2005 All American Board Meeting Minutes Thursday September 1, 2005, Friday September 2, 2005

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

Roll Call

President – Louise Loepke 1st Vice President – John Miles 2nd Vice President – Dan Scholtes Secretary Proxy – Dinah Moore Treasurer – Russ Roberts District 1 Director – Chris Lazowy District 2 Director – Emil Kahler District 4 Director – Bernie Rahmlow District 5 Proxy – Wally Loepke District 6/8 Director – Gene Johnson District 7 Director – Lyn North District 10 Director – Greg Ruth District 11 Director – Paige Gover District 12 Director – Chet Swanson

Invocation was lead by President, Louise Loepke.

A moment of silent prayer and reflection in respect for our members who have passed away since our last meeting: Past President, John Wolcott, Past District Director, Harold Trethaway and District 7 member, Judy Atcher. Louise also asked for a moment of silent prayer for all of the disaster victims of Hurricane Katrina and especially for our ABS members who were in harms way.

Motion 1 Emil Kahler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the 2004 ABS Board Meeting minutes. 2nd by Chet Swanson **Passed** Unanimous

Reports were given by 1st Vice President, John Miles 2nd Vice President, Dan Scholtes Treasurer, Russ Roberts Editor, Greg Ruth

Old Business

There was no old business.

Chet Swanson made a presentation for the members of District 12 to host the 2007 All American.

Motion 2 Walter Loepke made a motion to accept the proposal from the members of District 12 for the 2007 All American for the dates of September 20-23, 2007 (the fourth weekend in September) to be held in Portland, Oregon. 2nd by John Miles **Passed** Unanimous

7:20 pm District 9 Proxy Bill Porter was seated.

Louise Loepke presented motions brought forward from the Executive Committee.

Motion 3 Eliminate E bands. 2nd Gene Johnson 13Y 1N - D12 Passed

Motion 4 ABS Resolution 2 g. to read "ABS reserves the fourth weekend in September as the date for the All American. If the club sponsoring the All American is approved by the ABS Board of Directors for another weekend (weekend defined as Thursday – Monday), no ABS Patronage will be granted to any shows on the approved weekend. 2nd Chester Swanson. 5 N 9Y **Passed** Roll Call Vote: 1VP-Y, 2VP-N, Sec-Y, Trea-N, D1-Y, D2-N, D4-Y, D5-Y, D6/8-N, D7-N, D9-Y, D10-Y, D11-Y, D12-Y

To update the wording of The Objectives of the American Budgerigar Society, Inc. as suggested by Harlan Flora, the following motions were made:

Motion 5 Eliminate "To operate the society in a business like but non-profit organization." Change to "To conduct the business of this non-profit society in a business-like, professional manner." 2nd Dinah Moore **Passed** Unanimous

7:30pm Judges' Panel John "Vic" DeVictoria was seated.

Motion 6 Eliminate "To encourage the breeding habits of budgerigars and promote interest in better breeding habits" Change to "To study the breeding habits of the budgerigar to promote improved breeding results." 2nd Gene Johnson **Passed** Unanimous

Dan Scholtes left the room.

Motion 7 To adopt a "Standard of Perfection" so that all breeders might have an effective guide to the production of the "Ideal Budgerigar". To read: To provide a "Standard of Perfection" so that all breeders might have an effective guide to the production of the "Ideal Budgerigar". 2nd Gene Johnson **Passed** Unanimous

John "Vic" DeVictoria left the room and Dan Scholtes returned.

Motion 8 Change "To adopt a system of closed bands." to "To provide a system of closed bands…" 2nd Gene Johnson. **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 9 Change "To establish a small panel of 'well qualified' judges so that judging be uniform quality wherever budgerigars are shown." to "To maintain a panel of 'well

qualified' judges so that judging will be uniform quality wherever budgerigars are shown." 2nd Greg Ruth **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 10 Change "To support local, state and national bird shows and publicity programs pertaining to cage-birds that meet our approval." by eliminating "to the full extent of our ability". 2nd Bill Porter **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 11 - *ABS Resolution #13. Leg Bands a.* That ABS continue to offer Prestige Coded leg bands. There will be an initial charge to the breeder the first year of \$25 and a charge of \$10 each following year requested thereafter in addition to the normal charge of any bands ordered. Band Codes are to be a combination of two or three letters. Special logos or symbols will not be accepted. The Board reserves the right to refuse any code deemed obscene or not in ABS' best interest. When Orders for Prestige Coded leg bands are received without the required additional fee, the Secretary will notify the member and make arrangements for the additional funds to be sent. 2^{nd} by Walter Loepke **Passed.** 13Y 1Abs–D-12.

John "Vic' DeVictoria returned.

Louise Loepke completed the motions brought to the Board by the Executive Committee at this time. A recess was called for at 7:50 pm. The meeting is to resume at 8 pm.

Motion 12 Bill Porter made a motion to reaffirm our commitment to ABS by supporting all the rules and regulations. 2nd John "Vic" DeVictoria **Passed** 14 Y 1 Abs- D7

Motion 13 Paige Gover made a motion that bands will be sent at least two days before issue date (November 1) if ordered by September 1. 2nd Walter Loepke **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 14 John Miles made a motion that ABS establish a scholarship committee and develop guidelines for testing and receipt of scholars. 2nd John "Vic" DeVictoria **Passed** Unanimous

President, Louise Loepke, asked the Board for any volunteers for this Committee. No responses.

Motion 15 Walter Loepke made a motion that ABS will sponsor a membership drive every year and award free re-affiliation to the winning club. 2nd Chris Lazowy **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 16 Russ Roberts made a motion that the winning club of the membership drive will be responsible for that portion of annual affiliation fees for any insurance required. 2^{nd} Chet Swanson **Passed** 14 Y, 1 No- D6/8

Motion 17 Chet Swanson made a motion that ABS shall continue to run the Bulletin Photo and Article Contest. 2nd Greg Ruth **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 18 Emil Kahler made a motion that ABS allow for double banded birds at ABS shows providing only one band is an ABS band and the Bird is bred and banded by the exhibitor. Both bands are traceable to the Exhibitor. 2nd Russ Roberts **Failed** 8N 5Y 2Abs Roll Call vote 1VP-N, 2VP-Y, Sec-N, Trea-Y, D1-N, D2-Y, D4-N, D5-Abs, D6/8-Y, D7-Y, D9-N, D10-N, D11-Abs, D12-N, JP-N

Motion 19 Gene Johnson made a motion that all ABS awards be given to any ABS Member, regardless of the organization that issued his or her bands, the bird must be bred and banded by the exhibitor and their bands must be issued by an organization that keeps records of all bands issued. 2nd Dan Scholtes **Failed**10N 5Y Roll Call vote 1VP-N, 2VP-Y, Sec-N, Trea-Y, D1-N, D2-Y, D4-N, D5-N, D6/8-Y, D7-Y, D9-N, D10-N, D11-N, D12-N, JP-N

Motion 20 Dan Scholtes made a motion 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, and a number used to identify only this bird, and a code which is used to identify the breeder. 2nd Gene Johnson **Failed** 11N 4Y Roll Call Vote: 1VP-N, 2VP-Y, Sec-N, Trea-Y, D1-N, D2-N, D4-N, D5-N,D6/8-Y, D7-Y, D9-N, D10-N, D11-N, D12-N, JP-N

Motion 21 Chet Swanson made a motion to provide more exposure to the avian community, and to assist with recruitment of members and clubs, the Corporation shall affiliate as a Specialty Organization with the American Federation of Aviculture at a cost of \$125.00 per year and shall continue that membership annually. ABS information shall be provided to AFA for inclusion on their website. 2nd Walter Loepke **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 22 Chet Swanson made a motion to insure that only the most deserving individuals are inducted into the ABS Hall of Fame, the Hall of Fame Committee shall submit their recommendations to the ABS President for confirmation by the full ABS Board prior to announcement of the selections. To be named to the ABS Hall of Fame, nominees must receive a two-thirds majority vote of the ABS Board. 2nd Paige Gover **Failed** 14N, 1Y-D12

Motion 23 Chet Swanson made a motion to encourage exhibitors throughout the nation and hobby to enter show teams at the annual ABS All American shows, all clubs hosting the All American show must agree to make provisions for shipped-in birds from exhibitors. 2nd Walter Loepke **Failed** 14N 1Y-D12

Resolved that the District 12 membership encourages ABS to have open discussions with BAA on reconciliation's of membership and judges' panel.

Bill Birney gave the Registrar's Report.

Motion 24 Chet Swanson made a motion to open the Special By-Laws Session for 2005. 2nd Walter Loepke. **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 25 Walter Loepke made a motion to recess the Special By-Laws Session for 2005 for a 10 minute break. 2nd Chet Swanson **Passed** Unanimous

Recess called for at 9:00 pm. Meeting called to order after break at 9:10 by Louise Loepke.

Motion 26 Chet Swanson made a motion to resume the Special By-Laws Session for 2005. 2nd Gene Johnson **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 27 Paige Gover made a motion that whoever is nominated as second Vice President, that person will identify some form of educational program or project for the following year. 2nd Walter Loepke Paige and Walter agreed to withdraw the motion.

Motion 28 Paige Gover made a motion that whoever is elected as Second Vice President, that person will identify some form of educational program or project for the following term. 2nd Dinah Moore. **Failed** 1Y-D11 14N

Motion 29 Chet Swanson moved that the following wording be removed from **Article VIII**, #3 Shall promote a contest for educational articles with winning participants to be rewarded at the next All American with the top article being recognized with a trophy or equivalent and a one year membership compensation with entrant scoring performed by the ABS Executive Board and ABS Editor 2nd John Miles **Passed** 14Y, 1 Abs-Treasurer

Motion 30 Paige Gover made a motion that at future All Americans there will be a seminar scheduled by the Second Vice President. 2nd Gene Johnson **Passed** 14Y 1N-D12

Motion 31 Russ Roberts made a motion to change "January 2" to "December 1" in Article VII – Officers paragraph 6 of the ABS By-Laws. Date change necessary due to the deadline of the Jan/Feb bulletin. 2^{nd} Gene Johnson **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 32 Motion made by the Executive Committee to remove the words **New Groups** from Article IV Paragraph 1. 2nd by Walter Loepke. **Passed.** Unanimous

Motion 33 Motion made by the Executive Committee to add to Article IV Paragraph 1 the following: d.) For profit businesses and groups are ineligible for affiliation. 2nd by Gene Johnson **Passed** 14Y, 1 Abs, D-12

Motion 34 Motion made by the Executive Committee to Change Article XII Paragraph 1 to read, **All ABS Order forms should state**, "**Make check payable to The American Budgerigar Society, Inc. or ABS.**" **Payable in US funds only.** 2nd by Chet Swanson. **Passed** Unanimous

Louise Loepke stated "We will adjourn the Special By-Laws Session at this time with due notice that a Special By-Laws Session will be re-opened for consideration of additional By-Law Changes."

Motion 35 Gene Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting until Friday, September 2, 2005 at 8pm. 2nd Chet Swanson **Passed** Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Louise Loepke, President of ABS September 2, 2005 at 8pm.

Roll Call

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Judges' Panel Business

Motion 36 Bill Porter made a motion in order to encourage the breeding and exhibition of visually crested budgerigars, the second sentence of note 2, of Motion 38, adopted at the 2004 ABS Board meeting, needs to be corrected to read: "With the exception of visual crested birds, which should be shown in Section 21, any composite bird, which is a composite of at least, one Rare Show variety should be entered in Section 25." Section 21 to be noted as Section 21 Crested (All) 2nd Gene Johnson **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 37 Bill Porter made a motion to add the phrase in italics to

1. D. Panel Regulations 13, Page 12.

Any active judge who wishes to run for the position of Chairman of the A.B.S. Judges Panel is required to submit, in writing, his/her wishes to be placed on the ballot, at or before the "All American" of the election year, to the Secretary of the Judges Panel. The Candidate is required to have five (5) active judges sponsor his/her request. *Sponsorship request will be sent to the secretary in writing either by e-mail or mail. A mailed ballot requires a judge's signature.* The candidate's name will then be announced at the annual meeting. 2nd Gene Johnson Passed 14Y 1Abs-D12

Motion 38 Bill Porter made a motion to add the phrase in italics to 2. D. Panel Regulations, Page 11. 8.

No A.B.S. Panel Judge will accept a judging assignment within the United States *during the same period as the All American (Thursday – Monday).* 2nd Chet Swanson Passed Unanimous

Motion 39 Bill Porter made a motion to add the phrase in italics to **4.** Article X. Page 4. No member of this panel may be a judge or judge trainee in any other budgerigar society other than A.B.S. or an affiliate, on penalty of immediate dismissal from this panel. *Refer to Page 9, B-1.* 2nd by John Miles **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 40 Bill Porter made a motion to add the phrase in italics to **5.** Article XI, Page 4. No member of this panel will act under any other authority but the A.B.S. Standard of Perfection *(refer to Appendix "E" and "F")* and its rules and regulations pertaining to the exhibition of budgerigars. This rule will apply while judging in the United States. A panel judge officiating in a foreign country, as a guest judge, will be exempt from this rule for that period of time. 2^{nd} Emil Kahler **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 41 Bill Porter made a motion to add the statement in italics to 6. B. Panel membership Qualifications, Page 9.

1. No A.B.S. Panel Judge or judge trainee shall become a judge or apply to become a judge, in any other national budgerigar society, nor of any other society or group or affiliate of the same. *Failure to comply will result in immediate dismissal from this panel.* 2nd Yvonne Weir **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 42 Bill Porter made a motion to add the statement in italics to 6. B. Panel membership Qualification Page 9 4. To remain qualified as an active or inactive A.B.S. Panel Judge, he/she will be required to certify that all of the following statements are true and correct at the time of paying his/her panel dues and annually thereafter. *Failure to comply will result in immediate dismissal from this panel.* 2nd Yvonne Weir Passed Unanimous

Motion 43 Bill Porter made a motion to add the phrase in italics to **8**. **C. Judging Procedures, Page 10.** All judging and placement of birds by members of the A.B.S. judges Panel will be done according the A.B.S. Standard of Perfection (*refer to Appendix "E" and "F"*).2nd Gene Johnson. **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 44 Bill Porter made a motion to change \$25.00 to \$35.00 in **9. D. Panel Regulations, Page 11, paragraph 6.** 2nd Gene Johnson **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 45 Bill Porter made a motion to change the words in italics to **Panel Regulations Page 14. 14. The items listed in the Appendix A through F** have from time to time *have* been approved by the Judges Panel and *will* be a part of the General Rules and By-Laws of the Judges Panel. These are the By-Laws, Rules and regulations of the A.B.S. Judges Panel, with all previous amendments in proper order, as approved by the A.B.S. Board of Directors. 2nd John Miles **Passed** Unanimous **Motion 46** Bill Porter made a motion to change all words with "should" to "will" on page 16 and 17 of the **Appendix "A" of the Panel Regulations**. 2nd John Miles **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 47 Bill Porter made a motion to add the word in italics to **Appendix "C" Page 20. 6.** Notify the Chairman of the Qualifying Committee after the course has been given with a brief *written* commentary of the progress of the trainee. The in-depth instruction given our trainees is an important contribution to maintaining and improving the high standards of our A.B.S. Judges Panel. 2nd John Miles **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 48 Bill Porter made a motion that an "active ABS judge" in good standing shall be allowed to vote by absentee ballot all motions that pertain to the ABS Judges Panel General Rules and By-Laws. The vote applies only to original motions as presented on the judges' agenda or written by an absentee judge to be placed on the agenda at any All American or when a special meeting is called where voting is taking place. The absentee judge's ballot must be sent to the judge's secretary one week prior to the annual and/or special meeting either by e-mail or mail. A mailed ballot requires a judge's signature. 2nd Gene Johnson. **Failed** 7N 6Y 2Abs 1VP-N, 2VP-N, Sec-Y, Trea-N, D1-Y, D2-N, D4-Abs, D5-N, D6/8-Y, D7-N, D9-Y, D10-Y, D11-Abs, D12-N, JP-Y

Motion 49 Bill Porter made a motion to lower the Judge Trainee requirement from 10 years to 7 years of ABS membership. 2nd John Miles **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 50 Chet Swanson made a motion to re-open the ABS By-Laws Special Sessions. 2nd by Gene Johnson **Passed** Unanimous

ABS By-Laws Session re-opened.

Motion 51 Bill Porter made a motion to change **Article X. paragraph 2.to read** "The Executive committee shall consist of five (5) members of the Judges 'Panel. The chairman will be elected by the membership of the Judges' Panel. The Chairman of the Judges' Panel will appoint his/her secretary and three Executive Committee members for his/her four-year term. No member of the Executive Committee will be paid for his or her services. With the approval of the Executive committee, the Chairman may suspend any member of the Executive Committee who does not perform their duties in a timely and professional manner." 2nd by John Miles **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 52 Louise Loepke submitted from the Executive Board a motion to eliminate from **Article VIII – Duties of Officers paragraph 7**. "The Secretary, the Treasurer, the Editor, and the Products Division Manager shall perform duties of their offices under a performance bond set by the Board. Bond premiums shall be paid by the Corporation." 2^{nd} Yvonne Weir **Passed** Unanimous

Louise Loepke asked for a motion to adjourn the 2005 Special By-Laws Session. An objection from Chet Swanson noting that Motion 28 from the "Motions Agenda for the 2005 ABS Board Meeting" had not been heard.

Motion 53 YvonneWeir made a motion (Motion 28 from the "Motions Agenda for the 2005 ABS Board Meeting") that "To insure that only the most dedicated supporter of the Corporation serve as Chair of the ABS Judges' Panel, the follow change is made to **Article VIII, Section 6** of the Corporate By-Laws: change **paragraph c**. to read, "The position of 'Chairman of the Judges Panel' is open to all current members of the ABS Judges' Panel with five or more years on the panel." 2nd Russ Roberts **Failed** 14N 1Y-D12

Motion 54 Chet Swanson made a motion to close the 2005 Special By-Laws Session and for a Special By-Laws Session to be held at the 2006 All American Annual ABS Board of Directors Meeting. 2nd Gene Johnson **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 55 Chet Swanson made a motion to adjourn the 2005 ABS Board of Directors Meeting. 2nd Chris Lazowy **Passed** Unanimous

Louise Loepke, President of the American Budgerigar Society adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Dinah Moore, Proxy Secretary.