

2012 ALL American Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Hicken at 7:15 p.m. September 20, 2012. A roll call of officers and proxies was made. Present were Gary Hicken- President, John Miles- 1st VP, David Hyatt- 2nd VP, Bill Birney- Treasurer, Louise Loepke- Past President, Kathy Hicken -(acting secretary), Beverly Picard (proxy for Kevin Smith, Districts 1 & 3), Kevin Keaster (proxy for Jeff Hall, District 2), Bernie Rhamlow (Director for District #4), Vincent Menendez (Director for District #5), Ken Bates (proxy for Seth Gray, District #7), Hoelger Moeller (Director for District #9), Bill Porter (proxy for Lou Lynes, District #10), Pauline Domenge (Director for District #11), Ron Sweere (Director for District #12), and Larry Allen (Director for Districts 6 & 8). Terry Travis, Chairman of the Judges Panel, was not present at the Thursday evening meeting.

Reports were given: Bernie Rhamlow reported the band sales are going smoothly. Bill Birney gave a thorough treasurers report, and showed that ABS is losing money and needs to find ways to remedy that. He said that this is an economically rough time, and we need to do something incrementally. John Miles stated the website is going well and that the bulletin needs more ads. He put in a plug for clubs to advertise in the Bulletin. He also stated the breeder listing was down in numbers. David Hyatt reported we need more material for the bulletin, and really gave a push for more pictures of birds to be taken at the shows. Kathy Hicken reported that bird and aviary registrations were up a slight bit from last year, but there were still only 9 ABS members using the program. Gary Hicken read written reports from Michaele Arneson, the bulletin editor, and Judy Childs, Secretary of Advancement.

Mary Ann Silva offered information about a tri-fold you can get from the website, and if passed out they could be instrumental in boosting the hobby.

Gary Hicken announced that Paige Gover has resigned as ABS Secretary, and that a temporary assignment would be made. A discussion on that issue will take place at a different time. He also announced that in comparison with last year, the number of birds shown is slightly up from last year.

Gary passed around the 2013 bands for everyone to see. He has done a lot of band research, and has concluded that there is nobody in the world that makes closed plastic bands except Stengel and Ac Hughes, and after close examination says Stengel's are the best.

There was no old business to discuss. David Hyatt gave a report on the All American 2013, being held in Nashville, Tennessee the third week of September 2013. He stressed the need for assistance as they have only 3 people working on it. A presentation was made by Ken Bates requesting the 2014 All American be sponsored by District #9, to be held in Fresno, Ca. Louise made a motion to accept that proposal, which was seconded by Ron Sweere. The vote was unanimous with Bill Birney abstaining.

The motions made during the Executive Committee Meeting were then reviewed. (See the attached spreadsheets for details on how each board member voted.)

1. Eliminate Article II #3 Membership Cards- 14 Yes 0 No **Unanimous to delete**
2. Eliminate Article V #3 Membership Cards- 14 Yes 0 No **Unanimous to delete**

3. Eliminate 3T- Providing show cage tags to clubs free- 14 Yes 0 No **Unanimous to delete**
4. Rescind 4C Allowing affiliation w/o insurance for \$75.00. 14 Yes 0 No **Unanimous to rescind**
5. 4G Increase annual affiliation dues club dues \$100 w/o insurance, \$150 with insurance. 13 Yes 1 No **Passed**
6. Eliminate 5K- making a rosette for the Pet/American division. 14 Yes 0 No **Unanimous to eliminate**
7. 5M Reduce number of awards for EOY After much discussion a vote was taken 1 Yes 13 No **Failed**
8. 8K: Redistricting- **A committee will be formed to evaluate (J. Miles, L. Loepke, B. Birney)**
9. 13F Band prices- Need to be increased 20% rounding off to the nearest \$, with Jr. bands up from \$4.00 for 25 bands to \$10.00. 14 Yes 0 No **Unanimous**
10. Rescind 14D- Past Presidents to receive lifetime membership **Failed, no second**
11. 14E Increase membership dues: Regular to \$35.00, Dual & Foreign to \$45.00 per year 14 Yes 0 No **Unanimous**. To become effective January 1st, 2013. Forms will need to be changed.
12. 14M Monthly list sent to District Directors and Treasurer to keep track of changes in membership. 14 Yes 0 No **Unanimous**
13. 16AA Few Judges Clinics held- **moved to discussion by Judges Panel**
14. 21G Delete Investigate an Endowment Fund. 14 Yes 0 No **Unanimous**
15. 21 J&M Delete or act -Produce a Directory of ABS members or keep track on the web. 10 Yes 3 No 1 abstain After further discussion, **voted to delete**
16. If a motion made by a district is made and not passed, it cannot come before the board again for two years. 10 Yes 4 No **Motion passed**
17. That ABS award BIS & Best rare, not banded with an ABS band, an ABS certificate of achievement. 10 Yes 4 No **Motion passed**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m., to be continued

The Board of Directors meeting was opened at 8:30 a.m. on September 21, 2012. The same members were at this meeting as were the previous day.

This meeting began with discussion of the motions made by the District Directors. A motion was made to move motions #1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 17, 26, 27 to discussion by the Judges Panel. The motion was passed.

Motion #2 (District 9)

ABS affiliated clubs can adopt different classifications for their shows if approved and announced by the club prior to the show. The changes cannot conflict with the EOY point system. The ABS classifications should be a "recommended" guideline. 6 Yes 8 No **Motion failed**

Motion #3- Moved to By-Laws session

Motion #5 (District 9)

“To be eligible for the Hall of Fame the nominated individual must be an ABS member for a minimum of 15 years.” 2 Yes 11 No 1 Abstain **Motion failed**

Motion #6 (District 9)

“The priority list for color classifications should be reviewed.” **Motion was withdrawn-no list exists**

Motion #8 (District 11)

“For ABS to produce and sell sets of show tags in the future”. 14 Yes 0 No **Unanimous**

Motion 11 (Districts 7 & 11)

“To rescind ruling that ABS clubs can no longer set their own schedule of classes for their shows.”
Combined with motion #2

Motion #14 (District 5)

“An ABS/BAA committee consisting of 5 persons from each organization (10 total) be selected to determine ways to best unite the hobby.” **Withdrawn- already exists**

Motion #16 (District 5)

“That all motions presented to the Board of Directors by the Districts must be voted on by the Board of Directors at the All American with no tabling for committees.” **Failed- no second**

Motion #19 (District 4)

“To request ABS Secretary to move statement (“Awards for ABS members only”) to top of show form with a space for the show manager to initial. **Failed- no second**

Continued Board of Directors Meeting September 21st 8:00 p.m.

Terry Travis was in attendance at this evening meeting. A motion was made to open the By-Laws session by David Hyatt and 2nd by Ron Sweere. There was a discussion initiated by Bernie Rhamlow about whether the ABS plaques should be changed to save money. One change would be to eliminate the “gold budgie” on the plaque. Many members were against that idea, as the “gold budgie” has been a part of ABS from the beginning. Terry Travis suggested asking Champions to donate plaques back to ABS (several already do this). Since the Board of Directors voted to increase band and membership prices, it was decided to wait and see how the money situation goes.

President Gary Hicken said he will forward financial information to the board members.

President Hicken read the report from Sandy Oleschlagel, the recruitment chair, which he was not able to find at the beginning of the Board of Directors Meeting. The committee has been doing well, but Sandy has resigned due to other time commitments.

The **By-Laws motions were then discussed:** (The individual voting for these motions is included on the attached voting spreadsheet with the other motions)

Motion #3 (District 9)

“ABS should remove all punitive rules against all members regardless of status for collaboration with other societies.” 3 Yes 11 No 1 Abstain **Motion failed**

Motion #12 (District 5)

“The terms of office for all Executive Committee and District Directors be two years.” **Died- no second**

Motion #13 (District 5)

“An active Board Member in good standing be allowed to vote by telephone conference call or via the internet on motions and issues voted on by the Board of Directors. 3 Yes 12 No **Motion Failed**

Motion #18 (District 2)

“ABS allow individuals that bred and banded a bird that is not ABS banded qualify for the appropriate ABS award.” 3 Yes 12 No **Motion failed**

Motion #20 (District 9)

Article X- Committees: This district just needed clarification on the meaning of the article. It was **withdrawn** as a motion. President Gary Hicken will send out decisions made by the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors.

Motion #21 (District 5)

“That the office of the 2nd VP be eliminated and their official duties be given to the Past President.” Yes 2 No 13 **Motion failed**

Motion #22 (District 5)

“That the By-Laws be changed to read that all other ABS awards besides EOY will be presented to the winners with bands from a recognized organization.” **Failed- no second**

Motion #23 (District 5)

“That the By-Laws be changed as follows: Delete, rescind, or abolish the following law: 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.” 3 Yes 12 No **Motion failed**

Motion #24 (District 5)

That the By-Laws be changed as follows: Delete, rescind or abolish the following By-Law:

“All members of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, appointed Committee members and appointed positions must band exclusively with ABS bands.” 4 Yes 11 No **Motion failed**

Motion #25 (District 4)

“To require ABS Board of Directors to change By-Laws to allow non ABS banded birds to receive ABS awards (Rosettes, certificates, etc.) in the Junior, Intermediate, and Novice classes.” 4 Yes 11 No **Motion failed**

Bernie Rhamlow made a motion to open the By-Laws session for 2013, which was 2nd by Bill Porter.

The motions discussed by the Judge’s Panel were then presented to the board: (Vincent Menendez did not attend this part of the meeting.)

Motion #1 (Districts 2, 7, 9)

“Any qualified budgerigar judge from a judge’s panel of a recognized budgerigar society be allowed to judge an ABS show solo.” **Failed- no second**

Motion #4 (District #9)

“ABS should develop a standard for Double Factor Dominant Pieds.” **Judges panel needs to revamp this with a committee.**

Motion #6 (District 9)

“The priority list for color classifications should be reviewed.” **Withdrawn- no list exists.** It was agreed there is a problem, and a committee will be formed to solve it.

Motion #7 (District 9)

“Add a new section to the classification list separating the green series dark factors from the blue series. Example: Section (x) Dark Green and Olive Green, Section (y) Cobalt, Mauve, and Violet. **The motion failed. Affirmative: 3 Negative: 10**

Motion #9 (District 11)

“That ABS Board considers adding a section for Anthracite and Slate to Rare Division.” **This motion was withdrawn, and the situation under review.**

Motion #10 (District 11)

“That WBO judges be allowed to judge ABS sanctioned shows.” Affirmative: 1 Negative: 12 **Motion failed.**

Motion #15 (District 5)

“That any WBO judge in good standing with the WBO may judge an ABS sanctioned show, and the Show Chairman, Show Secretary or Chief Steward may certify the results for points and all other ABS awards.

Withdrawn. Same as motion #10.

Motion #17 (District 5)

“That any motion made by the judge’s panel be published both on the ABS website and in the ABS Bulletin and voted on by the Board of Directors at the following years’ national meeting.” **Failed- no second.**

Motion #26 (District 4)

“To request Chairman of the Judges Panel (or his designee) to work with BAA judges panel for commonality and report back to ABS board.” **This has been addressed, and Terry Travis, chairman of the Judges Panel, is working on it.**

Motion #27 (District 4)

“To require Judges Panel to meet once per year, outside of the All American show, to review and agree on standards for birds.” **Affirmative:0 Negative: 12 Abstain: 1 Motion failed.** Judges Panel Chairman, Terry Travis, said he would like to get a few hours each year at the All American to discuss such issues.

A motion was made by Bernie Rhamlow to accept the Motions that were presented by/to the Judges Panel, and there was a 2nd by David Hyatt.

The last item discussed was the issue of a new ABS Secretary. The names of Chet Swanson and Luemma McWilliams were presented. After discussion, a motion was made to accept Chet Swanson as the new ABS Secretary. 13 Yes 1 abstain Chet Swanson is now the new ABS Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

