

Minutes of the Annual District 12 Membership Meeting

July 29, 2006

Chehalis, Washington

The annual district meeting was called to order was called to order at 1:10 pm at the BW Parkplace Inn. Present for the meeting were; Bill & Jeanne Birney, Jim Brown, Mike Dahl and Wilma Denny, Larry Harrell, Renee Marshall, Barb & Ron Sweere, and Chet & Delores Swanson. Also present was Carolyn McCoy.

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jeanne Birney gave a presentation on the new ABS Scholarship Program. Ron Sweere updated the group on the plans for the 2007 All American. The dates of the WBS, CBS and AA06 shows were announced. Chet advised that ABS is looking for a club or district to sponsor AA08.

The minutes of the Special District Meeting in July 2005 and the Annual District Meeting in August 2005 were approved as published in the Sep/Oct 2005 ABS Bulletin.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION** - To encourage memberships and affiliations from Canada, Article II, of the ABS By-Laws is amended to add a new Section 9 reading, *"Memberships and affiliations for individuals and organizations in Canada shall be for the same fees as for members and organizations within in the United States, with any adjustments needed for additional postage costs. Adjustment rates shall be set at the annual General Meetings for the following year."* [For Example - as of 4/28/2006 the additional postage required would be \$2.10 per year. In the US, the postage for an average bulletin is \$1.35. Postage for the bulletin to Canada would be \$1.70. So, add \$2.25 to the basic cost for Canadians, so single members would pay \$32.25 USD and dual members would pay \$42.25 USD. There may also be some insurance considerations that might apply to clubs that affiliate with ABS, I don't know if our policy would provide coverage in Canada.] Motion by Mike Dahl, second by Jim Brown. **For – 8, Against – 0, Abstain – 1, Passed.**
2. **MOTION** - To encourage memberships and affiliations from Canada, Article III, Section 1 of the ABS By-Laws is amended to read, *"The United States and Canada shall be divided into districts for purposes of management of the affairs of the corporation and election of a member of the Board of Directors from each district."* (Adds the words and Canada) Motion Wilma Denny, second by Mike Dahl **For – 5, Against – 1, Abstain – 3, Passed.**
3. **MOTION** - To allow members of the Judges Panel to participate in operational matters of the Panel when unable to attend Panel meetings, Article X, Section 2 of the ABS By-Laws is amended to add the following sentence as the next to last sentence of the section, *"The Judges Panel members may establish procedures to allow voting on Judges Panel*

operational matters by absentee ballot." Motion by Bill Birney, second by Chet Swanson **For – 8, Against – 0, Abstain – 1, Passed.**

4. **MOTION** - To encourage exhibitors in Canada to join ABS, *Members from Canada will not be considered foreign members. They shall pay the same fees for bands and membership as all domestic members. However, membership and band fees shall be adjusted annually at the General Meeting for additional postage costs.* Motion by Jim Brown, second by Renee Marshall **For – 9, Against – 0, Abstain – 0, Passed.**
5. **MOTION** - To encourage ABS members from Canada to become more active within the Corporation, *ABS Districts shall be adjusted to include Canadian provinces. The provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec shall become part of District 1. The province of Ontario shall become part of District 2. The provinces of Manitoba, Nunavut, and Saskatchewan shall become part of District 4. The provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, and Yukon shall become part of District 12.* Motion by Wilma Denny second by Mike Dahl **For – 6, Against – 1, Abstain – 3, Passed.**
6. **MOTION** - To encourage exhibitors from Canada at ABS patronage shows, *exhibitors from Canada who are not members of a national USA budgerigar group may be awarded appropriate ABS awards at ABS patronage shows. Birds exhibited under this rule must be bred and banded by the exhibitor and their bands must be issued by an organization in their country that keeps records of all bands issued.* Motion by Mike Dahl, no second, motion died for lack of second.

Motions received from the other ABS districts was discussed to provide guidance for the director at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm after a motion by Jim Brown and a second by Delores Swanson and others.

After the meeting, a silent auction of donated birds was held for the District Director's fund. A total of \$54.00 was raised for the fund. Thanks to Mike Dahl, Larry Harrell, and Chet Swanson and for donating birds for the auction.

Respectfully submitted:
Delores Swanson, District Secretary

Approved:
Chet Swanson, District Director