

## 2009 All American Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, September 16, 2009 by President, Louise Loepke

Louise welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance. The Board had a moment of silence in remembrance of the members we have lost since the last All American.

The Invocation was given by Larry Moore

### **ABS Secretary: - Roll Call and Proxies**

President, Louise Loepke	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, John Miles	District 6/8 David Hyatt
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Proxy, Carole Weems	District 7 Vacant
Secretary, Dinah Moore	District 9 Holger Moeller
Treasurer, Russ Roberts	District 10 Greg Ruth
District 1/3 Dennis Jones	District 11 Larry Moore
District 2/4 Bernie Rahmlow	District 12 Proxy Bill Birney
District 5 Proxy Walt Howard	Judges Panel Chair Gary Hicken

Proxy letters received and on file with ABS Secretary.

Dennis Jones only member not present.

Roll Call: 12 voting members present (President excluded).

**Motion 1** - For a correction to the 2008 All American minutes by Bill Birney “Revisit **Motion 18**” to be corrected to read “Revisit **Motion 19**” and to dispense with the reading of the 2008 Board Meeting Minutes made by Gary Hicken and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ Roberts. Passed unanimously.

### **Reports were given by:**

Secretary’s Report: Dinah Moore

Noted 54 new members (9 Juniors) since October 1, 2008

2009 Bands ordered total 18,500

2010 Bands ordered to date 9,645

Treasurer’s Report: Russ Roberts

**Motion 2** – To accept the Treasurer’s Report made by Bernie Rahmlow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Birney. Passed unanimously.

Dennis Jones entered meeting at 7:15pm.

Roll Call update: 13 voting members present (President excluded).

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President’s Report: John Miles  
Loss of ads in ABS Bulletin.  
Need for more Bulletin Boosters/Breeder Listing

Larry Moore left meeting 7:20pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President’s Report: read by Carole Weems

Louise noted thanks to Paul Jakubowski for what a great job he is doing as our Editor of the ABS Bulletin.

Larry Moore entered meeting 7:23pm. No votes during absence.

Registrar’s Report: Barb Sweere read by Louise in Barb’s absence.  
Requested plan to increase interest in registering birds.

Scholarship Committee Report: read by Carole Weems  
Noted the scholarships do not require a 4.0 average. Encouraged all to apply.

ABS/BAA Committee Report: Larry Moore  
Noted first meeting organized by Louise Loepke.  
Second meeting judges and awards discussed. ABS published recommendations of committee. No further meeting scheduled at this time.

Louise introduced Dan Harris as new Product Manager and Bernie Rahmlow as new ABS Awards coordinator.

**Motion 3** – Executive Committee made a motion to retire Don Langell’s band code 1L. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Moore Passed unanimously.

Louise announced District 7 Director is vacant and she has been unable to find a replacement. After discussion, Bernie Rahmlow District 2 and 4 Director accepted District 7 also.

**Motion 4** – Executive Committee made a motion to remove the phrase “in triplicate and three copies” from the ABS Patronage form and replace with “and”. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bernie Rahmlow Motion 4 Passed unanimously.

**Motion 5** – Executive Committee made a motion to raise the ABS Plaque to \$100 to Non-Affiliated Club Patronage Form. 2<sup>nd</sup> Holger Moller. 2 Yes – Walt Howard, Gary Hicken; 1 Abstention – Dennis Jones. 10 No Motion 5 Failed.

**Motion 6** – Remove sentence to offer the ABS Plaque on the Non-Affiliated Club Patronage Form. Made by Greg Ruth; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Moore 2 No – Walt Howard and Gary Hicken; 1 Abstention – Dennis Jones; 10 Yes Motion 6 Passed.

**Motion 7** – Executive Committee made a motion that after 5 years of inactivity (no bands ordered) and expired membership, band codes can be reassigned. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Moore. Motion 7 passed unanimously.

A presentation to host the 2011 All American was made by Bernie Rahmlow and Thomas Traxler Jr. for the Great Midwest Budgerigar Society and Wisconsin Cage Bird Club, to be held in Neenah, WI.

**Motion 8** – To grant the GMBS and WCBC the 2011 All American to be held September 15, 16, and 17, 2011 in Neenah, WI. Made by Larry Moore; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Miles. Motion 8 passed unanimously.

**Motion 9** – To appoint Bernie Rahmlow as Awards Division Chairperson. Made by John Miles; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Birney. Motion 9 passed unanimously.

Motion from District 12 That ABS Review Advancement rules for Novice exhibitors to advance to Intermediate due to the small number of Novices. Made by Bill Birney. Motion died from a lack of 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Motion 10** – ABS increase the contribution to the annual All American to \$1,500.00. Made by Bill Birney; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Miles. Motion 10 passed unanimously.

**Motion 11** – ABS donate an additional \$500 to the Sandhills Budgerigar Society for the 2009 All American. Made by Dennis Jones; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bernie Rahmlow. Motion 11 passed unanimously.

**Motion 12** – ABS Editor withhold publishing of BAA show announcements until the Board has a reciprocal agreement with BAA to include the ABS shows in their bulletin. Made by Gary Hicken; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Moore. 1 No – Bill Birney; 12 Yes. Motion 12 passed.

**Motion 13** – That ABS produce a directory with each member's contact information. This directory would be available for a fee of \$5.00 to ABS members. Members would have to opt in to being listed in such a directory. A box will be included on the ABS membership form and on the ABS Band order form. Made by Larry Moore; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Hicken. 1 No – John Miles, 12 Yes. Motion 13 passed.

Russ Roberts left meeting at 8:40pm.

Motion from District 9 That ABS increase the inside diameter of the leg bands to 4.9mm. Made by Holger Moeller. Motion died from a lack of 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion revealed our German band manufacturer doesn't have this size band and the next band size after our present band size is the love bird size and is too large.

Russ Roberts entered meeting at 8:41pm. No voting occurred during absence.

Holger Moeller left meeting at 8:42.

Roll Call update: 12 voting members present (President excluded).

**Motion 14** – ABS continue the AFA affiliation. ABS shall appoint a member and if no current AFA member is available, ABS will then pay the AFA dues for our appointee. Made by Bernie Rahmlow; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Birney. Motion 14 passed unanimously.

Larry Moore left meeting at 8:44pm.

Larry Moore entered meeting at 8:45pm. No voting occurred during absence.

Holger Moeller entered meeting at 8:50pm.

Roll Call update: 13 voting members present (President excluded).

**Motion 15** – That in respect of Best in Show placings, exhibitor of the year points be awarded for hens which do not make the top ten, as follows; Best Hen (40% of the number of birds entered), 2<sup>nd</sup> Hen (40% of the number of birds entered, less one) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Hen (40% of the number of birds entered, less 2). Made by Greg Ruth; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Miles. 3 Yes – John Miles, Carole Weems, and Greg Ruth; 9 No Dinah Moore, Russ Roberts, Dennis Jones, Bernie Rahmlow, David Hyatt, Holger Moeller, Larry Moore, Bill Birney, and Gary Hicken; 1 Abstention – Walt Howard. Motion 15 failed.

**Motion 16** – That exhibitor of the year points be awarded for Best Young in Show (40% of the number of birds entered) when it is not in the top ten. Made by Greg Ruth; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Miles. 3 Yes – John Miles, Carole Weems and Greg Ruth; 10 No. Motion 16 failed.

**Motion 17** – The Board will wait until after the Judges' Panel meets to consider the three (3) motions made at the district meetings that pertain to the Judges' Panel. Made by Larry Moore; 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Hyatt. Motion 17 passed unanimously.

**Motion 18** – Adjourn until September 18 at 7:00pm. Made by John Miles; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Jones. Motion 18 passed unanimously.

September 18, 2009 Meeting called to order by President Louise Loepke at 7:15 pm. Roll Call: All present except Carole Weems, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Proxy and Walt Howard, District 5 Director Proxy.

Roll Call: 11 voting members present (President's vote excluded).

**Motion 19** – Judges Panel Motion recommending that new ABS Judges be ABS Classifiers but not required. Made by David Hyatt; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Birney. 10 Yes 1 No Greg Ruth. Motion 19 Passed.

Carole Weems 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Proxy entered 7:25pm.

Roll Call update: 12 voting members present (excludes President).

**Motion 20** – ABS restore the Chairman of the Judges’ Panel to 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of ABS with full voting privileges on the ABS Executive Committee and to rescind any rules or resolutions that removed the position from the current ABS Executive Committee. Made by Greg Ruth; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Miles. 3 Yes, John Miles, Bill Birney, Carole Weems; 1 Abstention, Gary Hicken; 8 No. Motion 20 failed.

**Motion 21** – Judges Panel recommended not to accept the following motion: ABS recognize foreign judges or judges recognized by any other society to judge ABS show without restrictions. Motion was made to accept the Judges’ Panel recommendation not to accept the motion. Made by Russ Roberts; 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Hyatt. 1 No, Holger Moeller; 1 Abstention, Gary Hicken; 10 Yes. Motion 21 passed.

**Motion 22** – To approve the ABS Judges’ Panel reinstatement of Carl Slavin. Made by John Miles; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Moore. 2 Abstentions, Bill Birney, Gary Hicken 10 Yes. Motion 22 passed.

**Motion 23** – To call for a Special By-Laws Session at the 2010 All American. Made by Larry Moore; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ Roberts. Motion 23 passed unanimously.

President Louise Loepke noted no Special By-Laws Session was needed at this 2009 All American.

**Motion 24** – ABS President to appoint up to three (3) members to serve on an “ABS All American Advisory Committee”. The Committee is to work with the host club sponsoring the annual All American show and meetings. The Committee should assist and advise host clubs in maximizing attendance while ensuring ABS requirements and protocol are maintained. Made by Bill Birney; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Ruth. Motion 24 passed unanimously.

President Louise Loepke thanked the 2009 ABS Board for all their hard work.

**Motion 25** – Motion to adjourn the 2009 ABS Board meeting. Made by Gary Hicken; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Miles. Motion 25 passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dinah Moore, ABS Secretary