

Minutes of the Special District 12 Membership Meeting

July 23, 2005

Chehalis, Washington

With notice to the membership as required in the ABS By-Laws, the meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm at the BW Parkplace Inn. Present for the meeting were; Ray Finnell, Marj Finnell, Ruth Green, Ron Sweere, Barb Sweere, Larry Harrell, Del O'Connell, Mike Dahl, Wilma Denny, Chet Swanson and Delores Swanson, Present by proxy was Bill Birney with Barb Sweere voting the proxy. Affiliated clubs with Delegates present were; Washington BS – delegate Larry Harrell with 10 votes for ABS members not present at the meeting (Campanelli, Nelson, Crafts, P Harrell, T Pickens, L Pickens, B Sellers, E Sellers, Wagner, Wertz), Cascade BS – delegate Mike Dahl with 10 votes for ABS members not present at the meeting (Blanchard, Caples, Edwards, Hanson, Marshall, McCoy, G Middleton, P Middleton, Petty, Thorton), and Eastern Washington BS – delegate Mike Dahl with 6 votes for ABS members not present at the meeting (Hightower, Hutchens, Haddad, Stricklin, Stewart, Tompkins).

A motion was made by Ron Sweere to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2004 District meeting, and to accept the minutes as published in the ABS bulletin. Second by Del O'Connell, motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

District Director Chet Swanson announced that a quorum was present for the meeting. Motions from the floor will need to be submitted in writing so that they are entered into the record correctly. The dates of the WBS, CBS and AA05 shows were announced. The next District 12 meeting will be after judging at the WBS Show on Saturday August 13 for the purpose of making District 12 nominations for ABS officers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Other District Business:

Motions made at other district meetings were discussed to arrive at a District consensus on the wishes of the memberships for voting at the Annual General Meeting.

District 12 Business:

1. **Motion** – To encourage recruitment of new members, ABS will sponsor a membership drive every year. The winning club will be awarded free affiliation for the following year. The winning club will be responsible for that portion of annual affiliation fees for any insurance required. Motion by Larry Harrell, second by Marj Finnell. For 38, Against 0, Abstain 0 – **passed**.
2. **Motion** – Life members of the Corporation, who became Life members prior to October 9, 2004, or who are awarded life memberships as Hall of Fame inductees or as Past Presidents of the Corporation, are encouraged, but not required, to annually donate an amount equal to the Corporation's annual dues to the Corporation to help offset the cost of the services provided to them. **Failed** for lack of motion.

3. **Motion** – To provide more exposure to the avian community, and to assist with recruitment of members and clubs, the Corporation shall affiliate as a Specialty Organization with the American Federation of Aviculture at a cost of \$125.00 per year and shall continue that membership annually. ABS information shall be provided to AFA for inclusion on their website. Motion by Mike Dahl, second by Ron Sweere. For 38, Against 0, Abstain 0 – **passed.**
4. **Motion** – To encourage the breeding and exhibition of visually crested budgerigars, the second sentence of note 2, of Motion 38, adopted at the 2004 ABS General meeting, is changed to read; “With the exception of visual crested birds, which should be shown in Section 21, any composite bird, which is a composite of at least, one Rare Show variety should be entered in Section 25.” Motion by Larry Harrell, second by Mike Dahl. For 36, Against 2, Abstain 0 – **passed.**
5. **Motion** – To encourage active and competitive judges panel members, active ABS Panel Judges must place at least one (1) bird in first through tenth place on the Best in Show bench at an ABS sanctioned show within every three-year period. Panel judges not meeting this requirement shall be placed in an inactive status and not allowed to judge ABS sanctioned shows until they meet this requirement. Motion by Jim Brown, second by Del O’Connell. For 36, Against 0, Abstain 2 – **passed.**
6. **Motion** – To encourage breeding of the rare varieties, active ABS Panel Judges must exhibit at least one (1) bird in the Rare Division at an ABS sanctioned show annually. Panel judges not meeting this requirement shall be placed in an inactive status and not allowed to judge ABS sanctioned shows until they meet this requirement. Motion by Mike Dahl, second by Del O’Connell. For 36, Against 0, Abstain 2 – **passed.**
7. **Motion** – To insure the quality and consistency of judging, ABS panel judges shall not accept an assignment judging a budgerigar show in the United States conducted by an organization that is not a current ABS affiliate or for which ABS patronage has not been awarded. Violation of this section shall be cause for removal from the ABS judge’s panel. Motion by Delores Swanson, second by Ruth Green. For 35, Against 0, Abstain 3 – **passed.**
8. **Motion** – To insure that only the most deserving individuals are inducted into the ABS Hall of Fame, the Hall of Fame Committee shall submit their recommendations to the ABS President for confirmation by the full ABS Board prior to announcement of the selections. To be named to the ABS Hall of Fame, nominees must receive a two-thirds majority vote of the ABS Board. Motion by Jim Brown, second by Larry Harrell. For 36, Against 2, Abstain 0 – **passed.**

9. **Motion** – To encourage the return of former ABS panel judges to the ABS panel, those former ABS panel judges who have remained active in judging within the United States may apply to return to the ABS judge’s panel. To qualify they must meet current requirements, with the exception of testing at shows. Additionally they must resign membership in any other judge’s panel, except that they may remain WBO judges if already on that panel. Motion by Mike Dahl, no second. **Failed** for lack of second.
10. **Motion** – To allow the Corporation the time to properly consider the state of the hobby and Corporation, motions or resolutions to the ABS Board to change the names of ABS awards, or to change the circumstances under which ABS Awards are presented, or to allow changes to the rules concerning banding of birds exhibited at ABS shows, or allowing judges of other societies to judge ABS shows, or other such related motions, shall not be presented to, nor considered by, the ABS board for a period of three years after adoption of this motion. Motion by Larry Harrell, no second. **Failed** for lack of second.
11. **Motion** - To ensure that the elected members of the Board responsibly conduct and control the business of the Corporation, business either referred to the ABS Judge's Panel, or initiated by the ABS Judge's Panel, must have approval of the Board before it becomes effective. Matters internal to the Judge’s Panel to govern and police itself are not covered by this motion. **Failed** for lack of motion.
12. **Motion** - To insure that only the most dedicated supporters of the Corporation serve as Chair of the ABS Judge's Panel, the following change is made to Article VIII, Section 6 of the Corporate By-Laws; change paragraph c. to read, "The position of 'Chairman of the Judges Panel' is open to all current members of the ABS Judges Panel with **five** or more years on the panel." Motion by Delores Swanson, second by Larry Harrell. For 34, Against 2, Abstain 2 – **passed**.
13. **Motion** - To encourage exhibitors throughout the nation and hobby to enter show teams at the annual ABS All American shows, all clubs hosting the All American show must agree to make provisions for shipped-in birds from exhibitors. Motion by Larry Harrell, second by Jim Brown. For 37, Against 0, Abstain 1 – **passed**.
14. **Motion** - To encourage support of the Annual ABS All American shows, paragraph 8, Section III (Rules for A.B.S. Panel Judges), Subsection D. (Panel Regulations) is changed to read, “No A.B.S. Panel Judge shall accept a judging assignment within the United States on the same weekend as the All American without written permission of the ABS President and the Judges Panel Chair. Violation of this section shall be cause for removal from the ABS judge’s panel. For the purposes of this section, a weekend is defined as the contiguous Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of the All American for that year.” Motion by Ron Sweere, second by Ruth Green. For 38, Against 0, Abstain 0 – **passed**.

15. **Motion** - Allow double banded Exhibition Budgerigars, one band must be an A.B.S. band, to show at any ABS affiliated show, providing the bird is bred and banded by the exhibitor. Winning birds would be eligible for all ABS Awards. Motion by Jim Brown, second by Ruth Green. For 5, Against 33, Abstain 0 – **failed**.
16. **Motion** – ABS shall continue to run the Bulletin Photo and Article Contest. Motion by Ron Sweere, second by Delores Swanson. For 37, Against 1, Abstain 0 – **passed**.
17. **Motion** – That the Yellow and Whites, Section 17 and 18, be combined to form one section and moved to the Normal Classes. The new Section will be called the Dilutes. Motion by Larry Harrell, second by Mike Dahl. For 37, Against 0, Abstain 1 – **passed**.
18. **Motion** – Olives and Mauves in Section 7, be moved into the Rare Classes. Motion by Larry Harrell, second by Mike Dahl. For 33, Against 5, Abstain 0 – **passed**.
19. **Motion** – That green violets be added to Section 7 as a color variety. Motion by Ruth Green, second by Del O’Connell. For 19, Against 17, Abstain 2 – **passed**.
20. **Resolution** – Resolved that the District 12 membership encourages ABS to have open discussions with BAA on reconciliations of membership and judges panel. Motion by Mike Dahl, second by Ruth Green. For 27, Against 11, Abstain – 0. **passed**.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm after a motion by Wilma Denny and a second by Ron Sweere.

After the meeting, a silent auction of donated birds was held to fund the beginning of a District Director’s fund. A total of \$165.00 was raised for the fund. Thanks to Mike Dahl, Larry Harrell, and Chet Swanson and for donating birds for the auction. And thanks to Jim Brown for a cash donation to the fund.

Respectfully submitted:
Delores Swanson, District Secretary

Approved:
Chet Swanson, District Director