

Minutes of the Annual District 12 Membership Meeting

July 26, 2008

Kelso, Washington

The annual district meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center in Kelso, Washington by District Director Chet Swanson. Present for the meeting were Mike Dahl, Wilma Dahl, Chet Swanson, Delores Swanson, Larry Harrell, Bill Birney, Ruth Green, Ron Sweere, Barb Sweere, and Carolyn McCoy. Also present were Mari Howard from District 5, Mary Ann Silva from District 9, and Del O'Connell from District 10. No members were present by proxy.

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chet Swanson reminded everyone that the Cascade BS show will be in Oregon the weekend of September 19 to 21, and that the 2008 All American will be in Visalia, California the weekend of October 16 to 19.

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes of the Annual District Meeting in April 2007 were approved as published in the Jul/Aug 2007 ABS Bulletin.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION** – Possible Change to Exhibitor of the Year Rule #5: The current rule reads: “To earn Exhibitor of the Year points and to receive Exhibitor of the Year awards, the exhibitor must be a member of ABS in good standing during the year the points are earned and the year the awards are received.” To clarify how points are earned during a lapse in ABS membership the following is added as the last sentence to Rule #5: Any EOY points earned at shows during a lapse of membership will not be counted towards the EOY Award calculations.
Motion by Mike Dahl, second by Larry Harrell. Unanimous vote for, motion Passed
2. **MOTION** – (District 11): 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.
Motion by Ruth Green, second by Carolyn McCoy. For – 2, Against – 6 Abstain – 0, motion Failed
3. **MOTION** – (District 11): ABS consider increasing the inside diameter of the ABS band.
Motion by Ruth Green, second by Mike Dahl. For – 1, Against – 8, Abstain – 0, motion Failed

4. **MOTION** – (District 7): Any non-ABS closed and traceable banded bird be eligible for ABS awards and points by being charged a separate entry fee of \$2.00. Once collected, the additional fee will be sent to ABS to help cover costs for ABS.

Died for Lack of Motion

5. **MOTION** – (District 7): Any lapse in membership is to be paid by the end of the year and all points earned for that year shall be counted towards that exhibitor's EOY points for the year in question.

Motion by Ruth Green, no second – Died for Lack of Second

6. **MOTION** – (District 7): ABS survey the membership about where they would travel and what clubs they would be willing to associate with. Also, local club input must be used when re-aligning districts.

Died for Lack of Motion

7. **MOTION** – (District 10): ABS discontinue awarding certificates to the winners of the Intermediate and Rare Divisions. Certificates to be awarded to Novice and Junior exhibitors only. This would cut the expense of printing certificates in half.

Motion by Larry Harrell, second by Bill Birney. Unanimous vote against, motion Failed

8. **MOTION** – (District 10): ABS bands be the same or similar to the B.S. bands in England. It was felt that it was difficult to differentiate between the band colors of the past three years and colors should be brighter.

Motion by Bill Birney, second by Ron Sweere. Unanimous vote against, motion Failed

9. **MOTION** – ABS Bands to be the same or similar to the WBO band color and sequence.

Motion by Bill Birney, second by Ron Sweere. For – 8, Against – 1, Abstain – 0, motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. after a motion by Larry Harrell and a second by Bill Birney.

Respectfully submitted:

Delores Swanson, District Secretary

Approved:

Chet Swanson, District Director