

District Nine Meeting

July 1, 2007

Rodney Silva called the meeting to order at 4 PM on July first. Members present at the meeting: Rodney and Mary Ann Silva, Ron Schmidt, Leonard Silva, Bob Duncan, John DeVictoria, Jerry and Doris Zimmerman, and Hank Yang.

Motion 1. Vic DeVictoria made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 15, 2006 meeting and Bob Duncan seconded.

Passed Unanimous.

There was a discussion on the financial funding of ABS. Should ABS raise the cost of bands, affiliation, etc. Bob mentioned that ABS should itemize the areas where they need help financially. Vic said everything is going up in all areas. Bob wanted to make a motion that ABS should outline their goals and objectives of increasing their funding. Vic suggested to Bob that his motion be amended. Bob resubmitted his motion to read.

Motion 2. Motion made by Bob Duncan and seconded by Vic DeVictoria.

District Nine would be in favor of raising the cost of dues, affiliation, and/or bands, provided that ABS itemizes their goals and objectives for increased funding.

Passed Unanimous.

Ron brought up discussion on helping the All American host clubs financially.

His suggestion was to have other sister clubs within the same district contribute to the host club. Doris said ABS should be doing more for their AA host club. Bob asked where is the ABS Executive Board's support when it comes to putting on an All American.

Motion 3. Ron motioned and Bob seconded that ABS seek out a national co-sponsor/s to help with the funding of future All Americans.

Passed Unanimous.

Motion 4. Vic made motion and Jerry seconded. Birds entered in show, allowed only to be shown in their respective Divisions. IE Junior birds moved up to Novice Division.

Passed Unanimous.

Vic made mention of the variety birds that are not recognized by ABS, should be shown only in AOV section.

Motion 5. Mary Ann motioned and Vic seconded. The Judge's Panel consider the classification of the dark factor birds placement in their respective sections. IE Dark green in light green, cobalt in sky section, etc.

Passed unanimous.

There was discussion on little courtesy and respect being used during a bird show.

When questioning a bird show rule, respect the rule and listen to the logic behind the rule. Be aware that most rules have been in effect for years, and they have been made for a reason. Always, always respect your Judge and show staff.

Vic and Grace left the meeting at this time to make another appointment.

Bob discussed restructuring the rules of the Hall of Fame to include all members of ABS, to recognize hard working members that are the back bone of ABS at the local club level. This category would recognize those members who work behind the scene and currently receive little to no credit from ABS for a job well done.

Motion 6. Bob motioned and Mary Ann seconded to establish a True Grit Award to compliment the Hall of Fame Award.

Passed Unanimous.

Motion 7. Bob motioned and Ron seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Passed Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Silva