

District 6&8 district meeting held at Outback restaurant, Brentwood, Tn. Saturday 8/1/2015

Meeting called to order at 12:01 pm.

Members attending were Larry Allen, David Hyatt, Jeff McWilliams, Luemma McWilliams, with proxy votes from Louise Loepke and Walter Loepke.

Motion by Luemma, 2nd by David to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed unanimous

The motions from districts 2&4, 9, and 11 were reviewed and the meeting moved on to new business.

Motions;

1. To replace the Past President on the ABS Executive Committee with the Chairman of the Judge's Panel, effective immediately upon majority vote date. Motion by David, 2nd Jeff, For; 3 Against; 2 Motion Passed.

The consensus opinion was that it made no sense for the Past President to have a vote on the Executive Committee when the current President has none. It made more sense to have the entire Judge's Panel represented on the Committee rather than a past president. Further, the past president could still give advice and counseling to the current president on a personal friend-to-friend basis if needed.

2. To publish the ABS bulletin in a timely manner without the constraint of a required number of pages of content. Motion by David, 2nd Luemma, For; 5 Against; 0 Motion Passed.

The feeling of our discussion was that both the advertisers and the paying ABS membership deserve a bulletin that is at least reasonably close to "on time", rather than being two months late as was the case with the May/June bulletin 2015. We felt that a smaller bulletin, with quality content, could still be sent out on time, even in the winter and spring months when there are few or no shows to report. Holding up the bulletin in order to fill up the required 26 pages of content between covers every month may no longer be feasible for every issue.

3. To eliminate the position, as recognized by ABS, of "Past President" whether in an advisory position or not. Motion by Luemma, 2nd Jeff, For; 3 Against; 2 Motion Passed.

The general feeling was that a person who has served as president still has the freedom to advise and counsel the current president if both parties wish, without the need to make it an official position. It simply is not necessary.

4. To restructure the ABS Affiliation and Insurance costs based on club's having an ABS budgie show, with lower affiliation rates applying to those clubs having an ABS budgie show. Motion by Luemma, 2nd David. For; 5 Against; 0 Motion Passed.

It was felt that giving a break to those clubs who actually have budgie shows, by reducing the fees to affiliate, would encourage more clubs to have ABS shows. The difference in affiliation rates could be passed on to those clubs who affiliate for the sole purpose of getting "cheap" insurance for their non-budgie shows since there is a significant difference in the number of affiliated clubs and the number of budgie shows each year.

5. To raise the dollar amount donated by ABS to the club(s) hosting the All American from \$1500 to \$2000 each year effective 2016. Motion by Jeff, 2nd Luemma, For; 5 Against; 0 Motion Passed.

6. To modify the show report to include the names of all exhibitors showing in that show. Motion by Luemma, 2nd Jeff. For; 5 Against; 0 Motion Passed.

7. To Issue a special "Support Certificate" to the exhibitor from each division, J,N,I,C,R who supports ABS shows by exhibiting at the greatest number of ABS shows. To be kept up with by the recruitment committee. Motion by Luemma, 2nd David. For; 5 Against; 0 Motion Passed.

8. To allow the hosting club(s) at each year's All American to determine the day and time that the Classifier's Exam will be given at that All American, provided that it does not create a conflict with another event, and the day and time is within reason, effective immediately upon majority vote date. Motion by David, 2nd Jeff, For; 5 against; 0 Motion Passed.

9. To allow the inclusion of up to 3 non-rare birds within the ten birds selected for the Classifier's Exam, effective immediately upon majority vote date. Motion by David, 2nd Jeff, For; 5 Against; 0 Motion Passed.

10. To set one standard price for ABS membership to foreign members, with one postage rate. Motion by Luemma, 2nd David. For; 5 against; 0 Motion Passed.

At this time, the district director announced that this is the year to nominate a district director. Each affiliated club may nominate a person for the position of district director, and turn that nomination in to the ABS secretary by December 1st, 2015.

The motion to adjourn was made at 12:56 PM by Jeff, 2nd by David. Motion passed unanimous

Minutes submitted by district director, Larry Allen