

ABS Board of Directors annual meeting minutes. September 27th, 2018

Meeting called to order and welcome address by ABS president David Hyatt.

Roll call; present David Hyatt, Ron Sweere, Dwayne Walton, Luemma McWilliams, David Collier, Mike Dahl, Julia Howard representing District 2, Jeff McWilliams proxy representing District 3, Larry Allen District 4, Jack Kaylor District 5, Mary Ann Silva district 6, John Miles proxy representing district 7, Bill Bernie proxy representing District 8.

Minutes from 2017 accepted as submitted.

Membership report: current membership is 312 members.

Treasurer's report: total income for the year is \$18,386.20 total expenses paid out this year \$17,869.73

Scholarship report: \$100 donation for this year

Old business

Motions from district meetings:

1. Motion to keep Maryland in District 3. Passed unanimously
2. Motion to keep band issue date at November 1st. Passed with one opposed.
3. Motion to keep EOY bulletin-publish date at May /June as currently in bylaws. Passed with one opposed.
4. Motion to impose a \$75 late fee to those clubs affiliating and needing insurance after March 1st. Passed unanimously
5. Motion to remove wording from bylaws that requires ABS to seek communication with other societies. Passed unanimous note: ABS Executive Committee and Board of Directors is dedicated to meeting and discussing ideas with other societies if approached.
6. "Color standard" availability- WBO standard is the same as ABS with two exceptions. The 1999 standard book is still available and given to new members.

District 7 would like to have until January 1st 2019 to possibly put in to host the 2020 All American- vote to allow this passed unanimously

Discussion on changing band color rotation

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Meeting reconvened at 2:09 p.m. September 28th,2018

Call to order and roll call: same members present

Motion from classifiers:

Motion to have a new variety in AOV in section 12 of Normal classification.  
Put melanistic Spangled in that section. Passed unanimously.

Motion from judges meeting:

- 1.To carry over the wording update:

Change section 4, rules for ABS panel judges, paragraph B, Line 1 of the judges panel general rules and bylaws to read as follows " no ABS panel judge active, inactive, retired or judge trainee shall become a judge or apply to become a

judge in any other budgerigar Society, nor any group or affiliate of the same. The only exception to this rule is membership on the judges panel of the world budgerigar organization, WBO. Failure to comply will result in removal from the ABS judges panel."

Change ABS resolution a. for judges to read, " ABS judges, active, inactive, retired or judge trainee shall not be an officer or board member of any other National budgerigar organization with the exception of the world budgerigar organization, WBO" motion passed unanimously

Judges panel reports:

Walter and Louise Loepke have retired from the ABS judges panel effective October 1st, 2018. Don Denny will be allowed to judge the Great Western but then he will be removed from the ABS judges panel for failure to follow rules, for not attending a judge's meeting in 4 years. Carl Slavin is removed from the judges panel for rules violation, failure to attend a judges panel meeting in four years.

Tony Nesbitt was not able to attend the All-American to take his judges test due to a medical condition. The judges panel granted him the ability to take the judges test at another show if the required number of Judges were present.

Registration report:

There were 68 Birds registered by Barb Sweere, registrar.

Motion to continue to send bulletins to non-paid Lifetime memberships if they are active in supporting ABS, purchasing ABS bands and showing birds at least once a year. Motion passed with one abstention all others voting yes.

Motion that ABS no longer have Partnerships (Hicken /Buenning grandfathered). Once a band code is assigned to a partnership it is forever the partnership band code and if the partnership ends that band code is retired.

Motion passed 7 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstained

Motion for wording change:

Any member or affiliate of this Corporation may be expelled, removed, or suspended for a period of time, or be asked to resign or withdraw, for actions that are detrimental to the best interests of this Corporation by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. A decision of the majority vote of the full Board will be considered final. Passed unanimous

Any member having just caused may submit a documented complaint, signed by a member of this corporation, that the acts, conduct, actions or ethics of said accused would be, or are deemed to be, detrimental to the best interests of this Corporation, and is to be filed with the chairman of the Executive Committee. The chairman will refer the complaint to the accused and the Executive Committee who may not act for a period of 28 days, during which period the accused may submit documented evidence to defend himself, herself, or itself against the charges. The Executive Committee will render a decision on the matter with the further provision that the accused or any member of the Board of Directors may petition the Board of Directors at the next annual general board meeting for a hearing on the matter. Unless such hearing is requested, the decision of the majority vote of the Executive Committee will be considered final. Passed with one abstention, all others voting yes

Meeting ended at 2:54 p.m.