

# ABS District 9 Meeting

**6/14/2009**

**11:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

**17931 Dolores Ln**

**Sonora, CA**

**Venue provided by Rodney & Mary Ann Silva**

**Meeting called by: Holger Moeller**

**Note taker: MS Vivian Cohn (Dist. Secretary)**

Attendees: **Beverly Picard, John & Grace de Victoria, Ron & Janet Schmidt, Ken & Connie Williams, Ken & Joan Pope, Rod & Mary Ann Silva, Arsham Ohanis, Vivian Cohn, Joe, Gail and Romie Cantu and HM**

**Admin Announcements:** The ABS appointed positions open were announced. No interest manifested.

-The meeting notes of the 2009 Dist 12 were made available as a handout.

Also available as handouts were copies of last years Dist meeting notes, notes of the 2008 ABS District Directors Meeting, The District Directors Duties, the Judges Handbook and the ABS By Laws.

**Old Business:** Beverly P made motion to dispense with reading of last year's meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vivian. HM stated that the handout of those minutes was available for those interested.

Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

**ABS Officer Nominations:**

For terms beginning in 2010 the nominations brought forward were:

President- Gary Hicken

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres- John Miles

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – David Hyatt and Tom Traxel

Treasurer- Bill Birney

Secretary- Larry Moore

-Dist 12 Item 'That ABS shall drop its membership in the American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) at the end of the current membership year'.

Motion: (John de Victoria) ABS should continue to support the AFA, the ASA , PEJAC (sp?) and others who endeavor to oppose the efforts to prohibit the breeding and keeping of domestic animals of PETA. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Pope

Motion passed unanimously.

-Dist 12 Item 'That ABS restore The Chairman of the Judges Panel to 3rd 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: (Rodney Silva) That the Chairman of the Judges Panel not be restored to 3<sup>rd</sup> VP. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beverly Picard.

Discussion: It is our understanding that the Chairman of the Judges Panel has full voting privileges on the Executive Committee as the Chairman of the Judges Panel so there is no need for the new position.

Motion passed unanimously.

-Dist 12 Item 'That ABS increase the contribution to annual All Americans to \$1,500'.

Motion: (Beverly Picard) That ABS increase the contribution to annual All Americans to \$1,500. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Motion by Arsham Ohanis.

Passed unanimously without discussion.

-Motion: (Ken Pope) That ABS increase the inside diameter of the leg bands to 4.9mm 2<sup>nd</sup> to motion by "Vic" de Victoria.

Discussion: This motion did not pass at last year's District Director's meeting. The reason put forward was that the manufacturer could not produce this size.

A number of breeders in our district continue to lose some of their best larger boned birds because of this issue. We think it important that this be reconsidered.

Passed unanimously.

Motion: (Rod Silva) That ABS allow recognized foreign judges or judges recognized as judges by any other society to judge ABS shows without restrictions. 2<sup>nd</sup> to motion by Beverly Picard

Passed unanimously.

Rod made to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vivian Cohn