

NFSS 1st Qtr. 1998

Board Meeting

Held: Tampa, FL

Recorded 2/14/98

Recorded by Paul Williams,
Executive Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Castaner, and it was announced a quorum was present. Those Board members/Appointed Officers in attendance included: Ron Castaner, Dale Laird, Eileen Laird, Ginny Allen, Paul Williams, Sally Huntington, Daniel Almaguer, Martha Wigmore, Steve Hoppin and Kerri McCoy.

Minutes of the last board meeting held in Denver, CO were not available for action.

Members were briefed on the resignation of Lynda Bakula as treasurer. The board selected Martha Wigmore to serve as Treasurer Pro Tem until an election for this position can be conducted. A complete financial accounting of the Society was not provided at this meeting, as the transfer of records and monies from the previous treasurer has not been completed. Once this transfer is accomplished a financial status report will be prepared and forwarded to each board member for review.

Martha Wigmore presented to the board a request from Lynda Bakula for expenses for the period 1994-97 in the amount of \$3000.00, and provided the board with documentation/receipts to support a request for reimbursement. A great deal of discussion was directed to this matter, and after the lengthy discussion a motion was presented by Williams and seconded by D. Laird to approve payment in the amount of \$2500.00. All board members felt that Ms Bakula should have taken action and submitted here request for reimbursement in a more timely manner. Martha Wigmore will coordinate with the President and prepare a letter to notify Mrs. Bakula of the action taken by the board. Because of this incident a motion was presented by D. Laird and seconded by Hoppin that requires all board members to submit receipts for reimbursement of expenses within 90 days of incurring the expense. Motion Carried.

Comments were then offered concerning seed used on the floor of show cages and the possibility of some action being taken to insure conformity at each show. No action taken by the board on this issue.

Sally Huntington requested the board to reconsider the decision of not allowing NFSS show points to be awarded at specialty shows. A

period of discussion was held with no decision being reached at this time; however, the topic will be addressed at the next meeting of the board.

Daniel Almaguer directed several topics related to FinchSave to the board. Closed bands vs. open bands, a fee being charged, and providing information to the membership on how to participate in the FinchSave program.

The Liaison Director, Ginny Allen, then briefed the board on the increase in affiliation dues from \$10.00 to \$20.00, cost for plaques will remain as they currently are, and rosettes will increase from \$25.00 to \$35.00. This action was necessary due to the ever-increasing cost of these items from our supplier. The board was also notified NFSS has 23 affiliated clubs as of this date. Another issue addressed at this time was consideration of increasing the pay of the bulletin editor to \$200.00 per issue. The board took no action.

The report of the Band Secretary was presented and reported the society ordered 30,000 bands for 1997 – received 412 request for bands, which resulted in 27,250 bands being mailed to members.

The board was reminded the election of a new treasurer must be accomplished by June and Dale and

Eileen Laird were appointed the serve as the election committee. Martha Wigmore resigned as 2nd Vice President and notified those present that she intended to seek the Treasurers position.

President Castaner briefed board members concerning a letter he had received from Kris Kroner, Region 1 Vice President. There was discussion concerning the letter and it was agreed that Dale Laird, 1st Vice President of NFSS, would contact K. Kroner and discuss with her the interest/work of NFSS.

Due to the resignation of Wigmore as 2nd Vice President, Kerri McCoy, NFSS Bulletin Editor, agreed to fulfill the responsibilities of this office until a special election could be conducted.

AFA affiliation dues were addressed and approved. Vince Huntington will serve as the NFSS delegate to AFA. Motion by Williams, seconded by S. Huntington. Motion carried.

Future board meeting were discussed and the following was established: 2nd Qtr Meeting will be conducted by mail, 3rd Qtr Meeting will be October 3, 1998 at the Great American, and the 4th Qtr Meeting will be held at the National Cage Bird Show in Chicago in November 1998.

NFSS classifications for the National Show catalogue were addressed. A motion by D. Laird and seconded by V. Huntington that Steve Hoppin, 4th Vice President, be authorized to finalize and present the NFSS recommendations to the National Show. Motion carried.

There being no additional business the meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

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