

## ABS Board of Directors Meeting 9-18-14

Welcome- John Miles

Invocation – Norm Blackburn

Roll Call

John Miles- Present

David Hyatt- Present

Ron Sweere- Present

Mary Silva (proxy for Larry Moore) - Present

Louise Loepke- Present

Luemma McWilliams- (Proxy for Jeff Hall)-Present

Bill Birney-(Proxy for Keven Keaster) - Present

Larry Allen- Present

Carol Weems (proxy for Seth Gray)

Norm Blackburn- Present

Leon Saad- Present

Walter Loepke- (Proxy for Paige Gover)

Larry Harrell- Present

Mike Dahl- Present

Proxies not able to be allowed because they were in on time according to the Directors handbook.

Motion as to whether or not to allow the proxies that were not in on time. Louise Loepke, Seconded by Walter Loepke, Vote- yes (Saad, Weems) No (Hyatt, Sweere, Silva, Loepke, L McWilliams, Birney, Allen, Blackburn, Loepke, W., Harrell, Dahl)- They were not allowed because of the vote.

Appeal- Closed Session-

Norm Blackburn excused himself at 8:24pm

Motion to accept 2013 minutes as written, made by Wally Loepke and Seconded by Larry Allen  
Membership 265 members

Recruitment- Promoting ABS by using Facebook, Post new members in Bulletin, add info if possible, Coming up with mentors for Juniors,

2015 All American- Larry Allen –Music City Budgies will do if awarded, it will have to be held Labor Day Weekend. That is the only time the venue can be secured. Seconded by Mary Silva Passed. Music City Budgies will host the AA 2015 Labor Day weekend.

## 2014 MOTIONS

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### **Motion 1:**

To replace the ABS Best in Show and Best Rare plaques with medallions and certificates, to be awarded to any exhibitor who shows with a closed-banded bird of their own breeding from a recognized society or association. District 6, 8, 7

Second- Larry Harrell

Vote Failed- Yes-3 Hyatt, Allen, Weems-Proxy for Gray, No -9 All others except Blackburn is absent

### **Motion 2:**

Motion to allow members to bring up motions that have failed the previous year.  
District 11, 5, 7 Failed for lack of a second

### **Motion 3:**

ABS Board of Directors recognizes the frivolous inconsequential incident regarding Terry Travis be dropped and he be issued an apology from the Board for his outstanding dedication and service to ABS. District 7 Invalid Motion

### **Motion 4:**

Minutes of Annual General Board Meetings: “The minutes of the Annual General meeting of the Board of Directors must include all motions brought to the Board to include the language of the motion and the disposition of that motion. This includes motions referred to other committees or panels of the ABS and returned to the Board regardless of recommendation of those committees or panels. District 7, 11 *All ready being done*”

Failed for a lack of a second

**Motion 5:**

That ABS requests the World Budgerigar Organization to change the color sequence on bands so that light colors alternate with dark colors. District 10 Second by Wally Loepke  
Passed, John Miles will make the request.

Motion to make the Secretary of the Judges Panel the WBO Representative. Made by David Hyatt Seconded by Ron Sweere. Passed all voted yes except Bill Birney who voted no

**Motion 6:**

Exhibitor of the Year Awards: “Due to the lack of support the Junior Exhibitor of the Year be reduced to five (5) places for plaques.” District 12 Seconded by Wally Loepke

Amended to include places 6-10 receive Certificates. Made by Louise Loepke, Amendment Seconded by Wally Loepke Vote Passed Unanimous

**Motion 7:**

– Travel expenses: “ABS will not reimburse travel expenses for any person to attend a hearing, meeting, etc., of the ABS without a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the full ABS Board of Directors. To clarify, using the current structure of the Board of Directors there are seventeen (17) members, a three-fourths affirmative vote under this rule must have at least thirteen (13) yes District 12 Seconded by David Hyatt

Amended to read Travel expenses: “ABS will not reimburse travel expenses for any person to attend a hearing, meeting, etc. Seconded by David Hyatt

Passed Unanimous

**Motion 8:**

Motion made that if a bird is a composite bird including a rare variety they be shown in Section 25 of rare division. Change wording on schedule of classes to read: Composite: Any 2 or more varieties one of which must be rare. And change wording in section 12 to delete portion “one of which must be rare” District 11, 8 **NOT VALID TO BE ACTED UPON AT THIS TIME**

**Motion 9:**

That ABS allow the BIS bird to receive the ABS Plaque, regardless of whether it is an ABS banded bird, provided it has a closed band issued by any budgerigar organization with a registered code and year of issue. District 11, 7

Motion that whatever closed banded bird wins the ABS show is eligible to win the ABS award. District 10 **NOT VALID TO BE ACTED UPON AT THIS TIME**

**Motion 10:**

Motion made by Robert Hofstetter- "ABS allow WBO judges to judge and officiate at their shows." Ken Simons Seconded the motion. Discussion. Robert Hofstetter amended his motion- "ABS allow WBO judges to judge and officiate at their shows if the WBO judges want to judge, they can take the ABS judges test and be allowed to judge at ABS shows." Ken Simons Seconded. Vote For 5, Against 2, Abstain 4. District 4  
**NOT VALID TO BE ACTED UPON AT THIS TIME**

***Motion made by Louise Loepke to send all judges panel motions be sent to the judge's panel. Seconded by David Hyatt. Passed all voted yes except Bill Birney***

Motion to adjourn by Larry Harrell and Seconded by Mary Ann Silva Meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm

Leon Saad- Motion to change agenda, to cancel the Board of Directors meeting from 3-5 pm. The evening meeting will start at 8 pm  
Seconded by Wally Loepke Passed Unanimous

## Reconvened meeting of Board of Directors at 8 pm 9-18-2014

Roll Call All present but Mary Ann Silva.  
Judges Panel Motions:

### JUDGES' PANEL MOTIONS

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1. *The motion from the Judges' Panel at the 2010 Annual Board of Directors Meeting changing Panel Rule IV.E.12 inserting subparagraph D is revoked and the mediation process will no longer be used.* Made by Bill Birney  
Seconded by David Hyatt Passed (2 Against – the rest in favor)
2. *Motion to remove Black Eye clear, Albino, Lutino, and Crested from the composite list.* Made by Bill Birney and Seconded by Larry Allen Passed Unanimous
3. *To add a drop down menu on the judges section of the ABS website, any questions concerning the Judges Panel contact the judge's panel chairman.* Made by Bill Birney and Seconded by Ron Sweere passed Unanimous
4. *WBO Representative is the Judges panel Secretary.* Seconded by Ron Sweere. Passed with only 1 no vote.

ABS give Tennessee an extra \$500.00 to help host the All American because of the lack of time to prepare, short notice. Made by Larry Harrell, Seconded by Bill Birney Passed (three abstained)

2016 All American- Larry Harrell is working on the possibility that his club may accept.

Forms- Replace page 2 in the report packet, add Best Young to the form.

Motion to adjourn By David Hyatt, Seconded by Wally Loepke

**9-19-2014 Called to order @ 9:19 Am**

**Roll Call-All Present**

I. Executive Committee Report

Motions for the Board to Vote on

A. Motion to not recommend motion from Larry Moore to require a break- down of expenses from Dande. Seconded by David Hyatt  
Passed Unanimous

B. Motion not to publish the bulletin every three months instead of every two months. Seconded by Wally Loepke Passed Unanimous with Mary Ann Silva abstaining

**Motion to go into By laws session made by Louise Loepke and Seconded by Wally Loepke- Passed Unanimous**

**Motion 11:**

Partnerships and bands: “ABS members forming a partnership for the purpose of raising and exhibiting budgerigars must:

a. Register their partnership with the ABS Secretary as soon as the partnership is announced in any manner. All members of the partnership must be ABS members.

b. Register an ABS band code for the partnership, which may be one of the ABS codes already used by one of the partners.

c. The partnership must band only with that band code and any ABS panel judge or judges in the partnership must certify that on their annual Judges’ Panel renewal form.” District 12

Seconded by David Hyatt Passed All voted for except Leon Saad Abstained

**Motion 12:**

Hall of Fame Committee: “When the President (Chair of the Executive Committee) appoints the Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, it shall be for a two year maximum term and the person must be a current member of the Hall of Fame.

District 12 Seconded by Wally Loepke Passed Unanimous

### **Motion 13:**

Rules for conduct of business by email: “In an effort to establish standards for conducting business between annual meetings by email, the following rules will be used for conduct of ABS business by email:

#### **Rules for the Conduct of ABS Business by Email**

1. Authorization: Authorization for email meetings is stated in the ABS By-Laws. These rules apply to the ABS Executive Committee, the ABS Board of Directors, the ABS Judges Panel and other ABS committees or sub-committees. Email meetings are considered asynchronous as not all members of the group will not be present at the same place or time. Rather members will participate in the meeting as possible during the period of the meeting. The conduct of ABS business by email or other electronic means may only be used between annual general meetings for the conduct of business which may not be held until the next annual general meeting of the Board of Directors.
2. Definitions: When the word group is used in these rules, it means the specific ABS Body, e.g. ABS Executive Committee, ABS Judges Panel, etc. When the word Chair is used in these rules it refers to the ABS President, or the Chairperson of any ABS group.
3. Call for a Meeting: The Chair of a group can call for a meeting. A meeting may also be called by two or more members of the group. The call for a meeting must be sent to the email address of all members of the group. Email meetings may only consider items of business specified in the call for the meeting, and the item or items of business must be stated in the subject line of the call for a meeting.
4. Quorum: A quorum is established when at least one-third (1/3) of the members of the body have checked into the meeting. Members must check-in within two days (48 hours) of the call for the meeting. A quorum is assumed at all times once a meeting has started. Members of the various ABS groups should check their email accounts for ABS related messages at least every other day.

5. Motions: A call for motions by the Chair is not needed; motions may be made as part of a call for a meeting. A second is required before beginning discussion of any motion. The Chair may not make or second a motion.

6. Responsibility of the Chair on motions: As the motion will have been sent to all members in writing there is no need to state the question as required in RONR. Once a motion has been moved and seconded the Chair must open it for discussion or declare the motion out of order for reasons as stated in RONR, “No main motion is in order that conflicts with the corporate charter, constitution, or bylaws; and to the extent that procedural rules applicable to the organization or assembly are prescribed by federal, state, or local law, no main motion is in order that conflicts with such rules.” If the chair rules that a motion is out of order, that decision may be immediately appealed to the group. Appeals of decisions of the Chair are addressed in RONR, Chapter VIII, Section 24 Incidental Motions, Appeal.

*7. Sending messages: All messages; making a motion, seconding a motion, discussing a motion, or voting on motions or business shall be sent to all members of the Group. Replies will also be sent to all members of the Group by using the Reply All option of the member’s email program.*

*8. Voting on Motions: Messages with a vote on a motion must use the Reply All option and the first line of the voting messages must read: “I Vote \_\_\_\_ (yes or no). The Chair of a group may vote only to break a tie vote.*

*9. Time limits: Once a motion is on the floor, no more than four days (96 hours) may be used for discussions. After the period for discussions ends, members of the group shall have no more than three days (72 hours) to submit their vote. Votes received more than 72 hours after the call for votes will not be counted.*

*10. Record of the Meeting: The Secretary of the Group conducting the meeting, or the Chair if there is no Secretary shall keep a record of the meeting and the results. It is suggested that this be done by keeping copies of all emails. Unless there is some legitimate reason for confidentially, a synopsis of the meeting and its results shall be sent to the ABS Executive Committee and, as appropriate the ABS Board of Directors.” District 12, 7*

Seconded by Larry Allen

Vote Passed For (Dahl, Harrell, Silva, Birney, Hyatt, Sweere, Blackburn,) Against (Allen, Saad, W. Loepke, L. Loepke, Weems) Abstained (McWilliams)



## **Motion 14:**

ABS Board of Directors to follow “Rules for the Conduct of ABS Business by Email” as stated in the District 12 motion #9 when conducting business by email.  
District 7  
(Same as Motion 13)

Motions from the Executive Committee:

1. Article VII Officers

Motion made to add “if possible” to nominees for an office. Louise Loepke,  
Seconded by David Hyatt

Amended to add:

(Remove Secretary/Treasurer at the end of the paragraph and make a new paragraph for them)

In lieu of a vacancy of treasurer or secretary, the executive committee must nominate two candidates if possible for and then the Board of Directors elects one of two such nominees if possible. Louise Loepke, Seconded by David Hyatt

Now Seconded by Wally Loepke Passed unanimous

2. Motion to leave the Proxy requirements of 10 days notification to the secretary as written in the District Directors Handbook but add to the by-laws. Louise Loepke, Seconded by David Hyatt

Now seconded by David Hyatt

Amended to include that the proxy should be an ABS member, breeding and banding exclusively with ABS bands and be an active breeder.

Seconded by Wally Loepke

Amend to add the line “A proxy must meet the same qualifications/ requirements as the District Director.”

Seconded by Wally Loepke Passed

3. Motion to use Roberts Rule's of Order for all meetings. David Hyatt  
Clarification- President votes with a secret ballot or to create or break a tie in executive committee.  
(This motion changes President having full voice and vote.)

Seconded by Larry Allen Passed (8 for) (4 against) (1 abstain-Mary Silva had to leave the room)

4. District Director must be a member of ABS for at least two years, attend an All American if possible, and shall attend their own District/Regional Meeting- made by David Hyatt, Seconded by Ron Sweere  
Amend to be a member one year, , attend an All American if possible, and shall attend their own District/Regional Meeting- Seconded by Ron Sweere  
Vote- Passed
5. Motion By Laws session for next year- Wally Loepke and Seconded by David Hyatt – Passed

Meeting Adjourned by John Miles