

American Budgerigar Society

District 11 Meeting

May 18, 2012

Berryville, VA

Meeting was called to order by District 11 Director Pauline Domenge at 1:30pm

12 members in attendance:

Keith Gover, Maureen Broderick, Sonny Sweatman, Deen Sweatman, Pam Collier, David Collier, Victoria Chandler, Pauline Domenge, Jo Ann Boyle, Stuart Sacks, Stephen Witmer, Paige Gover

- 1) Motion to dispense with reading last year's minutes
Dave Collier 2nd: Deen Sweatman
All in favor
- 2) Motion for the ABS to produce and sell sets of show tags in the future.
Stuart Sacks 2nd Dave Collier
Discussion: KT is reportedly no longer providing tags, there is little consistency with the tags content, size, type. Could also consider the sticker system of tagging cages such as England uses.
12 in favor 0 opposed
- 3) Motion that ABS board consider adding section for Anthracite and Slate to Rare Division and recommend to Judges Panel.
Maureen Broderick 2nd Dave Collier
12 in favor 0 opposed
- 4) Motion that WBO judges be allowed to judge ABS sanctioned shows.
Pam Collier 2nd Maureen Broderick
12 in favor 0 opposed
- 5) Motion to rescind ruling that ABS clubs can no longer set their own schedule of classes for their shows.
Maureen Broderick 2nd Dave Collier

Discussion: For 50 years, ABS has allowed local clubs to determine schedule of classes.

9 in favor 0 opposed 3 abstain

- 6) Based on the information presented in the two summaries, I recommend that a Novice Committee be established which would improve the number of Novice Exhibitors in ABS. The committee could consist of the 10 Novice Breeders of the Year (2011) and one of the breeders could serve as the chair of that committee. While three of the exhibitors have advanced to the Intermediate Division, this would improve the quality of the committee. The district directors or ABS could provide the addresses of the exhibitors. This committee could, as one its goals, begin a “Novice Column” for the ABS journal and this would hopefully provide articles for publication in the ABS journal.

(Offered for discussion by Dan Outzs) No Motion, No second

- 7) The number of affiliated clubs has declined during the past few years, but not significantly, i.e., 36...a decline of 2 in the past 5 years. District 11 has declined from 10 clubs to 3 clubs in the past ten years. Previously there were 4 clubs in South Carolina, 3 in North Carolina, 1 in Virginia, and 2 in Georgia (this was before Maryland was added to District 11.) I recommend that efforts be made to increase the number of affiliated clubs.

(Offered for discussion by Dan Outzs) No motion, No second

- 8) There have been numerous requests for educational articles for the journal. ABS should consider some strategy as an educational article contest. This would provide the editor with additional publication material.

(Offered for discussion by Dan Outzs) No motion, No second

- 9) ABS should consider writing First Lady Michelle Obama a letter. A copy of the journal could be sent and the letter should highlight the Junior Scholarship Program and how hobbies enhance children’s lives. If a return is received , then this could be published in the journal.

(Offered for discussion by Dan Outzs) No Motion, No second

- 10) ABS should consider the publication of an All American Calendar. This calendar could have photographs of the winning birds and be place in the Products Division as a “for sale” item.

(Offered for discussion by Dan Outzs) No motion, No second

11) Presently there are 15 judges on the Judges' Panel. Efforts need to be made to increase the number of judge and this should be a consideration for the Judges' Panel at the 2012 All American.

(Offered for discussion by Dan Outzs) No motion, No second

12) Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 pm .

Deen Sweatman 2nd: Stephen Witmer 12 in favor 0 opposed