

2006 ALL AMERICAN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday, September 1, 2006, 8:15 am

President, Louise Loepke, called the 2006 ABS Board Meeting to order. She welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for their dedication to the American Budgerigar Society.

The Invocation was led by President, Louise Loepke.

Roll Call and Proxies

ABS Secretary, proceeded to call the Roll .

In Attendance:

President – Louise Loepke

1st Vice President – John Miles

2nd Vice President – Harlan Flora

Secretary – Dinah Moore

Treasurer – Russ Roberts

Chairman of Judges' Panel – Gary Hicken

District 1/3 Proxy – Larry Moore

District 2 – Emil Kahler

District 4 – Bernie Rahmlow

District 5 Proxy - David Hyatt

District 6/8 Proxy - Larry Allen

District 7 – Lyn North

District 9 - Rodney Silva

District 10 – Greg Ruth

District 11 – Paige Gover

District 12 – Chet Swanson

A moment of silent prayer and reflection in respect for our members who have passed away since our last meeting and especially for our fellow Director, Chris Lazowy.

Motion 1. To dispense with the reading of the 2005 Minutes.

Motion made by Russ Roberts seconded by David Hyatt.

PASSED Unanimous

REPORTS

Reports were given by: 1st Vice President, John Miles

2nd Vice President, Harlan Flora
Secretary, Dinah Moore
Treasurer, Russ Roberts
Editor, Greg Ruth
Past Registrar, Bill Birney
New Registrar, Barb Sweere

Motion 2. Rule 14. Membership b. ABS go to a membership card approved by the Board of Directors at the 2006 All American.

Motion made by Dinah Moore 2nd by Gary Hicken **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 3. Approval for staff appointments:

Chet Swanson - EOY Coordinator and Show Report Coordinator

Barb Sweere – Registrar

Diane Stanton – Advancement Secretary

Walter Loepke – Awards Coordinator and Products Division Manager

Vic de Victoria – Hall of Fame Chair

Motion made by David Hyatt 2nd by Bernie Rahmlow **Passed** Unanimous

There was no **Old Business**

Executive Committee Report

President, Louise Loepke presented motions brought forward from the Executive Committee:

Motion 4. On the ABS Patronage Form change wording to read:

“Additional ABS Plaques may be purchased by **ABS Affiliated Clubs** at a cost of”

Motion made by Executive Committee 2nd by Larry Moore **Passed** Unanimous

Additional motions from the Executive Committee will be brought forth during the Special By Law Session.

2008 All American Presentation

There was no one present at this time to make a presentation. Will table presentation until Don Denny arrives at the meeting.

Break 10:26

Reconvened 10:38

Roll Call – All Present

Motion 5. To hold future annual All American Shows on Saturdays.
Motion made by Gary Hicken 2nd David Hyatt **Failed** Yes 5 (DD5, 6&8,10,11,JPC) No 9, Abstained 1(DD2)

Motion 6. Host club to choose day of weekend to hold show for All-American. Motion made by Gary Hicken 2nd Chet Swanson **Passed** Yes 14, Abstained 1 (DD11)

Motion 7. ABS foreign membership dues will be that of US members plus yearly postage of ABS bulletin to the foreign member's country.
Motion made by Greg Ruth 2nd Gary Hicken **Passed** Yes 13, No 2 (DD12,Treasurer)

Motion 8. That Foreign lifetime ABS members will be required to pay for postage of ABS Bulletins to their country of residence.
Motion made by Greg Ruth 2nd John Miles **Failed** Yes 4 (1VP,2VP,DD1&3,DD10) No 11

Motion 9. ABS not accept Foreign Life Memberships effective immediately.
Motion made by Lyn North 2nd Larry Moore **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 10. Insert number of birds in variety in parenthesis, when available, when reporting best of variety in ABS Bulletin.
Motion made by Bernie Rahmlow 2nd David Hyatt **Passed** Yes 11, No 4 (DD1&3,2,9,10)

Motion 11. That 20 points be awarded for each best of variety to count towards Exhibitor of the Year in your division.
Motion made by Lyn North 2nd Emil Kahler **Failed** Yes 1 (DD2), No 13, Abstained 1 (DD7)

Motion 12. ABS By-Laws, Resolutions, Rules, including those of the Judge's Panel only apply when member is acting in an official position as an ABS representative.
Motion made by Lyn North 2nd Rodney Silva **Failed** Yes 1 (DD7), No 13, Abstained 1 (DD9)

Presentation for the 2008 All American presented by Don Denny for the Sequoia Budgerigar Society.

Motion 13. To award the Sequoia Budgerigar Club the 2008 All American. Motion made by Emil Kahler 2nd by Bernie Rahmlow **Passed** Yes 10, 2 No (Treasurer, DD10), 3 Abstained (Secretary, DD5,9)

Motion 14. That ABS allow for double banded birds by ABS members, with a second band, at ABS shows, providing one band is an ABS band and the bird is bred and banded by the exhibitor and that both bands are traceable to the Exhibitor. Motion made by John Miles 2nd Emil Kahler **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 15. Any owner bred and banded bird which places in an ABS show to receive the awards for that win.

Motion made by Emil Kahler 2nd Gary Hicken **Failed** Yes 1 (JPC), No 10, Abstained 4 (DD2,7,9,12)

Motion Any owner bred and banded bird which places in an ABS show to receive EOY points that it earns. Motion made by Emil Kahler. Died for lack of second

Motion 16. Any votes to change ABS By-Laws and Resolutions including those of the Judge's Panel may only occur at an All-American.

Motion made by Lyn North 2nd Rodney Silva **Failed** Yes 4 (JPC, DD7,9,12), No 7, Abstained 4 (Treasurer, DD2,4,10)

Motion 17. Chairman or designee of the Scholarship Committee to have a fund raiser at the All American for the scholarship fund.

Motion made by Paige Gover 2nd Larry Moore **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 18. For ABS to investigate establishing an endowment fund.

Motion made by Rodney Silva 2nd John Miles **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 19. To add 25 cents or more to every show entry to benefit ABS.

Motion made by Rodney Silva 2nd Paige Gover **Failed** Yes 1 (DD9), No 14

Motion To encourage exhibitors in Canada to join ABS, Members from Canada will not be considered foreign members. They shall pay the same fees for bands and membership as all domestic members. However,

membership and band fees shall be adjusted annually at the General Meeting for additional postage costs. **Tabled until after the By-Laws Session.**

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon. Reconvene at 8 am, Sept. 2nd

Sept 2nd Meeting reconvened at 8:20 am

Roll Call All Present

Judges' Panel Report

A Judges' Panel Executive Committee shall consist of five (5) members of the Judges' Panel elected for a four-year term. 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. The Judges' Executive Committee shall have operational responsibility on all matters as provided under the rules of the Judges' Panel as approved by the Board. All resolutions made by the Judges' Panel shall be submitted to the Board for approval. Add: Subject to the provisions of this section, the Judges Panel may establish procedures to allow voting on Judges' Panel operational matters by absentee ballot. **Passed**

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 email or mail. A mailed ballot requires a judge's signature. **Passed**

To insert where it pertains to a signature in the Judges Panel Rules & By Laws, that an email document is an official document and suffices as a signed document. **Passed**

Any qualified judge who belongs to the WBO to be able to judge any show that is affiliated with the WBO, either ABS or BAA.

Motion Died

ABS By Laws, Resolutions, Rules, including those of the Judges' Panel only apply when member is acting in an official position as an ABS Representative. **Motion Died**

Judges' Panel to pay WBO fees. **Passed**

Any votes of the Judges' Panel may only occur at an All American. **Passed**

To allow the wooden "rosette" to be used on the long perches where the perch meets the back of the show cage. To also allow the perch to touch the show cage front in lieu of creating a deep horizontal saw cut allowing the perch to rest on the cage front. **Passed**

Change wording on page 3 Article III line 5 of the Judges Panel General Rules and By Laws. Replace the word "or" with "of" in Board or Directors. **Passed**

Page 11 D2 of the Judges' Panel General Rules; suggest adding after the last sentence. "An exception to this rule would apply to any judge who is 75 years or older and has been a Panel Judge over 30 years. They will be given a Lifetime Active Membership on the panel and would remain on Active Status as long as they are able to fulfill all the requirements. **Passed**

Motion 20. To accept the above recommendations of the Judges Panel. Motion was made by Larry Moore 2nd by Harlan Flora
Passed Unanimous

JUDGES' PANEL MOTIONS

Motion 21. Judge's Panel pay WBO fees or ABS withdraw from Organization. Motion made by Chet Swanson 2nd by Paige Gover
Passed Yes 14, No 0, 1 Abstained (DD12)

Motion 22. Any qualified judge who belongs to the WBO to be able to judge any show that is affiliated with the WBO, either ABS or BAA. Motion made by Emil Kahler 2nd Rodney Silva **Failed**
Yes 0, No 11, Abstained 4 (DD2,7,9,JPC)

President, Louise Loepke called for a motion to open the Special By Laws Session for 2006. Motion made by Chet Swanson 2nd Rodney Silva
Passed Unanimous

BY LAW MOTIONS

By Law Motions brought forth from the Executive Committee

Motion 24. ARTICLE III- DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT OFFICERS

4. The manner and method of conducting the nominations for the office of District Director and the manner and method of election of such officer shall be as follows:

(a). At the same time each such incumbent District Director shall request each Affiliated Club in his district to select the name of one (1) nominee for District Director. The clubs are to advise the ABS Secretary, with a copy to the incumbent District Director, of such selection and nominee, on or before December 1st (**changed from January 1st**) preceding the date of the Annual Board of Director's General Meeting at which the newly elected Directors are to take office. The next board of director's election is for example 2008.

Motion 2nd by Emil Kahler **Passed Unanimous**

Motion 25. ARTICLE VII- OFFICERS

7. In each election year, a ballot or ballots shall be inserted with the January/February issue of the Bulletin, with the names of those nominated for the various offices in alphabetical order and the district(s) from which they were nominated. The ballot shall also contain a space for the member's signature, membership number and/or band code. Dual Members each have one vote. Facsimile ballots are not permitted. Write-In Candidates are not permitted.

Add "All members in good standing as of the first of the month when ballots are mailed shall be entitled to vote." 2nd by Chet Swanson

Passed Unanimous

Motion 26. ARTICLE IV- AFFILIATION, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION

2. Any member or Affiliate of this Corporation may be expelled, removed, or suspended for a period of time, or be asked to resign or withdraw, by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. A documented complaint, signed by a member of this Corporation, that the acts, conduct, actions or ethics of said accused would be, or are deemed to be, detrimental to the best interest of this Corporation has been filed **change to**

“is to be filed” with the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Chairman will refer the complaint to the accused and the Executive Committee who may not act for a period of 28 days, during which period the accused may submit documented evidence to defend himself, herself, or itself against the charges. The Executive Committee will render a decision on the matter, with the further provision that the accused or any member of the Board of Directors may petition the Board of Directors at the next Annual General Board Meeting for a hearing on the matter. Unless such hearing is requested, the decision of the majority vote of the Executive Committee will be considered final.

2nd by David Hyatt **Passed** Unanimous

Motion 27. ARTICLE XI - MEETINGS, Section 9, last paragraph,

'The motions put forward at the District Meetings shall **change to “should”** contain reason for the motion.'

2nd by Larry Moore **Passed** Yes 14, No 1(DD12)

Motion 28. **ARTICLE IX – APPOINTED OFFICERS AND SUPPORT EMPLOYEES** *change to STAFF* 2nd by Larry Moore **Passed**

Unanimous

Motion 29. **Article X – COMMITTEES.**

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“Subject to the provisions of this section, the Judges Panel may establish procedures to allow voting on Judges’ Panel operational matters by absentee ballot.” Motion made by Chet Swanson 2nd Gary Hicken **Passed**

Unanimous

Motion 30. To insert, where it pertains to a signature in the ABS By-Laws, that “an e-mail document is an official document and suffices as a signed document”. Motion made by Lyn North 2nd Rodney Silva **Passed**

Unanimous

Motion Withdrawn To encourage memberships and affiliations from Canada, Article II, of the ABS By-Laws is amended to add a new Section 9 reading, "Memberships and affiliations for individuals and organizations in

Canada shall be for the same fees as for members and organizations within in the United States, with any adjustments needed for additional postage costs. Adjustment rates shall be set at the annual General Meetings for the following year." [For Example - as of 4/28/2006 the additional postage required would be \$2.10 per year. In the US, the postage for an average bulletin is \$1.35. Postage for the bulletin to Canada would be \$1.70. So, add \$2.25 to the basic cost for Canadians, so single members would pay \$32.25 USD and dual members would pay \$42.25 USD.

Note: There may be some insurance considerations that might apply to clubs that affiliate with ABS; our policy might not provide coverage in Canada. This is to be brought back as Old Business at the 2007 All American Board Meeting

Motion Withdrawn To encourage memberships and affiliations from Canada, Article III, Section 1 of the ABS By-Laws is amended to read, *"The United States and Canada shall be divided into districts for purposes of management of the affairs of the corporation and election of a member of the Board of Directors from each district."* (Adds the words and Canada)
Motion made by Chet Swanson 2nd Gary Hicken

Motion 31. To encourage ABS members from Canada to become more active within the Corporation, *ABS Districts shall be adjusted to include Canadian provinces. The provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec shall become part of District 1. The province of Ontario shall become part of District 2. The provinces of Manitoba, Nunavut, and Saskatchewan shall become part of District 4. The provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, and Yukon shall become part of District 12.*

Motion made by Chet Swanson 2nd by Larry Moore
Passed Yes 14, No 1(Treasurer)

Tabled **Motion Withdrawn** To encourage exhibitors in Canada to join ABS, Members from Canada will not be considered foreign members. They shall pay the same fees for bands and membership as all domestic members. However membership and band fees shall be adjusted annually at the General Meeting for additional postage costs.
Motion made by Chet Swanson 2nd by Gary Hicken

Motion 32. Close the Special 2006 By Laws Session

Motion made by Larry Moore 2nd Rodney Silva
Passed Unanimous

Motion 33. Call for a special Bylaw Session at the 2007 All American
Motion made by Chet Swanson 2nd Paige Gover
Passed Unanimous

Motion 34 Motion to adjourn the 2006 All American Board of Directors
Meeting.
Motion made by Dinah Moore 2nd by Larry Moore 14 Yes, 1 Abstained
(DD9) **Passed**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am on Saturday, September 2, 2006.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dinah Moore
ABS Secretary