

The American Budgerigar Society
 Minutes of the 2013 Board of Directors Annual Meeting
 September 19-20, 2013
 Franklin, Tennessee

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m., September 19 by President John Miles. Officers and Directors present were: John Miles (President), David Hyatt (1st VP), Mike Dahl (2nd VP), Bill Birney (Treasurer), Chester Swanson (Secretary), Louise Loepke (Past President), Jeff Hall (Director, District 2), Keven Keaster (Director, District 4), Larry Allen (Director, District 6 & 8), Seth Gray (Director, District 7), Norm Blackburn (Director, District 9), Leon Saad (Director, District 10), Ron Sweere (Director, District 12) and Terry Travis (Chair, Judges Panel). Not present were; Kevin Smith (Director, District 1 & 3), Vincent Menendez (Director, District 5) and Larry Moore (Director, District 11). No proxy representatives were present.

Past President Louise Loepke presented the invocation.

President Miles had those present introduce themselves to the assembly.

A motion was made by Louise Loepke (PastP) and David Hyatt (1VP) to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2012 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Swanson presented the Secretary's Report and it was unanimously accepted after a motion made by Ron Sweere (D12) and seconded by Leon Saad (D10).

Treasurer Birney presented the Treasurer's Report and it was unanimously accepted after a motion made by Leon Saad (D10) and seconded by Larry Allen (D6-8).

Treasurer Birney read the Registrar's Report from Bev Picard and it was unanimously accepted after a motion made by Chet Swanson (SEC) and seconded by David Hyatt (1VP).

Motions from the Executive Committee were presented to the Board For consideration:

MOTION 1: Moved by the Executive Committee (SEC) and seconded by Mike Dahl (2VP) that effective with the next elections for District Directors, for terms beginning in 2016, ABS districts will be changed as shown:

<u>New District #</u>	<u>Included</u>	<u>Old Districts</u>
1	NY, New England States, PA, NJ, DE, DC & MD	1 & 3
2	KY, MI OH, WV, IL IN & WI	2 & 4
3	FL, SC, GA, NC, VA & Puerto Rico	5 & 11
4	AL, TN, MS, LA, AR, TX, NM & OK	6 & 8
5	MN, ND, SC, CO MO, IA NE & KS	7

6	Northern CA (counties of San Luis Obispo, Kern, Kings, Monterey, Tulare, Inyo and North) & HI	9
7	AZ, NV, UT & CA (counties of Ventura, San Bernardino and south)	10
8	AK, WA, OR, ID MT, WY & British Columbia	12

Motion Passed (12 Yes, 1 No)

Yes: 1VP, 2VP, TRES, SEC, PastP, D4, D6-8, D7, D9, D10, D12, CJP

No: D2

Abstain: None

MOTION 2: Moved by the Executive Committee (SEC) and seconded by Bill Birney (TRES) that, the statement at the beginning of the resolutions be changed to add as a second sentence, “If a resolution is in conflict with the ABS By-Laws, the By-Laws take precedence.”

Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

MOTION 3: Moved by the Executive Committee (SEC) and seconded by Ron Sweere (D12) that the wording “Must be an ABS member to purchase bands.” be added back to the band order form and resolutions as appropriate.

Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

MOTION 4: Moved by the Executive Committee (SEC) and seconded by David Hyatt (1VP) that the following sub-sections of Section 3, ABS Affiliated Club Shows be deleted from the ABS resolutions;

Sub-section b “Although ABS affiliated clubs do not have to use the ABS recommended classifications at their local shows, but that the ABS Registrar must follow these standards in allocating Breeder of the Year points. (#17 1999)”

Sub-section c “Decisions as to whether or not an affiliated club will have open and/or junior divisions shall be left to the choice of the sponsoring club. (1971) (1973)”

Sub-section o “A place for beginners division be allotted in the ABS Show report section of ABS bulletin for those who sponsor that division. (#12 1995)” and

Sub-section t “ABS not provide Show Cage tags but continue to use FREE tags provided by Commercial Company's. (#37 2000)”

Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

MOTION 5: Moved by the Executive Committee (SEC) and seconded by David Hyatt (1VP) that sub-section k of Section 5, Awards reading “Recognizing that the Pet/American color division needs to be supported, ABS shall make a rosette available on request for this division. (#50 1989)” be deleted.

Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

President Miles asked if there were any presentations for a club or district to host the 2015 All American Show and General Meetings. Keaster (D4) advised there might be some interest in his district but he needed some time to confirm the information; Blackburn (D9) said that if no one else volunteered District 9 would host the show and meetings but that it would be the second year in a row for District 9. A decision was made to table discussion of the 2015 All American until later in the meetings to allow District 4 to confirm their willingness to conduct the show.

MOTION 6: Moved by Keven Keaster (D4) second by David Hyatt (1VP) that ABS retire band code 1R in honor of the years of dedicated service by its holder, Bernie Rahmlow (from District 4)

Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

MOTION 7: Motions from District 4 (Only paid up members of ABS may order coded bands or emergency bands) and from District 10 (ABS bands can only be purchased by ABS members) withdrawn by the District Directors as the issue was covered in Motion 3 above.

MOTION 8: Moved by Keven Keaster (D4) and seconded by Bill Birney (TRES) that Current year band order period be from September through June. A surcharge of \$25.00 will be added for orders after July 1st. (from District 4)

Motion Passed (12 Yes, 0 No D12 absent Unanimous)

MOTION 9: Moved by Keven Keaster (D4) and seconded by David Hyatt (1VP) that, Future breeding year band orders may be placed starting in July of the current year to insure processing and return from band maker for shipment to ABS member three days before November 1st. (from District 4) Motion was withdrawn by District 4.

MOTION 10: Moved by Larry Allen (D6-8) and seconded by Terry Travis (CJP) to have the shows advertised in print 30 days prior to the show. For example in the ABS Bulletin (from District 6 & 8)

Motion Failed (0 Yes, 12 No, 1 Abstain)

Yes: None

No: 1VP, 2VP, TRES, SEC, PastP, D4, D6-8, D7, D9, D10, D12, CJP

Abstain: D2

MOTION 11: Moved by Chet Swanson (SEC) with no second, that All shows's dates be regulated by time zone instead of district. (From District 11). **Failed** for the lack of a second.

MOTION 12: Moved by Norm Blackburn (D9) with no second that ABS Charge a fee per Champion (\$20) to increase the treasury of ABS. (from District 9). **Failed** for the lack of a second.

MOTION 13: Moved by Norm Blackburn (D9) with no second To give only 10 EOY awards per Division. (From District 9). **Failed** for the lack of a second

MOTION 14: Motion by Ron Sweere (D12) with no second that ABS Reinstate putting a band order form in the July-August bulletin. (From District 12). **Failed** for the lack of a second.

MOTION 15: Moved by Ron Sweere (D12) and seconded by David Hyatt (1VP) That only ABS business be discussed during Executive Committee and Board of Directors annual meetings. (From District 12)

Motion Failed (2 Yes, 10 No, 1 Abstain)

Yes: 1VP, D10

No: 2VP, TRES, SEC, PastP, D2, D4, D6-8, D7, D9, CJP

Abstain: D12

MOTION 16: Motion from District 11 that ABS Shows for the month of May, June or July must submit their patronage by March 15 and August to December shows must submit their patronage forms by June 15. **Failed** for the lack of a motion.

President Miles announced a short break beginning at 7:31 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:47 p.m. with all being present.

On return from break, Keven Keaster (D4) advised that several of the clubs in District 4 were offering to host the 2015 All American Show and meetings. A motion was made by Bill Birney (TRES) and seconded by Mike Dahl (2VP) to award the 2015 All American show and meetings to ABS District 4.

Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

A motion was made by Louise Loepke (PastP) and seconded by Ron Sweere (D12) to go into a By-Laws session

Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

MOTION 17: Moved by the Executive Committee (SEC) and seconded by Bill Birney (TRES) that the last line in the paragraph of Article VII, Section 1 be changed to read: There may be only one member of a household serving on the ABS Executive Board at one time.

Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

MOTION 18: Moved by the Executive Committee (SEC) and seconded by Bill Birney (TRES) that the current language in Article II, Section 5 be deleted and replaced with the following new language:

“5. Membership types, membership voting rights and dues.

- a. Regular membership includes up to two adults living in the same household. Only one vote is allowed for a regular membership and only one person in a regular membership may hold elected office in the Society. Dues for regular membership shall be reviewed and adjusted as

necessary by the Board. Only one copy of the Society's bulletin will be mailed to each household.

- b. Dual membership includes two adults living in the same household. Both members enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership including the rights to vote and hold elective office. Dues for the dual membership shall be reviewed and adjusted as necessary by the Board. Only one copy of the Society's bulletin will be mailed to each household.
- c. Junior membership is available at a reduced fee, set by the Board for individuals who have not reached their eighteenth (18) birthday by the date of the first ABS patronage show of the year. Junior members have no voting privilege. Only one copy of the Society's bulletin will be mailed to each household.
- d. Individuals living outside of the United States or its territories may join as foreign regular or dual members at the same fee, payable in US dollars with an added fee for additional postage to their respective country."

Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

MOTION 19: Moved by the Executive Committee (SEC) and seconded by Larry Allen (D6-8) that changes be made to Article II, Section 4, after discussion the motion was withdrawn and a new motion was made by Leon Saad (D10) and seconded by Louse Loepke that Article II, Section 4 be changed to read, "At any Annual or Special District Meeting of Members of any District, each members has one vote as specified in Section 5."

Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

MOTION 20: Moved by the Executive Committee (SEC) and seconded by Louise Loepke (PastP) that changes be made to Article II, Section 7, after discussion the motion was withdrawn and a new motion was made by Leon Saad (D10) and seconded by Louse Loepke that the first sentence of the section be changed to read, "A member may vote by proxy at an Annual or Special District Meeting if he or she gives written notice to the District Director or District Secretary in advance of the District Meeting." And that the second sentence (May also hand said proxy to the District Director prior to the start of the meeting.) be deleted in its entirety.

Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

MOTION 21: Moved by the Executive Committee (SEC) and seconded by Bill Birney (TRES) that changes be made to Article III, Section 4c, be changed to read, "All members in good standing as of the first of the month when ballots are mailed shall be entitled to vote. A ballot for each district shall be mailed to the membership, which will contain the names of all nominees for each district office, with space provided for each member to express his/her vote or preference, signature, and membership number or band code. Each party to a Dual Membership shall receive a ballot and may each vote. Junior Members have no vote. If no membership number or band code is shown or the ballot is

not signed, the vote is not valid.” This deletes reference to publishing the ballot in the bulletin and notating junior members with a J at the beginning of their member number.
Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

MOTION 22: Moved by the Executive Committee (SEC) and seconded by Louise Loepke (PastP) that changes be made to Article III, Section 4f, be changed to read, “In the event the unchallenged count shows a tie among the nominees for any office, a runoff ballot shall be mailed to the membership for all members of the district. The incumbent Director shall remain in office until the runoff vote determines his/her successor.” This deletes reference to publishing the runoff ballot in the bulletin.
Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

MOTION 23: Moved by the Executive Committee (SEC) and seconded by David Hyatt (1VP) that changes be made to Article VII, Section 7, be changed to read, “In each election year, a ballot or ballots shall be mailed with the names of those nominated for the various offices in alphabetical order and the district(s) from which they were nominated. The ballot shall also contain a space for the member’s signature, membership number and/or band code. Dual Members each have one vote. Facsimile ballots are not permitted. Write In Candidates are not permitted. All members in good standing as of the first of the month when ballots are mailed shall be entitled to vote. In case there are no contested positions the nominees will be declared elected and ballots will not be mailed to the members.” This deletes reference to inserting the ballots in the bulletin and clarifies what to do when there are no contested officer races.
Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

MOTION 24: Moved by the Executive Committee (SEC) and seconded by Leon Saad (D10) that changes be made to Article VIII, Section 5, be changed to delete the words, “issue membership cards,” from the section.
Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

MOTION 25: : Moved by the Executive Committee (SEC) and seconded by Bill Birney (TRES) that changes be made to the last sentence of Article XI, Section 9, be changed to read, “The motions put forward at the District Meeting should contain the names of the members making and seconding the motion and the vote count for the motion.”
Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

A motion to leave the By-Laws session was made by Chet Swanson (SEC) and seconded by Mike Dahl (2VP).
Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

A motion to hold a By-Laws session at the 2014 Annual General meeting was made by Bill Birney (TRES) and seconded by Louise Loepke (PastP)
Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

A motion to adjourn the meeting until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20 was made by Terry Travis (CJP) and seconded by Ron Sweere (D12).

Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The second session of the meeting was called to order at 3:16 p.m. September 20, by President John Miles. Officers and Directors present were: John Miles (President), David Hyatt (1st VP), Mike Dahl (2nd VP), Bill Birney (Treasurer), Chester Swanson (Secretary), Louise Loepke (Past President), Jeff Hall (Director, District 2), Keven Keaster (Director, District 4), Seth Gray (Director, District 7), Norm Blackburn (Director, District 9), Leon Saad (Director, District 10), Ron Sweere (Director, District 12) and Terry Travis (Chair, Judges Panel). Not present were; Kevin Smith (Director, District 1 & 3), Vincent Menendez (Director, District 5) and Larry Moore (Director, District 11). No proxy representatives were present.

MOTION 26: Motion from District 9 to Allow people to travel with Judges to shows even if they are showing at the show was referred to the Judge's Panel. The Judge's Panel recommended to the board that the motion be rejected. A motion was made by Leon Saad (D10) and seconded by Bill Birney (TRES) to accept the Panel's recommendation and reject the basic motion.

Motion Passed (9 Yes, 2 No, Abstain 1) – **BASIC MOTION REJECTED**

Yes: 2VP, TRES, SEC, PastP, D2, D4, D9, D10, D12

No: 1VP, D7

Abstain: CJP

Absent: D6&8

MOTION 27: Motion from District 10 That ABS make a recommendation to the Judges Panel that it amend its Bylaws such that Retired Judges wishing to return to active status on the Judges Panel may have a longer period, up to 4 (four) years to do so, without being required to submit to re-testing was referred to the Judge's Panel. The Judge's Panel recommended to the board that the motion be rejected. A motion was made by Mike Dahl (2VP) and seconded by Bill Louise Loepke (PastP) to accept the Panel's recommendation and reject the basic motion.

Motion Passed (10 Yes, 2 No) – **BASIC MOTION REJECTED**

Yes: 1VP, 2VP, TRES, SEC, PastP, D2, D7, D9, D12, CJP

No: D4, D10

Abstain: None

Absent: D6&8

Larry Allen (D6&8) arrived at the meeting.

MOTION 28: A motion from District 11 that Yellows and Whites should be moved to the Normal Division was referred to the Classifiers Panel and to the Judge's Panel. Both the Classifiers and Judge's Panel recommended to the board that the motion be rejected.

A motion was made by Ron Sweere (D12) and seconded by Leon Saad (D10) to accept the recommendations of the Classifiers and Panel to reject the basic motion.

Motion Passed (13 Yes, 0 No Unanimous) – **BASIC MOTION REJECTED**

MOTION 29: The Judges Panel (CJP) moved that changes be made to Section and Classes in both the Normal Division and Rare Division as shown below. Motion seconded by Bill Birney (TRES).

[Secretary’s note: Changes are shown in Bold Italics – only sections with changes are shown]

Schedule of Normal Classes
Junior, Novice, Intermediate and Champion Division

<u>Old Cocks</u>	<u>Young Cocks</u>		<u>Old Hens</u>	<u>Young Hens</u>
		<u>Section 7—Dark Factors</u> <i>Contains both Cinnamon and Opaline</i>		
		<u>Section 8 -- Red Eyes</u>		
809	810	<i>YF/GF Albino</i>	811	812
		<u>Section 9 -- Australian PIEDS</u>		
901	902	<i>Green/Grey Green Normals</i>	903	904
905	906	<i>Green/Grey Green Opaline</i>	907	908
909	910	<i>Blue/Grey Normal</i>	911	912
913	914	<i>Blue/Grey Opaline</i>	915	916
917	918	<i>Dark Factor</i>	919	920
921	922	<i>Yellow Face</i>	923	924
		<u>Section 10 -- Spangle</u>		
1001	1002	<i>Green/Grey Green Normal</i>	1003	1004
1005	1006	<i>Green/Grey Green Opaline</i>	1007	1008
1009	1010	<i>Blue/Grey Normal</i>	1011	1012
1013	1014	<i>Blue/Grey Opaline</i>	1015	1016
1017	1018	Double Factor	1019	1020
1021	1022	<i>Dark Factor</i>	1023	1024
1025	1026	<i>Yellow Face</i>	1027	1028
		<u>Section 11 -- Yellow Face</u>		
1109	1110	<i>Dark Factor</i>	1111	1112
		<u>Section 12 -- Composite</u>		
1201	1202	<i>Two or more Varieties listed on the Composite List. One of which may be a Rare Variety.</i>	1203	1204

Rare Variety Division

<u>Old Cocks</u>	<u>Young Cocks</u>		<u>Old Hens</u>	<u>Young Hens</u>
		<u>Section 23 -- Fallow</u>		
2301	2302	<i>English</i>	2303	2304
2305	2306	<i>German</i>	2307	2308
		<u>Section 25 -- A.O.V. - Composite</u>		
2501	2502	<i>Composite - any two or more rare varieties.</i>	2503	2504
2505	2506	<i>A.O.V. (Saddleback, Slate, Brownwing, Anthracite, Etc.)</i>	2507	2508

Motion Passed (12 Yes, 1 No)

Yes: 1VP, 2VP, TRES, PastP, D2, D4, D6-8, D7, D9, D10, D12, CJP
No: SEC
Abstain: None

Mike Dahl (2VP) announced that he was withdrawing his name from consideration for the position of Second Vice-President for the upcoming officer elections. Mike has been elected to take over as the Chair of the Judges Panel on April 1, 2014. Chet Swanson (SEC) announced that Bev Picard has notified John Miles (PRES) that she is withdrawing her name from consideration for the position of Secretary for the upcoming officer elections.

Chet Swanson (SEC) was asked to read off the names of the current nominees and did so; the current nominees are: John Miles for President, David Hyatt for 1st Vice-President, Ron Sweere for 2nd Vice-President, Bill Birney for Treasurer and Chet Swanson for Secretary. One more district has a membership meeting scheduled and other nominations may be received from that district.

There being no further business President Miles called for a motion to adjourn the meetings. A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Birney (TRES) and seconded by Norm Blackburn (D9). The motion to adjourn was unanimously accepted and the 2013 Board Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Chet Swanson
ABS Secretary