

American Budgerigar Society District 4-Regional Meeting*
July 6, 2013

The 2013 ABS District 4 meeting was called to order at 6:10PM with five (5) district 4 members and several visitors present. Meeting called to order by District 4 Director Keven Keaster, with David Bluma, Al Jakubowski, Jeff Myhre and Mrs. Jan Rahmlow present.

Several minutes of this meeting were dedicated to reflection on dedication and merits of Bernie Rahmlow, who had served as District Director. The void created by his passing was acknowledged by all present. Bernie's dedication to ABS and merits of his service to ABS are deserving of recognition by all in ABS.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion by Dave Bluma, second by Jeff Myhre for dispensing with the reading of the 2012 District 4 meeting minutes. Motion carried by acclamation of all.

No further old business presented for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Dave Bluma, second by Al Jakubowski: ABS retire band code 1R in honor of the years of dedicated service provided by its holder-Bernie Rahmlow. Motion carried unanimous.

Band manager, Dave Bluma discussed concerns on consistent protocol for ABS band ordering and purchase. Dave did note that at this time emergency bands are in the position of the ABS secretary. Members may be confused on whom to order from and with concern on who is maintaining the registry of these bands. After discussion the following motions were developed for consideration at the 2013 ABS Board of Directors Meeting.

1. Only paid up members of ABS may order coded bands or emergency ABS bands. Motion by Jeff Myhre, second by Al Jakubowski. Motion passed 5 yes.

Dave noted members with lapsed ABS membership have insisted they are eligible for band purchase.

2. Current year band order period be from September through June, with no current year band orders being placed in the months of July and August. Current year ABS emergency

bands, if available, will be available for purchase in the months of July and August for those members needing bands. Motion by Dave Bluma, second by Jeff Myhre. Motion passed 5 yes.

Dave discussed difficulty in the turn over time from the band company to insure bands ordered in mid July reach him for timely shipment. Dave noted the band company does close for a holiday and retools and begins making bands for the next breeding season in August.

3. Future breeding year band orders may be placed starting in July of the current year to insure processing and return from band maker for shipment to ABS member three days before November 1st. Motion by Dave Bluma, second by Jeff Myhre. Motion passed 5 yes.

The following were named by acclamation of the 5 district members present to be candidates for ABS offices:

President: John Miles

First Vice President: David Hyatt

Second Vice President: Mike Dahl

Secretary: Chet Swanson

Treasurer: Bill Birney

No further Old Business.

The next District 4 Regional Meeting will be held at the 2014 Illinois Budgerigar Society Show.

Recorded By: Allan Jakubowski

Submitted By:

Keven Keaster
ABS District 4 Director