

American Budgerigar Society District 11 Annual Meeting minutes held on the occasion of the Sandhills Budgerigar Society Show, May 22, 2010

District 11 Director Paige Gover opened meeting 13:15

Paul Orndorff recorded minutes

No reading or approval of prior minutes

Attendees from District 11: Jo Ann Boyle, David Collier, Pam Collier, Pauline A. Domenge, Paige Gover, Keith Gover, Josh Maple, Larry Moore, Sally O'Dwyer, Paul Orndorff, Dan Ouzts, Dan Roth, Stuart Sacks, Ralph Sheriff Jr., Kevin Smith, Sonny Sweatman

Motions:

1. Dan Ouzts (Larry Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup>) ; Recommend that the ABS Board of Directors seek professional help to aid in promoting ABS membership. Discussion included suggestions for consulting with a University School of Business (a graduate student was suggested as economical). vote: for unanimous.
2. Dan Ouzts (Kevin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup>); Recommend that the ABS Board of Directors contact appropriate nature magazines (National Geographic suggested) to see if they will do an article on budgies with the aim of stimulating interest and membership in ABS. Discussion included other possible outlets such as Animal Planet. vote: for unanimous.
3. Dan Ouzts (Ralph Sheriff Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup>); Recommend that the ABS Board of Directors establish a committee to revise and update the Novice Hand Book and distribute to members. Some inconclusive discussion ensued on when it was last revised. vote: for unanimous.
4. Dan Ouzts (Larry Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup>); Recommend that the ABS Board of Directors contact the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America and provide free literature and information on ABS, its goal and objectives with the aim of generating interest in budgerigars in potential junior members. No discussion recorded. vote: for unanimous.
5. Dan Ouzts (Stuart Sacks, 2<sup>nd</sup>); Recommend that the ABS Board of Directors request that each district have an avian veterinarian who would serve as a potential contributor to the ABS Bulletin and provide local members with information and recommendations on issues faced by members of our Society. Discussion on some possibilities for District 11--NC State Col Vet Med. Vote: for unanimous.
6. Dan Ouzts (Larry Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup>); Recommend that the ABS Board of Directors request that our Junior Scholarship awardee write a letter to a news organization (Nightline suggested) attesting to the help the Society provided in his development as a student and development as a person. The long term goal being informing/interesting the public in ABS and its programs. Vote: for unanimous.
7. Dan Ouzts (Sally O'Dwyer, 2<sup>nd</sup>); Recommend that the ABS Board of Directors initiate a compilation of ABS history (suggested 5 pages) going back to the beginning of the Society. Some discussion on the available histories and sources of documents, old bulletins, etc., with general agreement that most documents could be located. Vote: for unanimous.

8. Dan Ouzts (Stuart Sacks, 2<sup>nd</sup>); Recommend that the ABS Board of Directors initiate a means for tracking Novice exhibitors as a means of assessing whether promotional activities are attracting new members. Discussion centered on the concern that returnees may be making up a significant portion of new ABS members and consequently the separate measurement proposed in this motion may better reflect the health/future of the Society. Vote: for unanimous.
9. Larry Moore (Keith Gover, 2<sup>nd</sup>); Recommend that the ABS Board of Directors alter the bylaws to state that members of the same household but having physically separated aviaries would be allowed to act as individuals (separate band numbers, separate Divisions). Discussion on instances where present rule would be improved with the modification suggested in the motion. Vote: for unanimous.
10. Ralph Sheriff Jr. (Keith Gover, 2<sup>nd</sup>); Recommend that the ABS Board of Directors compose a committee to keep a conversation going with BAA. Discussion centered on how members hadn't heard in a long time how things were going. Informed members volunteered that they were doubtful that recomposing a committee would help with the issues preventing progress. Nevertheless, vote: for unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 13:50