

## NFSS BOD MEETING

4<sup>th</sup> Q 2017

PRESENT: Rebecca Mikel, Javier Perez, Roland Cristo, Krystyna Tapp, Paula Hansen, Doug White, Michelle McKenzie, Laura Tinker, Susan Stieve, Bill Parlee, John Wilson, Sally Porter, Bob Peers, Sally Huntington, Cheryl Burns, Sara Roberts

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **PRESIDENT – Rebecca Mikel**

Some time ago we offered a free membership to a gentleman in S Africa in hopes that would open a door to more memberships from that country. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, I rec'd an article with accompanying photos regarding his work with Twinspots which will be included in a future issue of the Journal.

General Election results will be reported at the 2018 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Board meeting. Our dates were "off" due to early scheduling of NCBS this year. My Journal with the Bios and ballot just arrived the week of October 23-27 – so hoping I begin to see ballots returned. The Electronic Ballot is available and I've rec'd one (1) of those.

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> V.P- Sally Huntington:**

AOA went well. It was "live streamed"

The three presenters qualify for 1 year complimentary membership; Jennifer Watts, Andrea Cabibi, Jose Urrutia and Daniel Maldonado (SEE MOTION #2017-14)

**TREASURY – Sara Roberts**

P&L Jan 1,2017 - October 8, 2017		
DEPARTMENT	INCOME	EXPENSE
JOURNAL AD INCOME / PUB EXP	\$560	\$4,541
AFFILIATIONS CLUB INC	\$189	\$152
AWARD SALES / PURC & MAIL EXP	\$996	\$1,203
RSP	\$50	\$101
BAND SALES / PURCH EXP	\$5,170	\$5,471
MEMBERSHIP DUES RECD / MAIL EXP	\$5,183	\$317
ADVERTISING	\$0	\$0
JUDGE'S PANEL	\$100	\$0
MISC:		
Interest Income	\$3	
National Bird Show	\$0	\$905
Affiliate Show Sponsorship		\$125
NCBS 2016 RAFFLE PROCEEDS	\$125	\$0
Business (postage, mailing, office)		\$175
Web Hosting		\$360
P&L Jan 1,2017 - October 8, 2017		
DEPARTMENT	INCOME	EXPENSE
Bank Fees		\$105
Donations INC / Outgoing (Provita)	\$250	\$50
Govt Fees		\$395
TOTAL	\$12,626	\$13,900
PROFIT/<LOSS>		(\$1,274)
Chase Bank Balances @ 10/25/17		
Checking		\$5,003.00
Savings		\$26,453.00
Total Cash		\$31,456.00

## **PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2018**

<b>DEPT</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>POSTAGE</b>	<b>PAY PAL</b>	<b>SUPPLIES</b>	<b>NOTES:</b>
Bands	\$6,000.00	\$3,736.00	\$800.00	\$150.00	Included	
Membership	\$8,197.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$175.00	Included	
Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Judges Panel	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Affiliates and Sponsorships	\$190.00	\$1,180.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Awards	\$1,700.00	\$1,400.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$0	
Journal	\$0	\$8,500.00	Included	N/A	Included	4 issues
Misc (including donations)	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$140.00	\$0	\$50	
Finch Save	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	
1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Education	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Website	\$0	\$250.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Red Siskin Project	\$0	\$125.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,287.00</b>	<b>\$15,591.00</b>	<b>\$1280.00</b>	<b>\$355</b>	<b>\$50</b>	

### **TOTAL PROFIT/LOSS: \$11.00**

Cheryl Burns completed an audit of the 2015 Financial Records of the society; all records have been returned to Sara Roberts.

### **MEMBERSHIP- Michelle McKenzie**

As of 9/30/2018:

263 single; 32 dual X2= 64; 1 electronic; 15 foreign; 6 junior; Total = 349

### **4<sup>TH</sup> VP/JUDGE'S PANEL – Laura Tinker**

#### **Panel Update**

- Judge's panel consists of 17 judges. We are easily supporting approximately 20 NFSS shows/year.
- One apprentice, Gene Perez, had to postpone his last apprenticeship due to a hurricane.
- A successful meeting of the Judge's Panel and Judge's Clinic took place Oct 26, 2017.
- Regular communication continues with the judge's panel on matters pertaining to judging.

#### **Quarterly Accomplishments**

- All forms pertaining to our judge's selection for NCBS 2018 have been submitted to NCBS and include a Bio and photo of our judge. NCBS will be reimbursing \$600 to our judge and NFSS will be responsible for \$400 of the judge's expenses payable at the NCBS show.
- Show reports are up to date and are entered into the database as they are received.
- Records and blank show reports have now been received from the prior 4<sup>th</sup> VP.

## **Future Goals**

- A society finch standard silhouette. Photos have been assembled to assist the process and the judge's panel has been contacted to see if a silhouette program or drawings to assist in the process. We have one request from the membership meeting to clarify the society finch standard descriptions. This can be accomplished through a standards committee. Cheryl Burns and Laura Tinker have offered to participate.
- A new draft of the Judge's Handbook is in process with some corrections and additions (new classifications, etc.) The revision to the handbook will happen after the completion of the society finch silhouette/standard update.

## **BAND DEPARTMENT – Paula Hansen**

All updates made to web regarding census, meetings, status of shows, legislative updates, and placed mail-in ballot on site. Some updates to the software may be necessary over the next year.

Provided financial reports to Treasurer for the month and quarter, seeing decreases in sales due to decreases in membership.

Paula has committed to provide Red Siskin pairs from this next season. Brian Coyle (Smithsonian) notes SCBI birds doing well – 17 adults and chicks just fledged. Miami zoo expressed an interest in joining. Their pairs (12) would be split between a flock exhibit and those used for research. The Venezuelan population in Miami provides a great opportunity for education/outreach and fundraising.

With regard to AWA legislation – Ellen Paul, Executive Director, Ornithological Council, will contact USDA for clarification.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NFSS – National Finch Show RESULTS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Mutation Shafttail – Ricardo Gaskin (Bill Parlee Best Finch)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Violet Eared Waxbill – Lauren Ogburn (Andrew Green Honorary)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Red Head Purple Breast Gouldian – Lauren Ogburn
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Pekin Robin – Sally Huntington (Val Clear Best Softbill, Vince Huntington Memorial)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – European Chocolate Society – Paulo Neto
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Normal Zebra Male – Jose Urrutia
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Red Billed Fire Finch – Sally Porter
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Superb Starling – Fran Anderson
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Blue Capped Cordon Blue – Sally Porter
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Fawn Zebra Hen – Jose Urrutia

### **SERVICE AWARDS:**

- Vince Moase – 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President  
Kelsey Weyland – Advertising

### **NATIONAL AVICULTURAL RECOGNITION AWARD:**

Charles Kostan Loukeris/Red Siskin – Level B

### **2016 HIGH POINT FLIGHTED BIRD**

Cheryl Burns, American Self Chocolate Society

### **2016 HIGH POINT UNFLIGHTED BIRD**

Laurie Erwin – Peales Parrot Finch

## **2016 CHAMPION EXHIBITOR AWARDS**

Laurie Erwin – 265  
Cheryl Burns – 141  
Lauren Ogburn – 122  
Carlos Mendez Hernandez– 101  
Wilfredo Barreto – 90  
Van To – 75  
Gene Perez – 72  
Hiram Rampersaud – 64

## **2016 EXHIBITOR OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

Rebecca Mikel – 202  
Gene Perez Forte – 256  
Sally Porter – 223  
Hiram Rampersaud – 254

The membership is requested to “stay tuned” for an upcoming proposal to amend our bylaws with regard to the procedure to following the even the society is ever dissolved. This is a formality and would require a change to the language in our bylaws and it will require a membership vote via a ballot. The president is in receipt of two signed letters from members of the board regarding this change. (SEE MOTION #2017-15)

## **SALLY PORTER, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Census/Finch Save**

We will no longer be publishing a paper copy of the Census in the NFSS Journal. Results of this year’s Census have been published.

## **DISASTER RELIEF INFORMATION:**

For anyone inquiring about disaster relief for those with birds, please note that the AFA (American Federation of Aviculture) Disaster Relief will assist with food and supplies if needed in times of emergency. You don't have to be a member to receive help.

You may e mail Sally Huntington directly, who will then follow up to assure the appropriate person involved to help. Email her at [president@afabirds.org](mailto:president@afabirds.org). Other contact information is as follows:

- Disaster Relief Page: <http://www.afabirds.org/drf2008.shtml>
- Southern California Regional Director: Genny Wall, [SCaliforniaDirector@afabirds.org](mailto:SCaliforniaDirector@afabirds.org) 949-859-0861
- San Diego Area State Coordinator: Jerry Jennings, [mr2can@aol.com](mailto:mr2can@aol.com) 760-728-2226
- Los Angeles Area State Coordinator: Rockie Mooney 562-868-8292
- Los Angeles Area State Coordinator: Alex Culp [aculp@datahunter.com](mailto:aculp@datahunter.com) 714-308-0270
- NFSS Rep Sally Huntington, [huntington.sally@gmail.com](mailto:huntington.sally@gmail.com)

## CENSUS

The January issue of National Geographic has an article on WHY BIRDS MATTER. They are celebrating 2018 as the year of the bird. *“Besides humans, only one kind of animal can be found on all seven continents: birds...”* and *“...their populations reflect the heath of the planet.”*

How important is NFSS to aviculture? What we, NFSS members, know about so many finches and softbills is validated by our Annual Census. The Census recognizes our members intimate experience ‘tribal knowledge’ an essential part of avian education. This why many zoos turn to us, private aviculture, and asking best practice in keeping and propagating specific species.

Again, this is why the **Census** is just one of NFSSs contribution to supporting the welfare of birds

### MOTIONS:

#	BY	2 <sup>nd</sup>	MOTION	RESULT
2017-14	Roberts	Perez	Provide complimentary memberships to Adrea Cabibi, Jennifer Watts, Daniel Maldonado, Jose Urrutia for presentations at AOA/NBS 2017	PASS
2017-15	Hansen	Stieve	Bring vote to membership regarding By Law change pertaining to dissolution of society	PASS
2017-16	Hansen	Roberts	Accept 2018 proposed budget	PASS
2017-17	Hansen	Roberts	Accept new ad pricing	PASS
2017-18	Hansen	Stieve	Accept new awards pricing	PASS
2017-19	Stieve	Tinker	Honor Best Zebra Finch award as advertised in NBS Catalog for 2016 & 2017 and provide to winners	PASS
2017-20	Hansen	Roberts	To adjourn meeting	PASS