

2008 All American Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm, October 16, 2008 by President, Louise Loepke

Louise welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance.

The Invocation was given by Larry Moore

ABS Secretary: - Roll Call and Proxies

President, Louise Loepke

1st Vice President, John Miles

District 1/3 Dennis Jones

2nd Vice President, Linda Denny

District 2/4 Proxy Tom Traxler

Secretary, Dinah Moore

District 6/8 David Hyatt

District 7 Shane Griffin

District 9 Holger Moeller

District 10 Proxy Bill Porter

District 11 Larry Moore

District 12 Chet Swanson

Judges Panel Chair Gary Hicken

Motion 1 - Dispense with the reading of the 2007 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Larry Moore Seconded by Chet Swanson

Unanimous

Reports were given by:

Secretary's Report: Dinah Moore

Treasurer's Report: Russ Roberts (read by Louise Loepke)

1st Vice President's Report: John Miles

2nd Vice President's Report/Scholarship Committee

Linda Denny

Old Business:

Re-Districting: It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to stay status quo for now since we have a new term of Directors that have just been elected. Revisit re-districting in two years.

Appeal Procedure Review: Leon Saad reviewed the procedures in place for both the Board and for the Judges Panel. To quote Leon, "*There is a process in place and change is not needed.*"

Junior EOY points: Recommendations by the Executive Committee

Motion 2 - Show reports must specify the number of Junior Exhibitors and Junior Birds even if Juniors and Novices are combined. Second by Larry Moore. 1 opposed, Chet Swanson. **Passed**

President Louise Loepke cites Roberts Rules of Order to declare Motion 2 to be improper and detrimental to ABS to immediately implement this

motion. *Reason for voiding this motion was that this motion was not a solution to the problem.*

Motion 3 - Discontinue BW Budgerigar World ad exchange. Died for lack of second.

7:56 pm Bill Porter left and returned at 7:57 pm

Motion 4 - No increase in Band Price recommended. Second Larry Moore
Unanimous **Passed**

Motion 5 - ABS consider increasing the inside diameter of the ABS band.
Motion made by Larry Moore Second Shane Griffin
8 Approved: Secretary, Dist 1/3, Dist 2/4, Dist 6/8, Dist 7, Dist 9, Dist 11,
Judges Chair. 3 Opposed: District 10, 12, 1st VP. Abstained: 2nd VP
Passed

Motion 6 - Diameter of leg bands be increased to 4.9 mm. Motion by
Holger Moeller Second Tom Traxler 2 Approved: Dist 2/4, Dist. 7 10
Opposed: 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Dist. 1/3, Dist 6/8, Dist 9, Dist 10, Dist
11, Dist 12, Judges Chair. **Failed**

Motion 7 - That the color of the ABS bands be the same or similar to the
WBO. Motion by Dist 10 Second Gary Hicken 10 Approved: 1st VP, 2nd
VP, Secretary, Dist 2/4, Dist 6/8, Dist 7, Dist 9, Dist 10, Dist 11, Judges
Chair 1 Opposed: Dist 1/3 1 Abstained: Dist 12 **Passed**

Motion 8 – That the color of the ABS bands should alternate between light
and dark from year to year. Died for lack of Motion

Motion 9 - Rule regarding the awarding of ABS Plaques remain the same
Motion made by Bill Porter Second David Hyatt 5 Approved: 1st VP, 2nd
VP, Secretary, Dist 6/8, Dist 10 6 Opposed: Dist 1/3, Dist 2/4, Dist 7, Dist
9, Dist 11, Dist 12 1 Abstained: Judges Chair **Failed**

Motion 10 - Rule regarding the awarding of EOY points remain the same.
Motion by Dist 10 Second 1st VP 3 Approved: 1st VP, 2nd VP, Dist 10
7 Opposed: Dist 1/3, Dist 2/4, Dist 7, Dist 9, Dist 11, Dist 12, Judges Chair
2 Abstained: Secretary, Dist 6/8 **Failed**

Motion 11 - Possible Change to Exhibitor of the Year Rule #5: The current
rule reads: “To earn Exhibitor of the Year points and to receive Exhibitor of
the Year awards, the exhibitor must be a member of ABS in good standing
during the year the points are earned and the year the awards are received.”
To clarify how points are earned during a lapse in ABS membership the

following is added as the last sentence to Rule #5: Any EOY points earned at shows during a lapse of membership will not be counted towards the EOY Award calculations. Motion made by Chet Swanson Second by David Hyatt 2 Approved: Dist 6/8, Dist 12 10 Opposed: 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Dist 1/3, Dist 2/4, Dist 7, Dist 9, Dist 10, Dist 11, Judges Chair **Failed**

Motion 12 Any lapse in membership is to be paid by the end of the year and all points earned for that year shall be counted towards that exhibitor's EOY points for the year in question. Died for lack of Motion

Motion 13 - ABS charge an additional fee to ABS members who exhibit non-ABS banded birds. Such winning, non-ABS banded, birds would be eligible for ABS awards. A card would be issued by the ABS Secretary verifying payment (suggested to be 50% of the cost of 100 bands) renewable yearly. *Suggest this fee be \$50. the cost of an ABS Plaque.* Motion made by Larry Moore **Failed** for lack of a second

Motion 14 - That BAA bands be accepted by ABS for points, advancement and plaques as long as the BAA exhibitors are registered with ABS. **Failed** for lack of motion.

Motion 15 - Any non-ABS closed and traceable banded bird be eligible for ABS awards and points by being charged a separate entry fee of \$2.00. Once collected, the additional fee will be sent to ABS to help cover costs for ABS. Motion by Shane Griffin Second Tom Traxler 2 Approved: Dist 7, Dist 11. 8 Opposed: 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Dist 1/3, Dist 2/4, Dist 6/8, Dist 10, Dist 12 2 Abstain: Dist 9, Judges Chair **Failed**

Motion 16 - Any non-ABS closed and traceable banded bird be eligible for ABS awards. Motion made by Holger Moeller Second Shane Griffin 5 Approved: Dist 2/4, Dist 7, Dist 9, Dist 11, Judges Chair 7 Opposed: 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Dist 1/3, Dist 6/8, Dist 10, Dist 12 **Failed**

10 Minute Recess called at 8:54 pm **Reconvened** at 9:02 pm

Roll Call: All Present

Motion 17 - ABS survey the membership about where they would travel and what clubs they would be willing to associate with. Also, local club input must be used when re-aligning districts. *Re-aligning districts is covered in the ABS By-Laws under 1st VP duties where input from clubs affected is mentioned.* **Failed** for lack of motion.

Motion 18 - That ABS discontinue awarding certificates to the winners of the Intermediate and Rare Divisions. Certificates to be awarded to Novice and Junior exhibitors only. Motion made by Bill Porter Second Linda

Denny 9 Approved: 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Dist 2/4, Dist 7, Dist 9, Dist 10, Dist 11, Judges Chair 2 Opposed: Dist 6/8, Dist 12 1 Abstain: Dist 1/3 **Passed**

Motion 19 - The ABS should establish a standard method of Judging Juniors. **Tabled** until after Judges Panel Meeting

Motion 20 - Revise Resolution #21-2003 in Hall of Fame Rules. To remove "Past ABS Presidents not be eligible". Motion made by Holger Moeller Second by Gary Hicken Unanimous **Passed**

Motion 21 - Revisit Motions 9 and 10 (*for clarification purposes*) Rule regarding the awarding of ABS Plaques remain the same. Rule regarding the awarding of EOY points remain the same.

Motion made by Bill Porter Second by David Hyatt

6 Approved: 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Dist 6/8, Dist 10, Dist 11, 6 Opposed: Dist 1/3, Dist 2/4, Dist 7, Dist 9, Dist 12, Judges Chair President Approved **Passed**

Motion to Adjourn made by Linda Denny Second John Miles Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm

October 17, 2008 Meeting called to order by President Louise Loepke at 8:00 pm. Roll Call: All present except for Dennis Jones. Dennis arrived at 8:04 pm (no business was conducted prior to his arrival).

A presentation to host the 2010 All American was made by Leon Saad for District 10, to be held in San Diego.

Motion 22 - To award the 2010 All American to District 10. Motion made by Chet Swanson Second Gary Hicken Unanimous **Passed**

Registrars Report given by Barbara Sweere, ABS Registrar.

Barb reported that interest in the Registration Division has grown. She presented the new Registration forms that she developed that are computer friendly and very attractive.

Motion 23 Call for Motion to open Special By Law Session for 2008. Motion made by John Miles Second Linda Denny Unanimous

Motion 24 - Add to President duties: to keep all ABS Documents up to date (bylaws, resolutions, show rules etc.) Motion made by Executive Committee Second Bill Porter Unanimous **Passed**

Motion 25 – Motion to close Special Bylaw Session. Motion made by Larry Moore Second Chet Swanson Unanimous **Passed**

Motion 26 - Call for Special Bylaw Session at the 2009 All American. Motion by Larry Moore Second Chet Swanson Unanimous **Passed**

Judges' Panel Motions: Gary Hicken

Motion 27 – Presented by Qualifying Committee: Under “II. Qualifications Required of Applicant to the A.B.S. Judge’s Panel” Change Rule “A” to state “A. The applicant must have bred and raised budgerigars for exhibition purposes for a minimum of seven (7) years.”

“One Exemption be allowed, per Qualifying Committee approval.”

Add a rule “III.” To be called “Foreign Judge Applicants” and make current rule III, Rule IV.

Under “Foreign Judge Applicants” have the following rules.

A. Definition of a “Foreign Judge” a Budgerigar judge who resides outside the USA.

B. All Rules in Section II. “Qualifications Required of Applicants to the A.B.S. Judge’s Panel” shall apply unless overridden by “Foreign Judge Rules”.

C. Any foreign judge applying must submit proof of current or past status as a certified judge and submit a copy of rules from their society.

D. Applicant will only need to be a member of ABS in good standing for three (3) years.

E. Once being approved as a Trainee, he/she will not have to take training sessions, number (1) one and number (2) two.

F. Any Judge Applicant can only serve on one USA panel.

Motion to accept made by Tom Traxler Second by Shane Griffin
Approved: 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Dist 1/3, Dist 2/4, Dist 6/8, Dist 7, Dist 10, Dist 11, Judges Chair 1 Opposed: Dist 9 1 Abstained Dist 12

Passed

Motion 28 - The Rules Committee submitted a motion to read “ABS panel judges are only authorized to sign ABS show reports, and ABS certificates. This rule does not apply to ABS judges that are invited to judge in foreign countries. Motion made by David Hyatt Second Larry Moore
10 Approved: 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Dist 1/3, Dist 2/4, Dist 6/8, Dist 7, Dist 10, Dist 11 2 Opposed: Dist 9, Judges Chair 1 Abstain Dist 12
Passed

Motion 29 - Make Section 7, Dark Factors, includes Normal, Opaline & Cinnamon. Motion made by Tom Traxler Second Larry Moore Unanimous
Passed

Motion 30 - To add 4 classes to Section 8, Red Eyes, YF or GF Albino. Motion made by David Hyatt Second Linda Denny 9 Approved: 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Dist 1/3, Dist 2/4, Dist 6/8, Dist 7, Dist 10, Judges Chair 2 Opposed: Dist 11, Dist 12 1 Abstain: Dist 9 **Passed**

Motion 31 - To add a Section 23 to the Variety Division, Fallow, with 4 classes, English with Iris Ring, and 4 classes, German without Iris Ring. Motion made by David Hyatt Second Bill Porter 4 Approved: 2nd VP, Dist 6/8, Dist 10, Dist 7 6 Opposed: 1st VP, Dist 2/4, Dist 9, Dist 11, Dist 12, Judges Chair 2 Abstain: Dist 1/3, Secretary **Failed**

Revisit **Motion 18** - The ABS should establish a standard method of Judging Juniors. This motion was **tabled** until after Judges Panel Meeting. The Judges Panel minutes state: “The Rares need to be judged first. Juniors need to follow with placement as the other divisions. An advisory item, the Juniors should not be moved to the Novice Division.” Motion withdrawn by Holger Moeller and David Hyatt

Motion 32 – Call for motion to adjourn. Motion made by Linda Denny
Second Bill Porter Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dinah Moore

ABS Secretary