

NFSS BOARD

4th QUARTER 2016 BOD MEETING

PRESENT: Rebecca Mikel, Amber Kincheloe, Doug White, Michelle McKenzie, Sara Roberts, Roland Cristo, Susan Stieve, Paula Hansen, Sally Huntington, Javier Perez, Robert Peers, Sally Porter, Cheryl Burns, Ivan Montes, Laura Bewley, Bill Parlee, John Wilson, Vince Moase

RESIGNATIONS: Vince Moase, 4th Vice-President

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PRESIDENT, Rebecca Mikel

Bidding on Eric Peake print ends on December 15th. Michelle McKenzie has announced she will not be running for Membership Director in the 2017 election. Department managers need to provide Sara/Treasurer their proposed 2017 budgets.

REMINDER: Judge's Memberships expire December 31st.

A Membership meeting was held at NCBS. Awards were announced and presented (see 4th VP section below for a listing). A discussion was held regarding use of appropriate size of show cages. Show cages should be of a size that allows for appropriate handling, comfort of the bird and of a size which allows the bird to stretch and spread both wings out, stand up without head touching top of cage, and not so big that the bird can get caught between the bars or escape.

4th VICE PRESIDENT/JUDGE'S PANEL: Vince Moase,

Vince has submitted his resignation. He'll remain until 2016 Show Reports are complete. The Judge's Panel has been informed via email and hard copy mailing of this position opening and Rebecca will accept resumes until January 6th. The BOD will need to vote to bring one of the applicants to the Board as Pro-Tem placement until a vote of the membership can be completed.

It has been several years since any bird has achieved enough points to earn "Champion Bird" status. This year there were two – a Society Finch owned and exhibited by Cheryl and Leland Burns who has earned 85 points; and a Blue Faced Parrot Finch earning 55 points who is owned and exhibited by Laurie Erwin. The BOD will make a \$50 donation on behalf of both to an avicultural cause of their choice. Cheryl chose The American Bird Conservancy; Laurie chose The Save the Gouldian Fund.

Persons earning "Champion Exhibitor" status this year (50 or more points in a calendar year) include the following: Cheryl/Leland Burns – 158 points; Rebecca Mikel – 81 points; Hiram Morales – 77 points; Sally Porter – 83 points; Gene Perez – 118 points; Susan Stieve – 56 points; and Van To - 88 points.

Persons earning “Exhibitor of Excellence” status this year (200 points in a lifetime) include the following: Laurie Erwin with 217 points.

The person earning the Bill Parlee Best Finch at NCBS this year was Laura Tinker, with a Zebra Finch. The person earning the Val Clear Best Softbill this year at NCBS was Laurie Erwin with a Starling.

A Judge’s Panel meeting was held at Nationals. In attendance were: Vince Moase, Sally Huntington, Laura Bewley, Laura Watkins, Laura Tinker, Ken Rampersaud, Ricky Gaskin, Bob Peers, and Nazim Ali. It has been suggested that additional species of Parrot Finches be added to the Indo-Pacific section so the AOV isn’t so crowded. The change in classifications for “pairs” will also revert to original format in order that it is consistent with other classifications. All judges are reminded show reports are to be submitted no later than fourteen (14) days after show dates – it IS ok to scan and email these forms. Judges are reminded to print clearly - adding the judges’ name and comments. Information on how to properly complete a show tag needs to be reviewed with exhibitors and stewards. The 5th edition of the Judge’s Handbook is complete and available on the website. If you wish to have a hard copy – contact Laura Watkins and she’ll print and send one to you. Judges are reminded to be respectful – not critical, and “the judge’s decision is final”. Society Finches were discussed and it was agreed we will continue to have two sections – “American” and “Euro” – even though it is recognized they are probably being crossed.

1st VP, Sally Huntington

Two persons were awarded the NARA (National Avicultural Recognition Award) this year – John Wilson for his work with Diamond Firetails – Level A; Lauren Ogburn for her work with Purple Grenadiers – Level B.

Afternoon of Aviculture (AOA), is NFSS's on going education program open to all interested people the day before the National Bird show. This was the third year all presenters expenses i.e., hotel, banquet and travel expenses were paid by the Finch Society of San Diego County (FSSDC), in support of NFSS's and FSSDC's continued mission in avian education.

MEMBERSHIP , Michelle McKenzie

SINGLE: 271 DUAL: 34 (68) FOREIGN: 16 JUNIOR: 9 TOTAL: 364

FINCH SAVE/CENSUS, Sally Porter

Paula Hansen and Charles are working on a new program for the census which will allow export/import of information. Discussion regarding the removal of mutations under specific species from the census. The BOD voted to support removal of mutations, although those completing the census will be provided the space to include these mutations if they wish. The mutation birds are to be entered, but under their specific species (i.e. Zebra, Star, etc.). (SEE MOTION #2016-27)

WEBSITE/BANDS/RED SISKIN PROJECT, Paula Hansen

The one year host fee has been paid (\$119.88). Information regarding Afternoon of Aviculture and the Auction for the Eric Peake print were created and included. A search continues for a web-based add-on software. Updates were made to Champion Birds, show results, By Law changes, and show results. Changes have also been made to reflect the new Journal schedule – which is now published Quarterly. The Judge’s Handbook latest revision is now posted for review.

Supplies for mailing bands have been ordered. Also received samples and a bid on a supplier from Brazil. Will continue to evaluate this potential change in vendors.

We recently joined forces with partners at Texas A&M and Hill Country Aviaries to initiate a Sun Conure breed and release program in Guyana. (see link below). Anyone with recommendations for organizations or websites where we could advertise this project should contact Paula Hansen. This will be separate from promotional efforts of the Red Siskin project. (LINK FOR SUN CONURE PROGRAM: <https://experiment.com/projects/keep-the-suns-shining-in-guyana-recovering-the-sun-conure-sun-parakeet?s=discover>)

TREASURY, Sara Roberts

Still need one volunteer to conduct the second audit of the 2014 financial records.

Profit and Loss as of October 29, 2016:

DEPARTMENT	INCOME	EXPENSE
Journal		\$ 5,834.39
Affiliations	\$ 240.00	\$ 325.00
Awards	\$ 2,323.33	\$ 2,879.49
RSP		\$ 92.24
Bands	\$ 8,986.75	\$ 9,007.47
Membership	\$ 6,807.56	\$ 29.47
Advertising	\$ 1,682.00	\$ 180.00
Judge’s Panel	\$ 60.00	\$ 49.82
MISC:		
Interest Income	\$ 18.57	
National Bird Show		\$ 725.00
Affiliate Show Sponsorship		\$ 1,000.00
Donation (RSP)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Business (postage, mailing, office)		\$ 1,652.87
Outside Contractors (pay pal)		\$ 386.12
Web Hosting		\$ 314.28
Bank Fees		\$ 77.08
Misc. Other		\$ 75.80
TOTAL:	\$21,028.21	\$23,629.03

Bank Balances as of 10/31/16: CHECKING: \$5792.14 SAVINGS: \$26,440.66

PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET:

DEPT	INCOME	EXPENSE	POSTAGE	PAY PAL FEES	SUPPLIES
BANDS	\$8000.00	\$5537.00	\$1150.00	\$200.00	\$60.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$8500.00	\$145.00	\$320.00	\$125.00	\$60.00
ADVERTISING	\$1650.00	\$150.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
JUDGES PANEL	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
AFFILIATES/SPONSORSHIP	\$250.00	\$1325.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
AWARDS	\$1920.00	\$1600.00	\$150.00	\$15.00	\$0
JOURNAL	\$0	\$8018.00	Included	N/A	Included
MISC	\$0	\$900.00	\$25.00	\$0	\$25.00
FINCH SAVE	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A
1 st VP/EDUCATION	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A
WEBSITE	\$0	\$325.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
RED SISKIN	\$0	\$200.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	\$20,380.00	\$18,250.00	\$1645.00	\$340.00	\$145.00

OLD BUSINESS

Making contact with Zoos and Avicultural societies will be placed on hold at this time.

There are no updates at this time on the Java Rice Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Providing digital copies of the Journal was discussed. While it might save money, providing a hard copy of the Journal is what makes us unique. It would easiest if were an “all” OR “nothing” change; and some may not have the necessary equipment to access electronic copies. We have been approached by a South African Club who request an electronic copy only . They will be provided this benefit on a “trial basis” for one year, in exchange for providing articles for Journal publication.

Discussion was held regarding the current by-law which states that membership privileges are lost after the 60 day grace period. There was no action taken to change this by law. NFSS members are reminded that allowing your membership to expire beyond the 60 day grace period will result in loss of any exhibition points earned and there is no guarantee the same membership number will be provided if you choose to renew your membership after that point.

New Silhouette for the Society Standard will be placed on hold until a new 4th VP is seated.

MOTION #	MOTION	MADE BY	SECONDED	RESULT
2016-24	Increase awards budget by \$500	Moase	Hansen	Pass
2016-25	Allow foreign members to have digital copy of the Journal	Huntington	Perez	FAIL
2016-26	Allow S. African group to receive digital copy of the Journal on one-year trial basis, in exchange for providing articles for the Journal	Perez	Huntington	PASS
2016-27	Exclude mutations from the NFSS Census	Perez	Porter	PASS
2016-28	Increase the awards budget by \$152.00	Roberts	Hansen	PASS
2016-29	Approve the 2017 proposed budget	Peers	Hansen	PASS
2016-30	Adjourn meeting	Bewley	Huntington	PASS