

NFSS BOD MEETING
1st QUARTER 2016

PRESENT: Rebecca Mikel, John Wilson, Sally Huntington, Vince Moase, Laura Bewley, Sally Porter, Paula Hansen, Lisa Murphy, Sara Roberts, Michelle McKenzie, Kelsey Weyland, Roland Cristo, Cheryl Burns, Tanya Logan, Javier Perez, Susan Stieve, Doug White, Amber Kinchelo, Bob Peers, Rancel Borgess

APPOINTED: 2nd VP : Bob Peers; Member Appointee – Rancel Borgess

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP – Michelle McKenzie

273 Single, 13 Foreign, 7 Junior, 31 dual (62) – TOTAL: 355

FINCH SAVE/CENSUS – Sally Porter

Census is open but participation is low; encouraging all to participate.

WEBSITE – Paula Hansen

COMPLETE:

- Extra options for Pay Pal buttons for Membership Cart – 3 & 5 yr
- Membership website updated with new Lifetime membership fees
- Jr Membership button corrected
- Updated “Members Only” password for archived Journals
- New ring collector button activated on website

BANDS – Paula Hansen

- New ring collector and reorder inventory EZ kits and reload rings
- Conducting investigation on potential issue with size of “A” sized rings
- Composed monthly treasury report and inventory
- Use of business Debit Card working well for bi-weekly postal expenses
- New band order form printed in Dec/Jan journal

RED SISKIN – Paula Hansen

- Donation of \$1000 check from Avitech sent to Sara Roberts/Treasurer
- Brian Coyle from Smithsonian reports sending Warren Lynch to Australia to tour institutional breeding facilities and meet with Red Siskin Aviculturalists
- Plans to contact Canada individual regarding Red Siskins

TREASURY – Sara Roberts

- Update of bank account numbers for Membership Pay Pal (keeping old membership PayPal)
- Transferred PayPal funds to new Chase Bank Accounts
- Successful electronic transfer of funds to Simsdon Plastics (no more conversion fees!)
- Installed new security password in Membership PayPal

Below is the **revised** 2016 Budget.

DEPARTMENT	INCOME	EXPENSE
Bands	13,000.00	10,000.00
Membership	10,800.00	250.00
Advertising	1700.00	150.00
Judge's Panel	160.00	50.00
Finchshop	100.00	0
Affiliations	1000.00	50.00
Awards	2000.00	600.00
Journal	0	12,000.00
Misc.	330.00	3600.00
FSS	0	120.00
1 st VP/Education	0	500.00
Website	0	300.00
RSP	0	350.00
TOTAL	29,090.00	27,970.00

Funds received for a cause that rollover:

RSP: 654.55

1st VP/ Education: 291.13

Journal expenses are from membership and advertising income minus their own expenses.

Misc. is all internal cost (postage, affiliations, awards, NCBS etc.)

Submitted by:

Lisa Murphy

Prior NFSS Treasurer

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF 2nd VP PRO-TEM

The individual who was elected in the recent General Election to the position of 2nd VP informed the board he is unable to carry out the responsibilities of this position at this time. This BOD asked for those interested to submit resumes for consideration. Two candidates voiced an interest in this position. Motions were made to appoint (SEE MOTION #2016-1 and 2016-2); the candidate with the most votes and subsequently appointed to the position is Bob Peers . A Pro-Tem election will be held in accordance with the NFSS By-Laws which allows the membership to vote to approve this BOD appointment.

BY-LAW CHANGES

A suggestion was made at a prior BOD meeting that consideration be given to closing FinchShop. Sales have dropped dramatically and several items with the NFSS logo are available through Café Press – for which NFSS receives “commission” checks periodically based on a percentage of the profits from those sales. Those items which we continue to have in inventory will be sold, but not replenished (SEE MOTION #2016-3). Closing FinchShop requires a by-law change so a review of the by laws was conducted to determine if other changes needed to be made. As a result, the following changes were suggested:

MOTION 2016-4: To change “Junior Membership” from 16 years to 18 yrs of age

MOTION 2016-5: Include language in the Job Descriptions for Regional Vice-Presidents to require they submit Department Reports at Quarterly BOD meetings which outline the work they have/will conduct to promote NFSS

Per the NFSS by-laws, suggestions the Board makes for changes to the by-laws must be presented to the Membership for a vote. The requirements for notification of this upcoming vote will be met and a ballot will be included with a full explanation of the suggested by-laws changes in an upcoming issue of the Journal.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding the option of conducting background checks on future NFSS Board members. It was decided the best option for this board is to conduct credit checks on behalf of those applying for Treasurer, as they have access to our funds. It is noted when the prior Treasurer, Lisa Murphy , resigned after having served for several years, changes were implemented before transitioning in a new person. Those changes included

- 1) Placing a large portion of our funds in an account which the Treasurer does not have access to; if it is necessary for funds to be transferred from this account into the checking account – which the Treasurer DOES have access to, two BOD member must approve that transfer
- 2) Two other persons from the BOD allowed access to the current accounts the Treasurer is writing checks from, allowing them to monitor the flow of expenses and daily transactions
- 3) The President approves expenses paid for by the Treasurer

(SEE MOTION #2016-6).

NEW BUSINESS

This board discussed the benefit of bringing one (or more?) members in good standing onto the LISTSERVE to observe and participate in board meetings, as appropriate, without a vote, at the discretion of the President. (SEE MOTION #2016-7). This is seen as a win-win situation in allowing potential future board members the opportunity to learn about the business end of this society, the responsibilities of department managers and how their positions interact, and the progression of board meetings in which official business is conducted.

The option of offering electronic voting to the NFSS membership was discussed as a means of improving participation in elections. Susan Stieve will chair a committee to investigate options and report back to the BOD.

Sally Porter indicates low participation rates in the census so far and a decision was made to leave the Census open an additional length of time. Announcements will be made on the forum and NFSS FaceBook page. Sally will also make a decision about the possibility of combining all species groups into one group. Sally would like to consider new StudBook software and needs the input of those who may be interested in particular features of such a program.

Avi-Tech submitted a \$1000 donation to the Red Siskin Initiative, South America, under the oversight of Miguel Angel Arvelo, Project Coordinator, Venezuela. Thank you to this wonderful organization for their support of conservation of this species.

Roland Cristo is forming committee to address current legislation regarding Java Rice Finches – please contact him if interested in serving if you wish to be part of this project.

Sally Huntington requests the NFSS Board “support” a Pekin Robin/Silver Eared Mesia Breeding Consortium – (SEE MOTION #2016-11). This will not involve financial support, but rather endorsement of the program, use of the NFSS logo, etc.

MOTIONS

MOTION #	BY	2 nd	MOTION	RESULT
2016-1	To appoint Bob Peers as 2 nd VP	Huntington	Stieve	PASS
2016-2	To appoint Rancel Borgess as 2 nd VP	Perez	Moase	FAIL
2016-3	To close Finch Shop	Hansen	Moase	PASS
2016-4	To change the deadline for Jr membership to “18” yrs of age	Hansen	Moase	PASS
2016-5	Regional Vice-Presidents will submit quarterly reports regarding their activities done/planned for to promote NFSS	Hansen	Stieve	PASS
2016-6	To request credit checks for all persons applying for the position of Treasurer	Huntington	Kincheloe	PASS
2016-7	The BOD will allow members in good standing to be subscribed to the LISTSERVE at the discretion of the President	Huntington	Stieve	PASS
2016-8	The BOD will provide one	Kincheloe	Stieve	PASS

	"Bundle A" awards package each to the NFSS shows at the AFA and ASA conventions at a cost of \$50 each			
2016-9	FinchSave, and by default all FinchSave Facebook groups, will be open only to NFSS members in good standing	Huntington	Peers	FAIL
2016-10	The current FinchSave facebook groups will remain open to the public. The 3 rd V.P. will establish one FaceBook page for FinchSave participants with a requirement of NFSS membership.	Porter	Stieve	PASS
2016-11	NFSS will support/sponsor a Pekin Robin/Silver Eared Mesia consortium	Huntington	Porter	PASS
2016-12	To accept the minutes as written and adjourn the 1 st Q 2016 BOD meeting	Peers	Stieve	PASS