

## American Budgerigar Society board of directors meeting minutes. September 22, 2022.

The meeting was called to order. ABS President, David Hyatt welcomed all board of director's members.

Roll call-David Hyatt present, Larry Harrell present, Duane Walton present, LuEmma McWilliams present, David Collier absent, Mike Dahl present, district 1 proxy Richard Warner present, district 2 Julia Howard present, district 3 Kevin Smith absent, district 4 proxy Jimmy Strong present, district 5 Shaw Dustin absent, district 6 Arsham Ohanis present, district 7 Wilma Dahl present, district 8 Gary Hicken present.

Guests present, John Bull and Rhonda Strong.

Gary Hicken offered a prayer for the board of directors and the hobby.

A thank you to the NorCal club for a wonderful dinner and a very special thank you to Paul Carter for the wonderful food he prepared.

Membership report; ABS has a total of 271 memberships with a total of 330 members.

A moment of silence was held for those members that passed during this past year.

Treasurers report:

Date 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2022

Motion to accept treasurers report made by Richard Warner and seconded by Arsham Ohanis.

Passed unanimously

Band report.

Sold bands \$16,675. Collected \$11,088.80 bands only. Paid to Germany \$3481.02

Motion to accept by Mike Dahl, and seconded by Larry Harrell passed unanimously.

Products report. Products information submitted that inventory is purchased as a donation by Jeff and Lu Emma McWilliams. When items are sold, all monies are deposited in ABS as profit. The McWilliams were not reimbursed for any products purchased during the year. At this time it is hard to replace items as inventories and purchasing is difficult since Covid. A lot of items are not in stock to purchase. awards report given by Julia Howard. Julia had a mold created of the budgie for the awards. Motion was made by Gary Hicken to purchase 100 of the budgies for awards. Motion was seconded by Mike Dahl. Vote was unanimous to order 100 of them.

Bulletin report given by Duane Walton. Bulletin cost is \$8.85 each including printing and mailing. This includes two color pages. Recommendation motion to keep dues the same for the upcoming year. Motion made by Gary Hicken, and seconded by Jimmy Strong. Passed

unanimously

The motions that were submitted from the district meetings were given and the board was informed of where the motions were assigned so recommendations could be made to the board.

District 2. Robert Kroshefsky made a motion that the district Director should receive a listing of all new and existing members by March 1 of each year, seconded by Robert Hofstetter. This would include any new information on existing members. This information is only for use of district Director, who will act as a gatekeeper. The listing should not be published. There was discussion concerning this issue, with a desire that clarification of the process be made at the district directors meeting at the All American.

This motion is already addressed in the bylaws no action taken by the board at this time.

The following is just FYI from district 2, Robert Kroshefsky suggested that he would like to see a complete ABS band code listing. The issue was discussed.

Duane Walton reported that some other districts had discussed if a club should be required to provide seed for the show boxes so all cages were uniform. No action was taken by district 2. Duane Walton reported that some other districts voted to allow an exhibitor to ride to a show in the same vehicle as the shows judge if the exhibitor's birds were out of sight. The consensus was that this should be permissible but no formal motion was made. The Board of Directors has decided to allow members to opt in on the 2023 band form to have their name and band code listed on the ABS website. The motion was made by Gary Hicken and second by Arsham Ohanis. The motion passed Unanimously.

Motion 2. Regarding the seed issue, the vote was unanimous that the ABS should not require clubs to furnish and exhibitors to use the clubs seed. Motion to not require clubs to furnish seed and exhibitors having to use those seeds in their show boxes. Motion seconded by Gary Hicken. Vote one opposed motion passed.

District 6: the district Director Arsham Ohanis would like to address the board as to why he is not submitting the minutes for his district. Arsham Ohanis did address the full board concerning the fact that a member and a non-member of his district did, in fact, sabotage his district meeting by sending out emails with motions to only parts of the district, and when they submitted the minutes they had motions listed that were not ever discussed in the meeting. As the district Director, he is nullifying the district meeting and the motions.

The formal complaint was presented to the executive committee. The board voted to go into closed session to address the complaint. Motion to go onto closed session was made by Mike Dahl, and second by Richard Werner. After a long delay, the person filing the complaint did not appear so the closed meeting was postponed until tomorrow. Meeting adjourned

Day 2 of the Board of Directors meeting.

Motions forwarded from the classifiers and judges meetings. Robert Kroshefsky made a motion that the judge of the second day at a two day cluster may show his birds in the first day show, and the steward should handle entry of the birds. Second: Robert Hofstetter felt that the steward should not be responsible for entering the Birds. The discussion that followed suggested the issue should be further explored at the All-American.

The judge's panel recommendation is that this should not happen as it leads to integrity issues and questions the fidelity of shows.

The board voted not to allow this. The motion was made by Mike Dahl, and seconded by Gary Hicken passed unanimously to not allow

Motion 1. To eliminate the ABS rule about a judge riding to the show with an exhibitor made by David Hyatt seconded by Jeff McWilliams.

Motion made to allow judges to ride to a show with an exhibitor providing the birds are out of sight and not discussed. Motion made by Mike Dahl and seconded by Richard Werner, vote was one opposed and the motion passed.

Motion 2. Regarding a suggested change of classifications. The vote was unanimous to keep the sections as they are.

The judges panel is forming a committee to look at the opalines and section 7. The findings will be brought back to the board of directors at the 2023, all American.

Motion 3. John Miles made a motion that ABS suggest to WBO they follow contrasting band colors year to year, so there is no confusion because of similarity of band colors. This motion was seconded by Herman Beunning.

This will be sent to the judge's panel as they are members of WBO. The judges panel will send a recommendation to the WBO.

1. Terry Travis made a motion, (for the judges panel) to have judges receive more training regarding the ideal, standard and feather That is now coming on the birds so the structure more matches the feather. The motion did not have a second so it was dropped. The board will take no action because it did not receive a second.

2. Cesar Avitia made a motion that ABS bands be issued after December 1. The motion was seconded by Herman Beunning. The recommendation was for the band issue date to remain the same. If an exhibitor does not want to use the bands until later, they can hold the bands until they are ready to use them. The breeding seasons are different, depending on what part of the country you are referring to.

Birds of Color project and trial divisions. The recommendation is that it is up to the individual club and more information will be forthcoming. Motion to allow clubs the option for this division. Motion was made by Richard Werner and seconded by Jimmy Strong. One opposed motion passed.

a note to the Board of Directors that the complaint that had been filed had been withdrawn and no action needed at this time.

Motion to vote out of bylaws until the next All American. Motion made by Larry Harrell and seconded by Mike Dahl.

Meeting motion to adjourn made by Duane Walton and seconded by Larry Harrell. Meeting adjourned

