

2007 ALL AMERICAN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 13, 2007

President, Louise Loepke, called the 2007 ABS Board Meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. She welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for their dedication to the American Budgerigar Society.

The Invocation was led by Gary Hicken

Roll Call and Proxies

The ABS Secretary, proceeded with the Roll Call.

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 – Dennis Jones

District 2 Proxy – Bill Birney

District 4 – Bernie Rahmlow

District 5 Proxy – Walt Howard

District 6/8 – David Hyatt

District 7 – Lyn North

District 9 - Rodney Silva

District 10 – Greg Ruth

District 11 Proxy – Larry Moore

District 12 – Chet Swanson

Motion 1. To dispense with the reading of the 2006 Minutes.

Motion made by Gary Hicken 2nd by Bill Birney.

PASSED Unanimous

REPORTS

Reports were given by: Secretary, Dinah Moore

Treasurer, Russ Roberts

1st Vice President, John Miles

2nd Vice President, Harlan Flora

The Editor's Report was given by Greg Ruth. Greg announced that he had tendered his resignation to the Executive Committee.

MOTION 2. Approve the appointment of Paul Jakubowski as the new ABS Bulletin Editor.

Motion made by Larry Moore 2nd by Bill Birney. **PASSED** Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion Withdrawn at the 2006 Board Meeting To encourage memberships and affiliations from Canada, Article II, of the ABS By-Laws is amended to add a new Section 9 reading,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

Comment from Chet Swanson: All the worries last year about adopting a provision allowing Canadian clubs to affiliate, and look, it's been permissible since 1990.

4. AFFILIATION

e. Canadian Clubs shall be allowed to affiliate with ABS. (#17 1990)

No action needed on Old Business.

MOTION 3. The ABS Board of Directors give a formal thank you to Greg Ruth for his exemplary term as ABS Bulletin Editor. Motion made by Larry Moore 2nd by Dinah Moore **PASSED** Unanimous

Executive Committee Report

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

MOTION 4. To remove 12. c. All clubs in ABS be required to carry Insurance either through their affiliation dues with the appropriate increases for cost of insurance. #105... To amend #105 that affiliates be required to carry insurance either through their own carrier, with proof and having ABS designated as an added insure sent to ABS, or through their affiliation dues. (#106 1994) 2nd by Walt Howard. **PASSED** Unanimous

MOTION 5. To remove ABS Resolution j. To promote ABS membership by running classified ad in National Bird Clubs listing in Bird Talk, Bird Breeder, and Bird World with the cost being entered as a line item in the budget. (#102 1994) and renumber. 2nd by Greg Ruth. **PASSED**
Unanimous.

MOTION 6. To change wording in ABS Resolution l. The ABS Secretary send copies of the quarterly District Director Membership Updates to the ABS Editor to be published in the ABS bulletin. (#22 1998). Change to read: The ABS Secretary send copies quarterly of the New Member List to the ABS Editor to be published in the ABS bulletin. 2nd by Gary Hicken. **PASSED** Unanimous

MOTION 7. To change ABS Resolution 21. b. That voting instructions be printed on the back of the ballot. (#33 1986) to read 21. b. That voting instructions be printed on the ballot. 2nd by Larry Moore. **PASSED**
Unanimous

MOTION 8. To remove from the ABS Resolutions h. Recommended that the beginner's guide to breeding budgerigars have additional authors and articles be included into the handbook. Advertising be obtained to cover the cost of printing. Sell through the Products division for \$5.95 and consider a downscaled version for juniors. 2nd by Gary Hicken. **PASSED** Unanimous

MOTION 9. To remove 3 i. That the only double-banded birds to be allowed in a show are those with family plastic bands and one ABS closed band. (#32 1988). Rescinded 2006 and add to j. 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. (#14 2006) Family plastic bands are allowed. 2nd by Gary Hicken. **PASSED**
Unanimous

MOTION 10. Band prices shall be set annually at the general meeting for the following year based on the current EURO/US Dollar conversion. Band prices shall be set at a cost of 50% above the actual cost to ABS rounded up to the next higher five dollar increment. Price increase effective Jan. 1, 2008.

Band Prices Effective January 1, 2008

Number	Cost each	Cost Total	P & H	ABS Cost	50% Up	Cost + Up	ABS Price
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25	\$0.325	\$8.13	\$1.02	\$9.15	\$4.06	\$13.21	\$15.00
50	\$0.325	\$16.26	\$1.02	\$17.28	\$8.13	\$25.40	\$30.00
100	\$0.325	\$31.51	\$1.02	\$33.53	\$16.26	\$49.79	\$50.00
150	\$0.325	\$48.77	\$1.02	\$49.79	\$24.38	\$74.17	\$75.00
200	\$0.325	\$65.03	\$1.02	\$66.05	\$32.51	\$98.56	\$100.00

2nd by Rodney Silva. **PASSED** 14 Yes District 11 No

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

MOTION District 11 - Band prices shall be set annually at the general meeting for the following year based on the current EURO/US Dollar conversion. For the 2008 and 2009 band years, prices shall be set at a cost of 50% above the actual cost to ABS rounded up to the next higher **ONE DOLLAR** increment. Motion made by Larry Moore. **DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND**

MOTION DISTRICT 5 - That ABS costs for bands with additional allowances for the rate of exchange of currencies and no more than 50% profit by ABS to aide in other ABS expenses was acceptable. **DIED FOR LACK OF A MOTION.**

MOTION 11. Junior members of the ABS shall be provided their first twenty-five (25) bands per year at no cost using their initially assigned ABS band number. The Junior member may also order an additional twenty-five (25) bands per year at the cost to ABS for those bands. Any additional bands in a year shall be at the normal price. Juniors using specially coded bands will pay the normal prices charged to other members. Motion made by Chet Swanson 2nd by Greg Ruth **FAILED 13 No, 1 Yes D12. 1 abstained D2'**

MOTION 12. Beginning with the 2008 Band Year, ABS shall offer exhibitors the opportunity to use a specially coded band other than their initially assigned ABS band number. Letters and numbers combined are not to exceed four digits and no special logos or symbols will be allowed. An unused special code which has been assigned within the past 10 years to another current or former ABS member may not be used. Objectionable codes requested, may be disapproved at the sole discretion of ABS. The initial set-up cost for these bands will be \$25.00, no additional annual or other fees will be charged. ABS resolution 13.a is rescinded. Motion made by Bernie Rahmlow 2nd by Chet Swanson. **FAILED. 6 Yes** 1st VP, JP, D2,

D4, D5, D12. **8 NO** 2nd VP, Treasurer, Secretary, D6/8, D7, D9, D10, D11.
1 abstained D1/3.

MOTION District 11 - Beginning with the 2008 band year, ABS shall offer exhibitors the opportunity to use a specially coded band other than their initially assigned ABS band number. Letter and numbers combined are not to exceed three digits and no special logs or symbols will be allowed. An unused special code which has been assigned within the past 10 years to another current or former ABS member may not be used. Objectionable codes requested may be disapproved at the sole discretion of ABS. **The initial set-up cost for these bands will be \$25.00 no additional annual or other fees will be charged.** ABS resolution 13.a is rescinded
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PASSED Unanimous

MOTION 14. Any person moved to another division to consolidate a show shall only receive points towards that respective Division. Motion made by Rodney Silva 2nd by David Hyatt. **FAILED 7 Yes** 1st VP, 2nd VP, Treasurer, Secretary, D5, D6/8, D9. **8 No** JP, D1/3, D2, D4, D7, D10, D11, D12

Motion District 4 To reduce mailing costs only one bulletin subscription should be sent per household. **DIED FOR LACK OF MOTION**

Roll Call Addendum - Larry Moore Proxy for District 11 left the meeting.

MOTION 15. Motion to adjourn made by Bernie Rahmlow 2nd by Bill Birney **Unanimous**

Meeting adjourned at 9.09 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, 2007.

Meeting called to order by President Louise Loepke at 9:05 a.m. Friday, Sept 21, 2008.

Roll Call found all present

MOTION District 4 - To have a fund raising committee created to help ABS raise funds to offset costs. **DIED FOR LACK OF MOTION**

Roll Call Addendum: Proxy Larry Moore left meeting

MOTION District 9 - District Nine would be in favor of raising the cost of dues, affiliation, and/or bands, provided that ABS itemizes their goals and objectives for increased funding. Motion made by Rodney Silva.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND

MOTION District 9 - That ABS seek out a national co-sponsor/s to help with the funding of future All Americans. Motion made by Rodney Silva

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND

Roll Call Addendum: Proxy Larry Moore returned to meeting

MOTION District 9 - The Judge's Panel consider the classification of the dark factor birds placement in their respective sections. IE Dark green in light green, cobalt in sky section, etc. Motion made by Rodney Silva.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

MOTION 16. To establish An Outstanding Member Award to recognize outstanding club members. Motion made by Rodney Silva 2nd by Gary Hicken. **PASSED** Unanimous *Louise Loepke, Harlan Flora and Gary Hicken will establish criteria.*

MOTION 17. ABS investigate realigning districts. Motion made by Lyn North 2nd Greg Ruth. **PASSED** Unanimous

MOTION 18. That ABS review Appellate procedure. Motion made by Lyn North 2nd by Gary Hicken **PASSED** Unanimous

President, Louise Loepke called for a motion to open the 2007 ABS By Laws Session.

MOTION 19. To open the 2007 ABS By Laws Session. Motion made by Chet Swanson 2nd by John Miles. **PASSED** Unanimous.

MOTION 20. To add to the ABS By Laws (Bold wording):

ARTICLE VII- OFFICERS

3. Any member who is not an Officer, [**BOARD GOVERNOR/DIRECTOR OR JUDGE**] of any other Domestic National Budgerigar Organization shall be eligible to hold any office. No member shall be a candidate for more than one (1) office. If nominated for more than one (1) office, he/she shall immediately notify the Secretary as to which office he/she will accept a nomination.

12. No person may hold more than one office, including that of District Director. The officers of the ABS Corporation may become members of other budgerigar societies but shall not be an Officer [**BOARD GOVERNOR/DIRECTOR OR JUDGE**] of another Domestic National Budgerigar Organization. Officers of the Corporation shall be active in the fancy, i.e., breed and exhibit budgerigars, participate in local club(s), and fully support the fancy. Should an officer cease raising budgerigars, he/she must withdraw from office.

Also to apply to District Directors.

ARTICLE III- DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT OFFICERS

ADD

6. The Directors of the ABS Corporation may become members of other budgerigar societies but shall not be an Officer, [BOARD GOVERNOR/DIRECTOR, OR JUDGE] of another Domestic National Budgerigar Organization.

Motion made by David Hyatt 2nd by Dinah Moore **PASSED** 7 Yes 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, D4,D6/8,D10,D11. **6 No** Treasurer, JP, D1/3, D7, D9, D12. **2 Abstained** D2, D5.

MOTION 21. To Remove **ARTICLE V- DUES, SUBSCRIPTION, FEES**

1. Establish an annual membership renewal date of July 1 for all members. Members joining in the months of May or June will have an initial joined date of the upcoming July 1. All others will have an initial date of the

previous July 1. New members will receive all back issues of the ABS Bulletin. For those present members with renewal expiration dates other than July 1, at their next renewal they will be sent a statement (included with the ABS Bulletin) billing for the amount of dues to bring them to a July 1 renewal date. Prior to July 1, they will be sent a bill for renewal from July 1 through June 30 of the next year. The billing process will be done by the Editor so as to relieve the ABS Secretary of this responsibility. Current members who have memberships that expire in May or June of 2005 will have their memberships extended until July 2005 and will begin anew from July 2005 until June 2006. Furthermore, once all memberships have been brought into alignment and are beginning July 1 of each year, a letter reminding members of membership fees being due will be included in the May/June bulletin. Members who have not paid by the publication of the July/August bulletin will receive a letter reminding them that their membership has expired. No bulletin will be sent until memberships have been renewed. Once the memberships have been renewed, the effective date of renewal will be July 1 and the Editor will send all bulletins that have been published during the period from July to the time the member rejoined.” This method is not to be changed by anyone unless the action is taken by the full Board of Directors at an annual meeting.

To add:

ARTICLE V- DUES, SUBSCRIPTION, FEES

1. The ABS Board shall establish regular annual dues.

Motion made by Executive Committee 2nd by R. Roberts **PASSED**

Unanimous.

MOTION 22. Motion to close the 2007 ABS By Laws Session made by Chet Swanson 2nd by Greg Ruth **PASSED** Unanimous.

President, Louise Loepke called for a motion for a Special By Laws Session at the 2008 Board Meetings.

MOTION 23. A special By Laws Session to be held at the 2008 ABS Board Meetings. Motion made by Russ Roberts 2nd by David Hyatt

PASSED Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m. to be reconvened at 8 p.m.

Meeting called to order by ABS President, Louise Loepke reconvened at 8:09 p.m. Friday Sept. 21, 2007.

Roll call showed everyone in attendance.

President, Louise Loepke then called for a Registrar's Report. Larry Harrell gave the report for Barbara Sweere. The Registration Division needs to be promoted. It was requested that all ABS Judges promote registering the winning birds at the shows they judge. To facilitate this, a new stamp was developed by Bill Birney. The qualified winning birds' show tags will be stamped by the ABS Panel Judge at the end of the show to encourage registration of these birds.

President Louise Loepke called for 2009 All American Presentations.

A presentation was made by Larry Moore for the Sandhills Budgerigar Society to host the 2009 All American on Sept. 17, 18 and 19, 2009, in Fayetteville, NC.

MOTION 24. To award the Sandhills Budgerigar Society the 2009 All American. Motion made by John Miles 2nd by Bernie Rahmlow **PASSED** Unanimous

Judges Panel Motions were then presented by Panel Chairman, Gary Hicken.

MOTION 25. changes to the Judges' Panel General Rules and By-Laws page 3 Article V line 2: Suggest changing to "committee of three (3)" Also reflect on page 11 item # 9d change to "three (3) members".

Changes to the Judges' Panel General Rules and By Laws page 4 Article VII line 2: "committee of three (3)" Also reflect on page 11, item # 9c change to "three (3) members".

After Section III paragraph C Judging Procedures page 9 and 10, add a new Paragraph "D".

D. Reasons for Disqualification

1. Any budgerigar that displays evidence of "doctoring", excluding removal of excess spots should be disqualified by the judge.
2. Budgerigars shown in cages with black or other than white color interiors must be turned back.

3. Any budgerigar that appears to have a stretched or mutilated band will be reported to the show committee for examination and the show committee shall take what ever action is deemed advisable.
4. Any budgerigar showing signs of illness or bleeding shall be reported to the show committee and the show committee shall take what ever action is deemed advisable.
5. Any budgerigar showing signs of scaly face shall be reported to the show committee for removal from the show hall.

Section III paragraph D Panel Regulations, be renumbered to paragraph E if item 12 above is approved and passed.

Section III paragraph E Regulations for Becoming a Retired Judge be renumbered to paragraph F if item 12 above is approved and passed.
Section III paragraph C item 5, 7, and 8 to be deleted if item 12 above is approved and passed. Line 6 through 13 to be renumbered 5 through 10 if passed and approved.

Motion made by Chet Swanson 2nd by Larry Moore. **PASSED.** Unanimous.

MOTION 26. Motion to adjourn made by Chet Swanson 2nd by Walt Howard. **PASSED** Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm Sept. 21, 2007.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dinah Moore
ABS Secretary

