

## 2010 All American Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by Gary Hicken at 7:30 pm. Invocation given by Gary Hicken

Roll call of District Directors and Proxies:

President-Gary Hicken- Present

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- John Miles-Present

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-David Hyatt-President

Secretary-Larry Moore-Present

Treasurer-Bill Birney-Present

District 1 & 3-Dennis Jones-Absent

District 2,4,&7-Bernie Rahmlow-Present

District 5-Walt Howard (Proxy)-Absent

District 6 & 8-Larry Allen-Present

District 9-Holger Moeller-Present

District 10-Greg Ruth-Absent

District 11-Walter Loepke (Proxy)-Present

District 12-Mike Dahl-Present

Judges' Panel Chair-Terry Travis-Present

Motion to dispense with the reading of the 2009 minutes by Walter Loepke and seconded by David Hyatt - unanimous

Reports were given by:

Secretary

Treasurer

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Editor (Report given by Gary Hicken)

Registrar

ABS/BAA Committee (Report given by Gary Hicken)

No reports given by Hall of Fame Committee or ABS Scholarship Committee.

Presentation by Mike Dahl and Bill Birney asking that District 12 be awarded the 2012 All American. Motion to award the 2012 All American to the clubs of District 12 by Walter Loepke, seconded by David Hyatt. 9 Yes, 2 Abstentions (Mike Dahl and Bill Birney)

Motion 1: Districts 6-8. Motion by Larry Allen and seconded by Louise Loepke: Get rid of WBO band system and return to U.S. system for one year provided readability issue is not resolved by band company. 10 yes, 1 no (Secretary) Motion passed.

Motion 2: Districts 2, 4, and 7. Put into writing and publish differences keeping ABS and BAA apart. Motion withdrawn by District Director, Bernie Rahmlow.

Motion 3: Districts 2, 4, and 7. All district directors contact members to encourage support of ABS Bulletin Boosters. Motion by Bernie Rahmlow. Failed for lack of second

Motion 4: District 2, 4, 7, 11. Moved to By-Laws session.

Motion 5: District 9. Implement existing rule that allows local clubs to determine their own policies on whether a judge should be allowed to judge relatives' birds. Motion withdrawn by Holger Moeller

Motion 6: District 9. ABS registered birds should be published at least semi-annually. Motion by Holger Moeller. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Bill Birney made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Louise Loepke. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

9/17/10 8:30 AM: Meeting called to order by Gary Hicken. Roll call taken. Absent members were :

District 1 & 3: Dennis Jones

District 5: Proxy Walt Howard

District 10: Greg Ruth

Judges' Panel Chair: Terry Travis

Terry Travis joined group at 8:40 AM

Motion 7: District 9-Motion by Holger Moeller- When an affiliated club has paid the patronage fee, ABS should publish information for all shows listed for that weekend whether or not the other show(s) are ABS. Failed for lack of second.

Motion 8: District 9-Motion by Holger Moeller, seconded by Mike Dahl. Change the rule to say that affiliated clubs must follow ABS standard schedule of classes. Four Yes, 7 No. Motion failed.

Motion 9: District 9- ABS do a comprehensive reconciliation of all By-Laws, judges panel rules and current resolutions. Motion to table by Holger Moeller, seconded by Louise Loepke. Motion tabled.

Motion 10: District 10- No matter who the band manufacturer is, we get a sample of next year's bands prior to having them made. This motion was withdrawn as this is already being done.

Motion 11: District 10 – Change section 7 in “Schedule of Classes” to add “all” without consideration of variety. Motion sent to Judges' Panel

Motion 12: District 10 – Change section 11 in “Schedule of Classes” to add “all: not to include Dark Factors. Motion sent to Judges' Panel

Motion 13: District 12 – No changes be made to section 7 in the ABS “Schedule of Classes”. Motion sent to Judges' Panel

Motion 14: District 12 – No changes be made in section 11 in the ABS “Schedule of Classes”. Motion sent to Judges' Panel

Motion 15: District 12 – ABS re-establish a “classification priority list” for entering composite birds. Motion sent to Judges’ Panel.

Motions 11-15 were sent to the Judges’ Panel Standards Committee for recommendations at the 2011 All American. Motion by Walter Loepke, second by Bill Birney. Unanimous approval.

Motions 16,17,18, 19, and 20: Districts 11 and 9 were combined to one motion. Motion by Louise Loepke, seconded by David Hyatt. Establish a membership committee of three members, chaired by Dan Outzs to review and report to the Executive Committee, motions made in 16, 117, 19 and 20. Unanimous approval.

Motions combined (16-20) were: ABS Board of Directors seek professional help to aid in promoting ABS membership. ABS Board of Directors contact appropriate nature magazines to do an article on budgies to stimulate interest and membership in the hobby. ABS Board of Directors contact Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of America and provide free literature and information on ABS with the aim of generating interest in budgies to potential junior members. ABS Board of Directors request that each district have an avian veterinarian who would contribute to the ABS bulletin and provide local members with information on issues faced by members of our society.

Motion 18: Districts 11 and 9. ABS Board of Directors establish a committee to revise and update the Novice Handbook and distribute to members. Motion withdrawn by Walter Loepke. This has been recently done and the Handbook is distributed to each new member.

Motion 21: Districts 11 and 9. ABS Board of Directors request our Junior Scholarship awardee to write a letter to a news organization about help received from the Society. Motion withdrawn by Walter Loepke.

Motion 22: Districts 11 and 9. ABS Board of Directors initiate a compilation of ABS history going back to the beginning of the Society. Motion by Walter Loepke, seconded by Larry Moore. Unanimous.

Motion 23: Districts 11 and 9. ABS Board of Directors keep a conversation going between ABS and BAA. Motion by Walter Loepke, seconded by Bernie Rahmlow. Unanimous approval

Motion 24: Motion by Executive Committee. Request from BAA their rules, regulations and guidelines for advancement and Judges’ Panel. Seconded by Bernie Rahmlow. Unanimous approval.

Motion 25: Motion by Executive Committee. Look into using Pay Pal for payment for bands, membership and products. Seconded by Walter Loepke. Unanimous approval.

Motion 26: Motion by Executive Committee. Past President and spouse, if dual members, receive a dual lifetime membership. Seconded by Bernie Rahmlow. Unanimous approval.

Motion 27: Motion by Executive Committee. To not allow show announcements unless it is an ABS affiliated club advertising their ABS sanctioned show. Space is limited in the bulletin and affiliated clubs

pay for this space with their affiliation dues. It would not be fair to allow free advertisement to non-affiliated clubs. Limited space in the ABS bulletin precludes listing other than ABS shows. Seconded by Walter Loepke. 9 Yes, 1 No(Holger Moeller, and 1 Abstention(Terry Travis) Motion passed

Motion 28: Motion by Executive Committee. Concerning the ABS/BAA Exploratory Committee recommendations 1 thru 4 – due to the fact that the changes would only affect two ABS clubs, no changes are to be made to ABS rules, By-Laws, procedures, show rules, classifications and/or Judges' Panel rules. Seconded by Walter Loepke. 8 Yes, 3 No(Holger Moeller, John Miles, Terry Travis).

Motion 29: Motion by Executive Committee. To table recommendation 5 of the ABS/BAA Exploratory Committee. If BAA does not have guidelines for the general public to look at, do we have access to what their guidelines are for advancement? Table until we find out what BAA rules are for advancement and how they keep track of the members' wins. Seconded by David Hyatt. Unanimous approval

Motion 30: Motion by Executive Committee. Until a club informs the ABS Secretary of their choice for the Judge for their show, show announcements in the bulletin and on the website will indicate that the patronage is pending. Patronage will not be granted for a show until the ABS Judge is announced. Seconded by Larry Moore. Unanimous approval.

10:45 Motion by Larry Moore and seconded by Louise Loepke to go into By-Laws session. Unanimous approval.

Motion 4. Districts 2, 4, 7, and 11. ABS Board of Directors should alter By-Laws to state that members of the same household with physically separated aviaries would be allowed to act as individuals. Second by Walter Loepke. 2 Yes(Walter Loepke and Bernie Rahmlow) 9 No. Motion fails.

Motion 6A by Larry Moore, seconded by Bernie Ramhlow. If a junior member resides in a household with a separate adult membership, only one bulletin will be sent to that household. Unanimous approval.

Motion to call for a special By-Laws session at the 2011 All American by Larry Moore, seconded by David Hyatt. Unanimous approval.

Motion to close the 2010 ABS Special By-Laws session and return to regular session by Bernie Rahmlow, seconded by Walter Loepke. Unanimous approval.

Motion to close regular session until after Judges' Panel meeting and General membership meeting. Unanimous approval.

Session closed at 11:00 AM

Evening session opened at 8:00 pm. Roll call taken: Absent were Dennis Jones, Greg Ruth and Walt Howard (Proxy). All other members of Board of Directors were present.

Motion from Judges' Panel by Terry Travis, seconded by Larry Moore. Change Rule IV.E12 by insertion of the following as subparagraph D., with resulting numbering changes (existing d. to become e. etc.)

d. Mediation

Once a complaint has been filed and before it is investigated, or otherwise acted upon, the Chair of the Judges' Panel shall refer the matter to mediation in a effort to see if the controversy can be suitably respolved to the mutual agreement of the parties with the assistance of a mediator. The following rules shall govern mediation:

- i. The mediator shall be an active member of the ABS Judges' Panel whom all interested parties agree to appoint as such, and who agrees to serve. Failing agreement to the appointment of a mediator, the Chair of the Judges' Panel shall appoint an active member of the ABS Judges' Panel as mediator.
- ii. The entire mediation process shall be confidential and all communications made during the course of the mediation shall be privileged and shall be inadmissible in any subsequent disciplinary or other proceedings.
- iii. If an agreement is reached to resolve the dispute giving rise to the complaint, then the mediator will prepare a simple written agreement for the parties to sign. This agreement once signed by the parties, will not be privileged although the negotiations and communications leading up to it will remain privileged. The signed agreement will be delivered to the Chair of the Judges' Panel, who shall have 14 days to poll his Executive Committee , and barring any serious concern adversely implicating the interests of the ABS Judges' Panel, it will be approved and the complaint shall be deemed resolved and all interested parties will be informed accordingly. The mediated settlement agreement will thereafter be kept on file with the complaint.
- iv. If mediation fails to acceptably resolve the complaint, then upon the mediator certifying in writing that mediation has failed to reach an acceptable resolution, the complaint will proceed through the Internal Affairs Committee.
- v. Any Judge who has served as a mediator in connection with a complaint shall be disqualified from any further participation with regard to that complaint and shall be disqualified from participating with regard to any investigation, consideration, review or appeal thereon, by the Internal Affairs Committee, the Judges' Executive Committee or the Executive Committee of ABS.

Unanimous approval.

No motions were forthcoming from the General Membership meeting.

Motion to adjourn the Board of Directors' meeting until the 2011 All American made by Walter Loepke and seconded by David Hyatt. Unanimous approval.