

American Budgerigar Association District 11 meeting held on the occasion of the Sandhills Budgerigar Annual Show, May 3, 2008, Fayetteville, NC.

Meeting opened by District 11 director Larry Moore at 12:55 pm.

District 11 member attendees: Maureen Broderick, Alan Bundy, Dave Collier, Pam Collier, Pauline Domenge, Keith Gover, Paige Gover, Kitty Huth, Steve Huth, Carl Miller, Val Miller, Dinah Moore, Larry Moore (non-voting), Sally O'Dwyer, Paul Orndorff, Dan Roth, Stuart Sacks, Ralph Sheriff Jr, Ralph Sheriff Sr., Arlene Swider, Frank Swider, Bruce Withrow, Cindy Withrow,

General agreement to dispense with the reading of last meeting's minutes.

Old Business: None

New business:

Larry Moore announced that preparations for 2009 All American underway, no items to discuss at present.

No motions from other Districts to vote on.

Motions entertained from the floor:

1. Stuart Sacks (second Maureen Broderick): Current ABS members are eligible for ABS awards regardless of band origin, provided the band is closed and traceable. 9 for, 11 against, 2 abstentions. Motion failed.

2. Maureen Broderick (second Stuart Sacks): ABS charge an additional fee to ABS members who exhibit non-ABS banded birds. Such winning, non-ABS banded, birds would be eligible for ABS awards. A card would be issued by the ABS Secretary verifying payment (suggested to be 50% of the cost of 100 bands*) renewable yearly. 14 for, 4 against. Motion passed**.

3. Ralph Sheriff Jr (second Frank Swider): ABS consider increasing the inside diameter of the ABS band. Passed unanimously.

4. Keith Gover (second Paul Orndorff, others): Adjournment.
General agreement

Meeting adjourned 1:25 pm

*Do we mean the cost of 50 bands?

The issue of **how ABS payment could be achieved seemed secondary to the motion that non-ABS-banded birds would cost the exhibitor more. This could (I think) be most easily handled by the show secretary seeing how many exhibitor entries were non-ABS birds, collecting an extra dollar for each, and sending the money to ABS. Seems like we'd certainly get more money.

I'll emphasize that I'm not in favor of discussing essentially BAA issues at our meetings (it took way too much time). However, the idea seems to be getting some traction with our clientele (SBS Show exhibitors). Should I put this on the agenda for the June 7 meeting?