

26 July 2010

ABS District 9  
Annual Meeting  
25 July 2010

District Director: Holger Moeller  
Minutes: Holger Moeller/Beverly Picard

Meeting started at 11:00 AM

Attendees: Mary Ann Silva, Rodney Silva, Ken Pope, Norm Blackburn, Ed Reed, John & Grace De Victoria, Beverly Picard, James Owens, Arsham Ohanis, Phil Bachelor, Tim Rivas, Joe and Gail Cantu, Vivian Cohn, Holger Moeller

1-Topic: Judges should not be allowed to judge their own relative's birds.

There was lively discussion including the introduction of views submitted by e-mail of those unable to attend.

Motion: (Ken Pope 2<sup>nd</sup> Arsham Ohanis). Implement the already existing rule to allow the local clubs to determine their own policies regarding this issue.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

2-Topic: That ABS registered birds should be published in the Bulletin.

Motion: (Mary Ann Silva, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed Reed) ABS should publish all registered birds at least semi-annually.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

3-Topic: Dual Shows should be published in the Bulletin.  
There was discussion of the ABS refusal to grant patronage for an ABS show when another show with patronage from another society and judge were listed on the application.

Motion: (Mary Ann Silva, 2<sup>nd</sup> John de Victoria) When an affiliated club has paid the patronage fee ABS should publish information for all shows listed for that weekend event whether or not the other show(s) are non ABS.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

4-Topic: Affiliated shows should use only official ABS classes.

Motion (Mary Ann Silva, 2<sup>nd</sup> John de Victoria) That the rule recommending that affiliated clubs follow the ABS official schedule of classes be changed to saying that affiliated clubs must follow the ABS standard schedule of classes.

Vote: Passed; 14 in favor , one against.

5-Topic: Reinstate committee for improving relations between ABS and BAA.

All discussion strongly in favor. No motion was made being that this is already being implemented.

6-Topic: Reconciliation of conflicting Judges Panel rules, ABS by laws and current resolutions.

It is felt that there are numerous instances of conflict.  
Motion: (John de Victoria, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rodney Silva) ABS must do a comprehensive reconciliation of all by-laws, Judges Panel rules and current resolutions.

No discussion offered.  
Vote: Unanimous in favor.

7-Topic: District 11 Motions 1 through 8 by Mr. Dan Ouzts proposing specific measures to improve ABS membership.

Discussion lauding Mr. Ouzts for his thoughtful proposals. Commentary on the difficulty of implementation for some clubs at the local level because of low membership.

Motion: (Ed Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Norm Blackburn) Accept and support District 11's motions 1-8 for the improvement of ABS membership.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

8-Topic: District 10 motions 3 and 4 to change wording in Schedule of Classes, Sections 7 and 11.

Discussion was all against the proposed changes.

No Motion.

Meeting adjourned ca. 2:30 PM (included lunch break).

Holger Moeller