

## MINUTES FOR DISTRICT 10 MEETING 8-12-09

The meeting was called to order by District Director Greg Ruth, and following the flag salute, explained that all visitors were welcome, but that only current paid up members of ABS could participate and vote, with the roster of members present reflecting 17 current paid up members and 2 members who had not yet renewed. Although all 19 participated and voted, no outcomes were altered thereby.

A MOTION made by John Miles and seconded by Joe Campbell to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous year. The motion passed.

The minutes and motions from other districts were distributed, discussed and the voted on as follows:

### District 12 motions:

After discussion there was no support for a motion to drop ABS membership from the AFA (American Federation of Aviculture) with support for maintaining such membership expressed. **MOTION** (moved later in meeting) that ABS maintain membership in and support for AFA. Motion by John Miles; second Vance Wells. For – 19; Against – 0; abstain – 0. **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

After discussion there was no support for a motion to review the advance rules to intermediate due to small number of novices with support for maintaining the status quo expressed.

**MOTION** to support District 12's motion that ABS restore the Chairman of the Judges Panel to Third Vice President of ABS with full voting privileges on the ABS Executive Committee and to rescind any rules or resolutions that removed the position from the current ABS Executive Committee. Motion by Terry Travis; second Joe Campbell. For – 18; Against – 1; abstain – 0. **MOTION PASSED**.

**MOTION** to support District 12's motion that ABS increase the contribution to annual All Americans to \$1,500.00. Motion by Terry Travis; second Carole Weems. For – 19; Against – 0; abstain – 0. **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

### District 9 motions:

**MOTION** to support District 9's motion that ABS increase the inside diameter of the leg bands to 4.9 mm. Motion by Mike Blair; second Lewis Roberts. Discussion: ABS previously increased band size and positive comments were expressed about ABS's current plastic bands, which repel muck and are "right sized", being large enough to avoid problems with good husbandry, but not big enough to allow banding of adult birds. For – 4; Against – 13; abstain – 2. **MOTION FAILED**

**MOTION** to support District 9's motion that ABS allow recognized foreign judges or judges recognized as judges by any other society to judge ABS shows without restrictions. Motion by Mike Blair; second Lewis Roberts. For – 4; Against – 15; abstain – 0. **MOTION FAILED**

### District 2/4 motions:

During discussion on the motion that the ABS Editor withhold publishing of BAA Shows until there was a reciprocal agreement with BAA to include the ABS Shows in their bulletin, it was remarked that the motion was moot because ABS Bulletin only publishes ABS Shows currently.

New Business and New Motions:

**MOTION** that new ABS Judges be required to be ABS Classifiers too. Motion by Terry Travis; second Joe Campbell. Discussion: need for judges to master classifications considered essential; contrary view that judges training program and test adequately covers this and new hurdles should not be placed in the path of new judges. For – 9; Against – 4; abstain – 6. **MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION** that in respect of Best in Show placings, exhibitor of the year points be awarded for hens which do not make the top ten, as follows; Best Hen (40% of the number of birds entered), 2<sup>nd</sup> Hen (40% of the number of birds entered, less one) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Hen (40% of the number of birds entered, less 2). Motion by Terry Travis; second Lynn Campbell. Discussion: need to recognize achievement for best Hens which do not make top ten. For – 17; Against – 0; abstain – 2. **MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION** that exhibitor of the year points be awarded for Best Young in Show(40% of the number of birds entered) when it is not in the top ten. Motion by Terry Travis; second Lynn Campbell. Discussion: need to recognize achievement for best young when not in top ten. For – 18; Against – 0; abstain – 1. **MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION** that all awards available from ABS be given to ABS members who enter birds with with bands issued by any national organization, regardless of the band of the winning bird. Discussion: ABS awards are supported by revenue from band sales and ABS changed its rules to allow double banding to accommodate this situation and it was up to the other national organizations to reciprocate by allowing double banding at their shows. Motion by Mike Blair; second Mort Merchey / Lewis Roberts. For – 7; Against – 11; abstain – 1. **MOTION FAILED**

**MOTION** that ABS judges be allowed to sign BAA Challenge Certificates where ABS patronage is taken out for a BAA Show. Motion by Mike Blair; second Lewis Roberts. Discussion: This is a matter for the ABS Judges panel which has already voted against this. It was not just a simple matter of signing a certificate. ABS judges are required to judge according to ABS rules and procedures and the BAA challenge certificate is not identical to a variety award and would require whole sections to be judged differently and contrary to ABS procedures. For – 5; Against – 10; abstain – 4. **MOTION FAILED**

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Saad (acting secretary)