

District 4 meeting

June 19, 2021

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In attendance:

David Hyatt, Danny Sisson, Luemma McWilliams, Jeff McWilliams, Jimmy Strong, Mark Gray, Terry & Bill McLean, Larry Allen

Meeting called to order 12:47 pm

Motion made by David Hyatt to dispense with the reading of old minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff McWilliams; motion passed unanimously.

Old business; none

New business;

An announcement was made by the members of the New Orleans Budgerigar Society that they were affiliating with ABS.

Next item of business was the nomination of the members of the ABS Executive Committee for the upcoming election. The following members and positions were nominated by Mark Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Strong and agreed to unanimously by all those present:

President-David Hyatt

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Ron Sweere

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Duane Walton

Secretary-Luemma McWilliams

Treasurer-Dave Collier

**Motion 1**, made by David Hyatt; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Gray; passed unanimously:

to amend the approval process for approving new judges. The approval by the Judge's Panel Executive Committee requirement should be removed from the training process.

Refer to the Judge's Handbook under Rules and Regulations Governing the ABS Panel of Judges, number 1. Letter F:

"When a decision has been reached by the Qualifying Committee...the recommendation shall be given to the Judges Panel Executive Committee for final approval".

Discussion of motion;

New judge trainees go through considerable trouble and expense to complete the training process for becoming an ABS judge, only to possibly be denied admittance onto the Judges Panel after the completed process, if the Judges Panel Executive Committee doesn't want him/her on the judge's panel.

**Motion 2**, made by David Hyatt; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Gray; passed unanimously:  
to modify the “Judge’s Panel Trainee Application” to change the wording under the “3 wins” category from “A.B.S. Band #” to “Band #”.

Discussion of motion;

The qualifying requirements for a new judge trainee include 3 wins with 3 different birds, but the *Judges Panel Handbook* does not specify that those birds be ABS banded. On the *application sheet*, the words, “A.B.S. Band #” appear indicating that the birds used for the 3 wins need to be ABS banded.

This discrepancy should be clarified to correspond with the handbook, since a bird with a closed and traceable band is allowed to enter the ABS show by ABS Show Rules and win one of those 3 positions. It follows that a bird from another society which is banded with an approved band for ABS show purposes should also be allowed to qualify for one of the wins for judge trainee.

**Motion 3**, made by Luemma McWilliams; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff McWilliams; passed unanimously;  
to change the Judge’s Panel Trainee Application with the wording, “List any prior experience judging shows such as baby shows or parlor shows” and also remove the part about 35 birds being in one of the shows.

As it reads now, “List three parlor and/or baby shows you have judged: (One must be a baby show of 35 birds or more.)”

The Judge’s Panel handbook says that trainees are “encouraged” to judge such shows, but it is not listed as mandatory.

**Motion 4**, made by Luemma McWilliams; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Strong; passed unanimously;  
to change the requirement for listing a show in the ABS bulletin and website, allowing the term “TBA” in place of the Judge’s name.

Discussion of motion;

In an effort to secure a particular show date, clubs need to plan ahead sometimes before they know who will be the judge. Announcements are made in the bulletin every 2 months, placing a strain on planning since judges may not always be able to make a commitment to judge a show very far in advance, jeopardizing the show date on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by David Hyatt; 2<sup>nd</sup> Luemma McWilliams; passed unanimously.

Meeting concluded at 2:00 PM.