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NFS NEWS AND NOTES

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NFS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 11, 1989

This meeting was called to order by the President in the home of the new band secretary, Denise Capazzi. Attending: William Parlee, Russell Amlidge, Jr., Brenda Geesey, Roger O'Connell and Christine Voronovitch.

The complete minutes of the National Meeting held in San Diego, as taken by Richard Beuley, were read as was the "State of the Society" report. An item was called to our attention as having been left out of the report as it was summarized in the year-end bulletin. Our current President, William Parlee has said that he will not run for re-election in the 1990 election.

The leg band report indicated that our band secretary has filled 122 orders to this date, representing about 1200 bands sold. We would like to remind our members, again, to order early in the year and to try to anticipate how many bands they would need for the year. Also, try to band the chicks when they are young enough to use the recommended sizes as bands that are too large can be very dangerous to a bird later in it's life.

The Judge's Panel report was handled, in part, by the 1st Vice President as Dr. Decoteau was ill and not in attendance. His report showed that Judge Marco Arrida sent a letter indicating that he must resign for personal reasons. His resignation was reluctantly accepted. The next item was a vote on a new judge. Dr. Decoteau recommended that we vote favorably on this item as all requirements had been fulfilled. A vote taken by the members present resulted in Kenneth Gunby being unanimously approved as an NFS Judge.

We also voted to censure a present Panel Judge for his failure to return two show reports. He has been contacted twice with no response. Dr. Decoteau, Panel Chairman, will handle this.

No Standards report was given. At the National the proposed Society standard was defeated because several points seemed unclear.

Membership and Affiliation report indicated that we have 750 members and 68 club affiliations as of this date. The rosettes for "unflighted" birds are being well received. There is a new affiliation form, please take note.

The Publishing Committee, now headed by Brenda Geesey, reported that the transition from one editor to the other has been less than smooth, through no fault of the previous editor. Things have snowballed and the bulletin is late again. She is determined to overcome and get us back on schedule. A motion was heard and passed that Brenda seek out and approve an "advertising director" to work closely with her to actively solicit ads to make our bulletin more profitable.

The Points Committee had no report because two show reports are still outstanding.

The Promotions report covered the sales of the Official Handbook, the 1989 T-shirt, and the Java Rice Bird mugs, all of which are going quite well. Bill circulated several drawings of possible logos for NFS. A design was chosen as the board's favorite and will be introduced soon. The NFS "store" which warehouses and distributes the merchandise will now be run by xJerry McCawley, 400 Charles St., Luzerne, PA 18709. As of June 1, 1989 you should contact him for all NFS promotional items.

The only item on the agenda for New Business was a communication from Martha Wigmore, Regional Vice-President, Mountain Region, (#5). She states that because her family has increased, (a new baby), that she no longer has the time to handle her NFS position. The board was sorry to hear that but we agreed with her recommendation and voted to appoint Rita O'Dell as her successor.

As a nostalgic touch President Parlee read the minutes from January 8, 1984 of the "Northeast Finch Society" the forerunner of the National Finch and Softbill Society. The topics of that organizational meeting were quite interesting and quite different from our current board minutes.

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ATTENTION ALL JUDGES: New judging report forms are being printed and will be sent to you in time for the 1989 show season.
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Many of you are familiar with the recently published "Monograph on Endangered Parrots". The same publisher is planning a similar monograph on Toucans. The tentative publication date is 1994. The publisher would like very much to receive any slides, photos, notes on behavior in the wild or in captivity, any observations of breeding, breeding records, feeding programs, and any other data that would assist in his effort. His address is:

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