

2011 ALL AMERICAN BOARD MEETING

September 15-September 18, 2011

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Gary Hicken. Members present were, Gary Hicken, President, John Miles, 1st Vice President, David Hyatt, 2nd Vice President, Louise Loepke, Past President, Larry Moore, Secretary and Bill Birney, Treasurer. Discussion was held concerning several issues. They were:

1. Ads on website for members to advertise. Cost to be determined.
2. Secretary to notify board when first band order is received.
3. Issue of mailing bulletin first class was discussed. The impact such actions would have on Michael's continued participation would have to be discussed with her.
4. To remove the patronage award from the duties of the Secretary and add to the duties of Award's Secretary.

"There was a discussion regarding whether District 5's motions should be on the Board Meeting agenda as they were delivered late and did not get on the ABS website or Bulletin as required by ABS by-laws. It was decided we would include the motions on the Board Meeting agenda."

"There was a discussion as to whether Larry Moore could serve as a proxy for District 5 as requested by Director Holley Brennan. It was decided he could not serve as proxy as that would give him 2 votes. One for ABS Secretary and one for District 5."

Executive Committee meeting adjourned.

General Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm on 9/15/11 by President Gary Hicken. Invocation was given by Keith Gover. Roll call of officers present and proxies was made, Present

were Gary Hicken, President, Louise Loepke, Past President, John Miles, 1st Vice President, David Hyatt, 2nd Vice President, Larry Moore, Secretary, Bill Birney, Treasurer, Seth Gray, Bernie Rahmlow, Districts 2 & 4 Director. District 7 Director, Larry Allen, Districts 6 & 8 Director, Holger Moeller, District 9, Director, Leon Saad, Proxy for District 10, Paige Gover, District 11 Director, Jeanne Birney, Proxy for District 12 and Terry Travis, Judges' Panel Chair. Absent without Proxies was Dennis Jones, Districts 1 & 3 Director and Holley Brennan, District 5 Director.

Reports were given by Larry Moore, Bill Birney, John Miles, David Hyatt, Gary Hicken for the bulletin Editor, Kathy Hicken, Keith Gover, Dave Bluma and written reports were reviewed from Linda Denny and Sandy Oelschlegal.

There was no Old Business to discuss. Bernie Rahmlow motioned to accept the minutes of the 2010 All American. David Hyatt seconded. The vote was unanimous. David Hyatt made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Bernie Rahmlow seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Motions:

Motion 1 (Districts 11 & 4) Motion by Paige Gover, seconded by Bernie Rahmlow "That the names and band codes of all ABS members who opt in be published on the ABS website to aid in tracking bird pedigrees. Vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

Motion 1A by Bill Birney seconded by Bernie Rahmlow to "Rescind Resolution 21j from 2009." Resolution 21j reads "That ABS produce a directory with each member's contact information. This directory would be available for a fee of \$5.00. Members will have to opt in to be listed in such directory. A box will be included on the ABS membership form and on the ABS band order form.(#13-2009)" Vote was unanimous

Motion passed.

Motion 2 (Districts 11, 6 & 4) "That the ABS rules for advancement specify wins at three different shows with three different birds be modified to include 'with three different judges'". Motion by Paige Gover, seconded by David Hyatt. After discussion, Paige and David withdrew the motion and second.

Motion 3 (District 4) "That the bulletin be mailed first class." Motion withdrawn.

Motion 3A by David Hyatt and seconded by Leon Saad to "Rescind mailing bulletins first class. Motion passed with 12 affirmative votes and 1 (Larry Moore) negative vote.

Motion 4 (District 5) "That the items which had been recommended by the ABS/BAA joint committee be addressed and voted on." It was determined that they were voted on at the 2010 meeting. The recommendation that all exhibitors show at same level in both organizations passed and all other recommendations failed.

Motion 5 (District 5) "That the general membership be allowed to vote by mail or email on issues instead of limiting the members to voting only on ABS officers." Response: This is already being done through the district meetings and district director process.

Motion 6 (District 5) "That world judges be recognized by ABS as qualified to judge ABS shows no matter what other associations they belong to." Similar motion to be addressed in the Judges' Panel meeting.

Motion 7(District 5) "That the ABS Executive Committee publishes the voting records on recommendations presented by ABS districts." Response: This is already being done. It is published in the first bulletin following the All American.

Motion 8 (District 5) "That the ABS membership list (including address and email) be made available to ABS members, providing for an exclusion clause that ABS members may opt out of that public listing."

Same as Motion 1.

Motion 9 (District 5) "That any ABS show judged by a foreign judge not be required to have an ABS judge sign off on show protocols and procedural paperwork; that instead, an active ABS members such as the Show Chairman, Show Secretary or Steward approve the paperwork and save clubs the expense of an ABS judge's presence" Motion sent to the Judges' Panel

Motion10 (District 6) Motion by Larry Allen, seconded by Bill Birney. "That any deviation from the ABS Schedule of Classes or changes to ABS sections must have prior approval of the ABS Executive Committee."

Louise Loepke, David Hyatt, Bill Birney, Bernie Rahmlow, Larry Allen, Leon Saad, Paige Gover, Jeanne Birney and Terry Travis voted yes.

John Miles, Larry Moore, Seth Gray and Holger Moeller voted no.

Motion passed.

Motion 11 (District 6) Motion by Larry Allen, seconded by Bill Birney. "That Classifiers not pay Classifier's dues after initial classification fees."

Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Motion 12 (District 6) Motion by Larry Allen, seconded by David Hyatt. "That no judge shall be deemed a "foreign judge" for purposes of judging an ABS show if that judge is a resident of the United States." Sent to Judge's Panel.

Motion 13 (District 6) Motion by Larry Allen, seconded by Bill Birney. "That the Junior division follows the same ABS Section and Class breakdown as the other divisions do. Namely have Junior birds classified according to the ABS Schedule of Classes rather than the '4 class' only breakdown of Section 26."

Louise Loepke, David Hyatt, Bill Birney, Bernie Rahmlow, Seth Gray, Larry Allen, Holger Moeller, Paige Gover, and Jeanne Birney voted yes.

John Miles, Larry Moore and Terry Travis voted no.

Motion passed.

Motion 14 (District 7) "That the ABS membership committee aggressively document mass marketing campaign for membership and provide a plan for promotion that will be implemented and reported to the full membership over the next 12 months. Identify "low hanging fruit items" that are financially feasible for districts to implement, i.e. Craig's List, pet magazine ads, print extra bulletins for handout, Facebook, etc."

Motion was withdrawn as ABS currently has a Recruitment Committee.

Meeting adjourned until 8:30 am 9/16/11

Meeting called to order 9/16/11 at 8:42 am. Roll call: Gary Hicken, Louise Loepke, Larry Moore, David Hyatt, Bernie Rahmlow, Seth Gray, Larry Allen, Holger Moeller, Paige Gover, Bill Birney and Jeanne Birney present. John Miles arrived at 8:51, Leon Saad arrived at 8:50 and Terry Travis arrived at 8:48.

Motion 15 (District 7) Motion by Seth Gray, seconded by Holger Moeller. "That because of the cost of hiring a judge from a long distance and the lack of judges in our district, clubs should be allowed to hire a judge of any recognized budgerigar society. This would allow districts with smaller memberships and limited financial resources the ability to put on additional shows to further promote the hobby."

Louise Loepke, David Hyatt, Larry Moore, Bill Birney, Bernie Rahmlow, Larry Allen, Leon Saad, Paige Gover, Jeanne Birney and Terry Travis voted no.

Seth Gray and Holger Moeller voted yes.

Motion failed.

Motion 16 (Districts 9, 10) Motion by Holger Moeller, seconded by John Miles. "to reset the boundary between District 9 and District 10 in order to move San Luis Obispo and Bakersfield to District 9."

John Miles, David Hyatt, Larry Moore, Bernie Rahmlow, Seth Gray, Larry Allen, Holger Moller, Leon Saad, Paige Gover and Terry Travis voted yes.

Bill Birney and Jeanne Birney voted no.

Louise Loepke abstained.

Motion passed.

Motion 17 (District 9) Motion by Holger Moeller, seconded by Terry Travis. "That 10 points be given in each division for Best Young and Best Hen towards Breeder of the Year."

John Miles, Holger Moeller and Terry Travis voted yes.

Louise Loepke, David Hyatt, Larry Moore, Bill Birney, Bernie Rahmlow, Seth Gray, Larry Allen, Leon Saad, Paige Gover and Jeanne Birney voted no.

Motion failed.

Motion 18 (District 9) Motion by Holger Moeller, seconded by Terry Travis. "To set up a committee of five to redo our classes and sections. The committee to be selected by ABS" After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn

Motion 19 (District 10) Motion by Leon Saad, seconded by John Miles. "To establish a variety award for the varieties we award on the ABS show report. Whoever wins the variety would be awarded 10 points. Total the points from all the show and at the end of the year, the winner would receive a certificate awarded at the All American."

Vote unanimous.

Motion passed.

Motion 20 (District 10) Motion by Leon Saad, seconded by Terry Travis. "That we lower the number of birds to qualify for a show to 85. We would still need 3 champions and 24 champion birds." After discussion, motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion 21 (District 10) Motion by Leon Saad, seconded by Terry Travis. "To stimulate entries in the All American, a 2.0 multiplier at the All American for Exhibitor of the Year points.

Louise Loeckke, David Hyatt, Larry Moore, Bill Birney, Bernie Rahmlow, Seth Gray, Larry Allen, Paige Gover and Jeanne Birney voted no.

John Miles, Holger Moeller, Leon Saad and Terry Travis voted yes.

Motion failed.

Motion 22 (District 10) Motion by Leon Saad, seconded by Terry Travis. "That we award the Best Young in Show and additional 50% of the show points toward EOY. After discussion, motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion 23 (District 10) Motion by Leon Saad and seconded by Terry Travis. "That we return the Chair of the Judges' Panel to the position of 3rd Vice President on the Executive Committee."

Motion sent to Judges' Panel for consideration and recommendation.

Motion 24 (District 10) Motion by Leon Saad and seconded by David Hyatt. "That we declare the divisions, sections and classes of an ABS show as the "Official Divisions, Sections and Classes Format."

Larry Moore abstained. All other officers voted yes.

Motion passed.

Motion 25 (District 10) Motion by Leon Saad, seconded by Terry Travis. "That we award the Best Hen in Show an additional 50% of the show points towards EOY."

After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion 26 (District 12). "That Classifiers serve under the auspices of the Judges' Panel. No motion was made.

Died for lack of motion.

Motion 27 (District 9) Motion by Holger Moeller and seconded by Terry Travis. "That ABS judges must win with at least one bird on the top bench every 5 years or become inactive on the panel.

Holger Moeller voted yes.

All other officers voted no.

Motion failed.

Motion 28 by Leon Saad and seconded by David Hyatt. "To commend the Executive Committee for the work on resolution of the band problem and to authorize the Executive Committee to do whatever necessary to resolve the band situation. Priority is to be given to plastic bands.

Vote unanimous

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned until 8:00 pm to consider motions from the Judges' Panel.

Meeting called to order 8:15 pm. All officers present.

Motion 29 (Judges' Panel) Motion by Terry Travis, seconded by Larry Allen. "To grandfather current Judges as qualified to classify and make it a prerequisite that a judge applicant pass the test to become a classifier prior to becoming a judge. This requirement shall not be one of the allowed exemptions on the judge's application."

Vote was unanimous

Motion passed.

Motion 30 (Judges' Panel) Motion by Terry Travis, seconded by Leon Saad. "That no judge shall be deemed a 'foreign judge' for purposes of judging an ABS show if that judge is a resident of the United States."

Vote unanimous

Motion passed.

Motion 31 (Judges' Panel) Motion by Terry Travis, seconded by Bernie Rahmlow. "Add Anthracite to Section 25."

Vote unanimous

Motion passed.

Motion 32 (Judges' Panel) and Motion 23 from District 10. "That we return the Chair of the Judges' Panel to the position of 3rd Vice President on the Executive Committee."

This motion was defeated in the Judges' Panel meeting and, therefore, did not come before the full board for vote.

Motion by Louise Loepke to go into By-Laws session, seconded by David Hyatt.

Motion by Executive Committee "To delete 'awards' from Secretary's duties and add Awards Coordinator position to staff appointments."

Passed unanimously

Motion to go out of By-Laws session by John Miles, seconded by Bernie Rahmlow.

Motion to have special By-Laws session at the 2012 All American by Bernie Rahmlow, seconded by John Miles.

Motions passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Larry Moore

ABS Secretary