

ABS Board of Directors Meeting
September 3, 2015

President David Hyatt called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Welcome by David Hyatt

Invocation- Luemma McWilliams

Roll Call

District 1, 3 – Kevin Smith- Absent

District 2, 4- Duane Walton- Present

District 5- Walt Howard- Absent

District 6, 8- Larry Allen- Present

District 7- Seth Gray- Absent

District 9- Mary Silva- Present

District 10- Leon Saad- Absent

District 11- Paige Gover- Present

District 12- Larry Harrell- Absent but is replaced by Proxy Bill Birney

President- David Hyatt- Present

1 VP- Ron Sweere- Present

2vp- Vacant

Secretary- Luemma McWilliams- Present

Treasurer- Larry Moore- Present

Chairman of the Judges Panel- Mike Dahl- Present

Minutes from 2014 Meeting-

Motion by Mary Silva to accept the minutes from the 2014 Board of Directors meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Larry Allen. Passed Unanimous

Reports- See attached

- A. Membership
- B. Band Manager
- C. Treasurer
- D. Bulletin Editor
- E. Registrar
- F. Scholarship Committee
- G. EOY Coordinator
- H. Show Reports
- I. Hall of Fame
- J. Products Division
- K. Advancement
- L. Awards

Motions from the Floor:

1. Motion made by Duane Walton to have the Variety List expanded to include the AOV varieties, such as Anthracite, Slate, Etc. Seconded by Paige Gover. Passed Unanimous

Motions from the District Meetings

1. **To replace the Immediate Past President on the ABS Executive Committee with the Chairman of the Judges' Panel and change the By-Laws Article VI, VII, VIII and X to reflect changes as attached. Effective immediately upon majority vote date.** (D12)
Motion made to send this to bylaws by Bill Birney, Seconded by Mary Ann Silva, Passed Unanimous
2. **Past President position becomes non-voting advisory position.**(D12)
Motion made by Larry Moore to table this motion. Seconded by Larry Allen, Passed Unanimous
3. **That if a district does not have an ABS show in a calendar year, the director of that district should not have a vote at the All American.** Motion made by Duane Walton and Seconded by Larry Moore.
That if a district does not have an ABS show or a special called District Meeting in a calendar year, the director of that district should not have a vote at the All American. (D2,4)
Motion Amended by Duane Walton and Seconded by Larry Moore Passed 4 in favor- (Dahl, Birney, Walton, Moore) 2 Against (Gover, McWilliams) Abstain- (Silva, Allen, Sweere)
4. **To set one standard price for ABS membership to foreign members, with one postage rate.** (D6,8) Motion made by Luemma McWilliams and Seconded by Mary Ann Silva, Motion passed
5. **To allow the hosting club(s) at each year's All American to determine the day and time that the Classifier's Exam will be given at that All American, provided that it does not create a conflict with another event, and the day and time is within reason, effective immediately upon majority vote date.**(D 6,8)
Motion made by Larry Allen to send this to By Laws and Seconded by Mike Dahl, Passed Unanimous
6. **To allow the inclusion of up to 3 non-rare birds within the ten birds selected for the Classifier's Exam, effective immediately upon majority vote date.** (D6,8) Motion made by Larry Allen to send this to By laws and Seconded by Mary Silva, Passed Unanimous
7. **To raise the dollar amount donated by ABS to the club(s) hosting the All American from \$1500 to \$2000 each year effective 2016.**(D6,8) Motion made by Larry Allen to send this to By Laws and Seconded by Mary Silva, Passed All For and 1 abstained- (Birney)
8. **To publish the ABS bulletin in a timely manner without the constraint of a required number of pages of content.** (D6,8) Motion made by Mary Ann Silva and seconded by Ron Sweere, Passed Unanimous.
9. **If the financial records have not been subject to an external audit before the new treasurer took office that one be scheduled.** (D2,4)(Already being Done)

10. To restructure the ABS Affiliation and Insurance costs based on club's having an ABS budgie show, with lower affiliation rates applying to those clubs having an ABS budgie show.

(D6,8) Motion made by Larry Allen and Seconded by Mary Ann Silva. Passed with 8 yes and 1 No- (Birney)(Executive committee to structure based on 2016 shows.)

11. To modify the show report to include the names of all exhibitors showing in that show. (D6,8)

Motion made by Mary Ann Silva and Seconded by Larry Allen. Passed Unanimous

12. To Issue a special "Support Certificate" to the exhibitor from each division, J,N,I,C,R who supports ABS shows by exhibiting at the greatest number of ABS shows. (D6,8)

Motion made by Paige Gover and Seconded by Larry Moore. Passed Unanimous

13. Motion that ABS exhibitors may submit point from BAA show for points toward ABS exhibitor of the year as long as birds are ABS banded. (D11)

Motion made by Paige Gover and Seconded by Larry Moore. Failed and had 1 to Abstain (Gover)

Motions that were made but already in By-Laws:

- 1. ABS is to publish the membership roster on the internet, with the option to limit information or opt out of the whole process.** (D9)
- 2. The ABS Executive Board investigate and resolve the problems of the ABS Bulletin consistently being late.** (D9)
- 3. Motion to publish ABS membership roster on internet with option to opt out of phone or email on membership application if desired.** (D11)

Motions Seconded by a non ABS Member:

1. That the ABS Second Vice President be authorized to establish a committee to support the publication of the ABS Bulletin and see to it that timely input of material for publication is provided to the editor (D10)
2. That ABS reinstate Terry Travis to active status on the Judges Panel and remove his suspension. (D10)

These motions were read and a call for the motion to be made from the floor. No motion made. Failed for lack of a motion.

Motions Not Valid to Come Up this Year

1. Any WBO judge in good standing be allowed to solely judge an ABS show. (D11)
Motion made by Mike Dahl to Open the By Laws Session and Seconded by Ron Sweere.
All in Favor.

By Laws Session

- A. Clean up of By- Laws and Resolutions- misspelled words and open Sentences were replaced with the correct spellings and complete sentences.

- B. Motion 1 from Regular Session
To replace the Immediate Past President on the ABS Executive Committee with the Chairman of the Judges' Panel and change the By-Laws Article VI, VII, VIII and X to reflect changes as attached. Effective immediately upon majority vote date.
Motion made by Larry Allen and Seconded by Ron Sweere. Passed with 7 For and 2 Opposed- (Gover and Moore)
- C. Motion 5 from Regular Session
To allow the hosting club(s) at each year's All American to determine the day and time that the Classifier's Exam will be given at that All American, provided that it does not create a conflict with another event, and the day and time is within reason, effective immediately upon majority vote date. Motion made by Duane Walton and Seconded by Ron Sweere. Passed Unanimous.
- D. Motion 6 from Regular Session
To allow the inclusion of up to 3 non-rare birds within the ten birds selected for the Classifier's Exam, effective immediately upon majority vote date. Motion Made by Duane Walton and Seconded by Larry Allen. Passed Unanimous
- E. Motion 7 from Regular Session
To raise the dollar amount donated by ABS to the club(s) hosting the All American from \$1500 to \$2000 each year effective 2016. Motion made Larry Allen and Seconded by Mary Ann Silva.

Vote to Fill the Second Vice President Position- There are two names presented Duane Walton and Jeanne Birney. Vote taken 1 Abstain and 8 for Duane Walton

Duane Walton is the New Second VP.

Motion to adjourn By Laws Session made by Larry Allen and Seconded by Mary Silva.

Letter Read from Ermafern Collins Family and Spurgeon Manor.

Wisconsin has agreed to host the 2017 AA- Made by Mike Dahl and Seconded by Mary Ann Silva.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:08 PM

Board of Directors Meeting
Friday September 4, 2015
Meeting Called to order at 5:01 pm.

Roll Call:

David Hyatt- Present
Ron Sweere- Present
Duane Walton- Present
Larry Moore- Present
Luemma McWilliams- Present
Mike Dahl- Present
Kevin Smith- Absent
Walt Howard- Absent
Larry Allen- Present
Mary Ann Silva- Present
Leon Saad- Absent
Paige Gover- Present
Bill Birney- proxy for Larry Harrell- Present

Motions from Judges Panel –

1, Motion to change the qualifications for becoming a judge

A. Motion to change Article II Paragraph A to read "The applicant must have bred and raised budgerigars for exhibition purposes for a minimum period of five (5) years.

B. To change Article II Paragraph B to read: The applicant must be a champion breeder and must have exhibited his/her birds in champion division of ABS patronage shows for a minimum of 36 months prior to filing application as a trainee. The month in which he/she exhibits the first time as a champion counts as the beginning of the 36 month period. In addition to this, he/she must have placed, as a champion, First, Second or Third Best in Show with three(3) different birds (bred by the trainee) at three(3) different shows with three(3) different ABS Panel Judges during the five(5) calendar years immediately prior to application to the panel. A maximum of two (2) wins per year may count. In order for these wins to count for the trainee, there must be a minimum of 100 birds entered in each of these shows. There must also be a minimum of three (3) champion exhibitors that exhibit a total of twenty-five (25) birds.

Motion made by Mike Dahl and seconded by Bill Birney
Passed Unanimous

2. Motion to make the Judges' Panel more transparent. Nothing should be hidden from the A.B.S. General membership with the exception of health and financial issues. There should be less confidentiality and more openness. This could be done by changing Article E paragraph 12c to read: All complaints are to be of a confidential nature and not to be discussed by any A.B.S. Judge outside of the group considering the case until after all investigations, reviews, any appeals and final decision has been completed. As well as the last sentence in Article E paragraph 12f to read: Further communication of the final decision shall be authorized by the Judges' Panel Executive Committee.

Made by Ron Sweere
Seconded by Duane Walton
Passed Unanimous

3. "** Includes Cinnamon to the Section 9 Australian Pieds and to Section 10 Spangles."

Motion Made by: Luemma McWilliams
Seconded by: Paige Gover
Passed Unanimous

4. A motion was made that ABS allow our membership in WBO expire at the end of our paid-up membership at the conclusion of 2016

Motion made by Mike Dahl

Seconded by Mary Ann Silva

Passed Unanimous

5. List Varieties on the Variety Sheet, "To add to the list of Varieties at the bottom of the Variety Worksheet the following varieties, Slate, Saddle Back, Anthracite and Frosted Pied.

Motion Made by Luemma McWilliams

Seconded by Larry Allen

Passed Unanimous

6. "To remove the expiration date shown in Appendix "G" at the back of the Judges Panel General Rules and By-Laws dated 2015 and add "Clinics can be held at any show when 2 or more Judges' are present and Judges Clinic paperwork must be sent to the Judges' Panel Secretary within ten(10) days of the Clinic and following receipt of the Clinic report the Judges' Panel Secretary will forward all clinic reports to All Active Judges"

Motion Made Duane Walton

Seconded by Larry Allen

Passed Unanimous

7. Judges Panel Endorses adding the Chairman of the Judges Panel to the Executive Committee.

Motion Made by Duane Walton

Seconded by Larry Moore

Passed Unanimous

New Business:

Motion to refer website to Committee made up of Larry Allen, Duane Walton and Luemma McWilliams, to obtain the password and design a new website,

Motion made by Ron Sweere and Seconded by Larry Moore

Passed Unanimous

Motion to adjourn until All American 2016.

Motion Made by Mike Dahl

Seconded by Mary Ann Silva

Passed Unanimous

Adjourned at 5:29

