletin section) where it says: "That ABS notify all members of legislation pertaining to the keeping, exhibiting, and selling of birds through the ABS bulletin. (#3 1995)" 2nd by Chet Swanson. **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 29 Motion made by Chet Swanson to remove the following resolution that is no longer viable or active. 2nd by Paige Gover f. **ABS will go by the band color scheme** of WBO (World Budgerigar Organization) commencing with the year 2002 bands. (**#49 2000**) **Passed** 12 Yes 1 No

1VP-Y, 2VP-Y, C/J-Y, D1-Y, D2-Y, D4-Y D5-Y, D6-Y, D7-N, D9-Y, D10-Y, D11-Y, D12-Y

Motion 30 Motion made by David Hyatt to allow the Executive Committee to choose the band color scheme. 2nd by Walt Loepke **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 31 Motion made by Walt Loepke to remove the following resolution that is no longer viable or active. n. **Any ABS member who signs up 5 new members** receives a 1-year membership, for 20 new members, a lifetime membership, and that any club who signs up 10 new members receives \$100 credit for affiliation dues. (**#39 1998**) 2nd by Vic de Victoria **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 32 Motion made by Vic de Victoria to remove the following resolution that is no longer viable or active. a. A **Junior Representative** Council be formed. (**#24 1999**) 2nd by Chet Swanson **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 33 Motion made by Paige Gover to remove the following resolution that is no longer viable or active i. **That ABS sponsor a breeder referral service** 2nd by Chet Swanson

Passed Unanimous

Motion 34 Motion made by Rodney Silva to Review Bulletin Printer Proposal to add additional color pages to the bulletin at the 2005 Board Meeting. 2nd by Vic de Victoria **Passed**

11 Yes 2 No

1VP-Y, 2VP-N, C/J-Y, D1-Y, D2-Y, D4-Y D5-Y, D6-Y, D7-Y, D9-Y, D10-N, D11-Y, D12-Y

Motion 35 Motion made by Greg Ruth to rescind Motion 11 to be brought back before the 2005 Board Meeting. 2nd by Vic de Victoria. Accepted by Bernie Rahmlow and John Miles who made the original motion. **Passed** 9 Yes 4 No
1VP-Y, 2VP-N, C/J-Y, D1-Y, D2-N, D4-Y D5-Y, D6-N, D7-Y, D9-N, D10-Y, D11-Y, D12-Y

Motion 36 Motion made by Chet Swanson that ABS invest in an interest bearing account, 50% of the yearly average Cash Reserves. To be reviewed annually. 2nd by John Miles **Passed** Unanimous

Board recommendations were made to set up Life Membership dues in an Annuity or Endowment fund or some sort of program to allocate life dues into the treasury annually. Preferably an interest bearing account.

Motion 37 John Miles made the motion for ABS to set up an interest bearing account for Life Membership dues and for these dues to be allocated yearly into the Treasury. 2nd by Chet Swanson. **Passed** 12 Yes 0 No 1 Abstention
1VP-Y, 2VP-Y, C/J-Y, D1-Y, D2-Y, D4-Y D5-Y, D6-Y, D7-Y, D9-A, D10-Y, D11-Y, D12-Y

A recommendation was made by Greg Ruth that anyone serving in an office or position list the time needed to do the job, to give a better feeling for what the job entails and how much time is necessary to devote to the position.

Meeting recessed at 11 am. To reconvene at 8 pm

All Present

JUDGES PANEL BUSINESS

Agenda Motions 19 to 23 that were referred to the Judges Panel died for a lack of a second. Motion 24 Was not passed by the panel.

Motion 38 Motion made by Vic de Victoria to accept the following Judges Panel proposal 2nd by Bill Birney

- a. *Change the title to (Section 12 – AOV/AOC) to read (Section 121 - Composite.) Change the title to (Section 25 – AOV/AOC) to read (Section 25 – A.O.V. – Composite).*

Use the Composite list only to define two or more varieties. Note the Composite List is not a priority list, only a guide! It could be named Multiple variety guide.

Note: The example below is a larger pictorial of Section 12 – Composite and Section 25 – A.O.V. - Composite

<u>Section 12 - Composite.</u>					
1201	1202	Two or more Varieties listed on Composite list		1203	1204
		None of which are Rare Varieties			
Old Cocks	Young Cocks	Section 25 - A.O.V. - Composite		Old Hens	Young Hens
2501	2502	Composite - any two or more varieties listed on the Composite		2503	2504

2505 2506 List, one of which must be a rare 2507
variety 2508
A.O.V. (Saddle Back, Slate,
Brownwing, etc.)

Notes:

1. **If not otherwise stated, green includes all shades of green and Grey green; blue includes all shades of blue, grey and violet.**
2. **Composite Variety list. Birds of two or more of the below listed varieties should be entered in the Composite Sections. Any composite bird, which is a composite of at least, one Rare Show variety should be entered in Section 25. This is not a priority list!**

**Crested
Fallow
Black Eyed Clear
Yellows, Whites, Greywings, Clearwings.**

**Clearflights and Dutch Pies
Recessive Pies
Clearbodies**

**Red Eyed Lacewings
Lutinos and Albinos
Spangles
Australian Pies**

Passed 11 Yes 1 No 1 Abstained

1VP-Y, 2VP-Y, C/J-Y, D1-Y, D2-Y, D4-Y, D5-Y, D6-Y, D7-Y, D9-A, D10-Y, D11-Y, D12-N

Motion 39 Motion made by Vic de Victoria *To allow the judging of Best of Variety as the divisions are being judged through the Show.* This would be left to the Judge's discretion. 2nd by Walter Loepke. **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 40 Motion made by Vic de Victoria regarding B. Panel Membership Qualifications
3. To remain qualified as an active or inactive ABS panel Judge, all members will be required to attend a judge's clinic at least once every two year period AND attend the annual judges meeting once in every four year period. 2nd by John Miles **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 41 Motion made by Vic de Victoria that an "active ABS judge " in good standing shall be allowed to vote by Absentee Ballot at any AA or special called meeting where voting is taken place on judges panel issues on the original motion as written. 2nd by Walter Loepke **Failed**
O Yes 11 No 2 Abstentions 1VP-N, 2VP-N, C/J-N, D1-A, D2-N, D4-N, D5-N, D6-N, D7-N, D9-N, D10-N, D11-A, D12-N

Motion 42 Motion made by Vic de Victoria to allow a judge, judging the first day of a two day show, to exhibit birds in the second day show. 2nd by John Miles **Passed** 11 Yes 1 No 1 Abstention
1VP-Y, 2VP-Y, C/J-Y, D1-Y, D2-Y, D4-Y D5-Y, D6-Y, D7-Y, D9-N, D10-Y, D11-Y, D12-A

Motion 43 Motion made by Vic de Victoria to retain the following names for specific varieties:

- a. Australian Pied vice Dominate Pied
 - b. Texas Clearbody vice Sex-linked Clearbody
 - c. Easley Laced Clear vice Dominate Clearbody
- 2nd by John Miles **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 44 Motion made by Vic de Victoria to accept the proposed Appendix of Judges and exhibitor notes; 2nd by John Miles **Passed** Unanimous

American Budgerigar Society

Judges and Exhibitors Notes

Appendix to Judges and Exhibitors Notes

Changes will be made to reflect any changes (or lack of change) made at the 2004 All American.

All Varieties:

The World Budgerigar Organization (WBO) Colour Standards represent the ideal for each variety, not necessarily reality. Few budgerigars will conform to these standards. Unless guidance is given to penalize a specific fault, penalize deviations from the ideal standard according to the degree of deviation. An example would be a black tail feather or patchy body color on an Australian Pied. These would be deviations from the standard, there is not a specific requirement to penalize these deviations; the judge must weigh a deviation with the over all quality of the bird and the other birds it is competing against. Use the WBO Point Scale as a guide when assessing deviations from the standard.

Yellowface Albino:

Current ABS guidance is: Yellowface Albino is to be shown in the appropriate Albino class in the Red Eye Section. Yellowface should not be considered a fault; only BLUE suffusion MUST be penalized (WBO 2001 Colour Standards & 1998 BS Colour Standards). The yellow wash will vary according to the type of Yellowface present. (Type I, Type II, or Australian Yellowface).

Yellowface Composites:

Current ABS guidance is: Yellowface is to be ignored for the following varieties - All Rare Division varieties, Albino, Australian Pied, and Spangle. These varieties are to be shown as if Yellowface was not present. There is no guidance to penalize these varieties for the presence of Yellowface. They will not compete for "Best Yellowface" awards (56/1989 "A bird shall only be considered for a single variety award.").

Australian Pied:

The Australian Pied may be combined visibly with all other varieties (except Ino and Dark Eyed Clear). When exhibited, Australian Pied combined with other variety(ies) must conform to the standard for Australian Pied with the allowance for the other variety(ies) characteristics. Example: Australian Pied Cinnamon must still meet the standard for Australian Pied with the allowance that body color will be 50% of normal

body color; Spots, Markings, and flights will be cinnamon brown; and feet and legs will be pinkish grey per the standard for Cinnamon. Exhibit Australian Pied composites according to current ABS Composite Variety guidance.

Spangle:

The Spangle may be combined visibly with all other varieties (except Ino and Dark Eyed Clear). When exhibited, Spangle combined with other variety(ies) must conform to the standard For Spangle with the allowance for the other variety(ies) characteristics. Example: Spangle Cinnamon must still meet the standard for Spangle with the allowance that body color will be 50% of normal body color; Spots, Markings, and flights will be cinnamon brown; and feet and legs will be pinkish grey per the standard for Cinnamon. Exhibit Spangle composites according to current ABS Composite Variety guidance.

All Rare Division Varieties:

The Rare Division is unique to the ABS and was introduced to promote and showcase the development of "Rare" Varieties. To insure maximum eligibility to compete for Best of Variety awards; Cinnamon, Opaline, Cinnamon Opaline, Yellowface, and any Dark Factors, combined with the "Rare" variety will be ignored for variety purposes unless specifically noted. Example 1: Clearwing combined with Opaline will still compete in the Clearwing section of the Rare Division. Example 2: Red Eye Lacewing White combined with Yellowface will still compete in the Red Eye Lacewing section of the Rare Division.

Clearwing:

The following is the WBO standard for Clearwing tail color - "Neutral with ground or body color suffusion". Do not wrongly interpret this as a clear "yellow or white" tail. "Neutral" is a color also described as a very light, tanish - gray. The description is not of a Spangle X Clearwing composite, which would have an all yellow or white tail.

Clearflight & Dutch Pied:

The WBO standard for both these varieties states: Flights - "buttercup yellow" or "white" (green series or blue series) vice "seven buttercup yellow" or "seven white" from the 1998 BS colour standard. The meaning is the same, ALL flights *should* be clear yellow or white; deviations should be penalized accordingly.

Notes:

President Louise Loepke called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Walter Loepke 2nd by Vic de Victoria

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm Friday, October 8, 2004

Respectfully submitted by Louise Loepke