

# Minutes of the Annual District 12 Membership Meeting

April 28, 2007

Vancouver, Washington

The annual district meeting was called to order at 5:25 pm at the Phoenix Inn & Suites in Vancouver, Washington by District Director Chet Swanson. Present for the meeting were; Chet Swanson, Larry Harrell, Jim Bertrand, Jim Marshall, Ron Sweere, Carolyn McCoy, Bill Birney & Jean Birney, Mike Dahl, Wilma Dahl, Ray Finnell, Renee Marshall, Jim Brown (by Proxy with Mike Dahl voting the proxy) and Harlan Nelson. Also present was Leon Saad from District 10. Larry Harrell was acting district secretary with the absence of Delores Swanson.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AA07 Show Chair gave a short update on the upcoming 2007 All American in Portland, OR.

Donn Edwards announced that he was working towards forming a new ABS affiliated club in the Southern Oregon area and more details would be provided when available.

The minutes of the Annual District Meeting in July 2006 were approved as published in the Sep/Oct 2006 ABS Bulletin.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION** – *ABS shall establish a voluntary program for members who wish to become ABS PATRONS. ABS members may become an ABS PATRON by donating \$100 or more each year to ABS above and beyond their annual or lifetime membership dues. ABS PATRONS shall be provided with a certificate and a lapel pin, badge or other item suitable for recognition. The Board of Directors may also establish a special recognition program for “one-time” donations made at a significantly higher level.*

### **Died for Lack of Motion**

**BACKGROUND:** This provides an optional program for ABS members to financially support ABS above and beyond their membership dues, and provides a special recognition for that support.

2. **MOTION** – *ABS annual membership dues shall be set on a tiered basis depending on the exhibition level of the member(s). The Board of Directors shall review, and adjust, the dues structure as needed at the annual general meetings. Dual memberships shall be one-third (33%) higher than the equivalent regular membership, rounded up or down to the nearest five-dollar increment. For the 2008 membership year, dues shall be:*

<i>Status</i>	<i>Regular</i>	<i>Dual</i>
<i>Junior</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Novice (&amp; non-exhibitors)</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>
<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>
<i>Champion</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>	<i>\$65.00</i>

**Motion by Harlan Nelson, second by Mike Dahl. For – 0, Against – 12, Abstain – 0, Failed**

BACKGROUND: Intermediate and champion breeders are more likely to be able to dispose of their excess birds at a higher price than juniors and novices. This tiered approach, with relatively minor increases, helps ABS bring in more funds in an equitable manner.

3. **MOTION** – *Band prices shall be set annually at the general meeting for the following year based on the current EURO/US Dollar conversion. For the 2008 and 2009 band years prices shall be set at a cost of 50% above the actual cost to ABS rounded up to the next higher five dollar increment..*

<b>Example of Band Prices Using 4/16/2007 Euro vs. USD Conversion Rate</b>							
<b>Number</b>	<b>Cost each</b>	<b>Cost Total</b>	<b>P &amp; H</b>	<b>ABS Cost</b>	<b>50% Up</b>	<b>Cost + Up</b>	<b>Mbr Cost</b>
25	\$0.325	\$8.13	\$1.02	\$9.15	\$4.06	\$13.21	\$15.00
50	\$0.325	\$16.26	\$1.02	\$17.28	\$8.13	\$25.40	\$30.00
100	\$0.325	\$31.51	\$1.02	\$33.53	\$16.26	\$49.79	\$50.00
150	\$0.325	\$48.77	\$1.02	\$49.79	\$24.38	\$74.17	\$75.00
200	\$0.325	\$65.03	\$1.02	\$66.05	\$32.51	\$98.56	\$100.00

**Motion by Mike Dahl, second by Donn Edwards. For – 10, Against – 2, Abstain – 0, Passed**

BACKGROUND: In 1992 ABS established a rule (ABS Current Resolutions, #10.e) to establish bands prices by doubling the cost of the bands, adding postage and packaging charges, and rounding to the next higher dollar. If we were currently following these rules, due to EURO vs. US Dollars conversion and other factors, we would have to increase our band costs, for example on 100 bands, from \$44.00 to \$65.00, a huge increase. In addition, historically ABS has used the profit from band sales to help finance its activities including subsidizing the cost of our ABS Bulletin. Without an adequate “return” on the bands, the funds available from band sales is becoming insufficient to the needs of the Society.

4. **MOTION** – *Junior members of the ABS shall be provided their first twenty-five (25) bands per year at no cost using their initially assigned ABS band number. The Junior member may also order an additional twenty-five (25) bands per year at the cost to ABS for those bands. Any additional bands in a year shall be at the normal price. Juniors using specially coded bands will pay the normal prices charged to other members.*

**Motion by Donn Edwards, second by Harlan Nelson. For – 11, Against – 0, Abstain – 1, Passed**

BACKGROUND: Junior members of the ABS are the future of the hobby and their membership should be encourage, and subsidized by ABS as necessary.

5. **MOTION** – *Beginning with the 2008 Band Year, ABS shall offer exhibitors the opportunity to use a specially coded band other than their initially assigned ABS band number. Letters and numbers combined are not to exceed three digits and no special logos or symbols will be allowed. An unused special code which has been assigned within the past 10 years to another current or former ABS member may not be used. Objectionable codes requested, may be disapproved at the sole discretion of ABS. The initial set-up cost for these bands will be \$20.00, no additional annual or other fees will be charged. ABS resolution 13.a is rescinded.*

**Motion by Harlan Nelson, second by Jim Marshall. For 12, Against – 0, Abstain – 0, Passed**

BACKGROUND: In 1985, ABS began offering Special Prestige coded leg bands. There was, and is, an additional cost for those bands (ABS Current Resolutions #13.a). At the time, there may have been an additional cost for such bands that justified the additional cost. There is no longer an additional cost for specially coded bands, and the costs are no longer needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm after a motion by Ron Sweere and a second by Carolyn McCoy.

Respectfully submitted:  
Larry Harrell, Acting District Secretary

Approved:  
Chet Swanson, District Director