

Minutes for ABS District 4

Meeting was called to order by Bernie Rahmlow on Saturday July 7, 2012 at 4:40pm

Members present Bernie Rahmlow, Dave Collier, Keven Keaster, Mary Simons, Ken Simons, Al Jackabowski and Tom Traxler, Jr.

Motion to accept the minutes as printed by Al Jackabowski seconded by Tom Traxler. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

There were no motions received from others districts.

Motion to request ABS Secretary to add a column or space to the show form for clubs to request "NO Plaques Required" or have plaques sent at request of club after show by Al Jackabowski, seconded by Tom Traxler. Discussion followed with the points highlighted:

1. Plaques could be sent for Best in Show and Rare's only.
2. Bernie is only aware of one time a club has sent plaques back to ABS
3. Cost for postage will increase as the plaques and ribbons would be sent at different times.

Motion failed.

Motion to request ABS Secretary to move statement ("Awards for ABS members only") to top of show form with a space for the show manager to initial by Al Jackabowski, seconded by Tom Traxler. Discussion points included this would require a change to the form on the ABS website. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to request Chair of Judges Panel to bring before the Judges panel a request to allow all WBO judges as foreign judges and be allowed to Judge any ABS show by Al Jackabowski, seconded by Tom Traxler. Discussion followed, Leon Saad stated that this request has been voted on by the judge's panel before and has not carried. This discussion is not an ABS board decision but a judge's panel decision. Motion tabled until future.

Motion to request Chairman of Judges Panel (or his designate) work with BAA judges panel for commonality and report back to ABS board by Al Jackabowski, seconded by Tom Traxler. Discussion include forming an Ad Hock committee of judges to work together to solve issues, both groups have lost exhibitors because of this, no changes would be required to rules for either group, only recognize each group. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to require ABS board of Directors to change Bylaws to allow non-ABS Banded birds for Jr, Novice and intermediate to receive ABS awards (Rosettes, certificates, etc.) by Al Jackabowski, seconded by Tom Traxler. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to require Judges Panel to meet once per year, outside of the All American Show, to review and agree on standards for birds ("training retreat") by Tom Traxler, seconded by Al Jackabowski. Motion passed unanimously.

For Discussion:

ABS needs to recognize that the ABS needs to start recruiting new (more) judges or a mentoring program. Clubs need to push club member to judges training program. ABS needs judges that are spread out around the country as the costs to bring in judges for shows are rapidly increasing.

Motion to Adjourn by Al Jackabowski, seconded by Tom Traxler. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 5:21pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Ken Simons