

NFS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING - MARCH 13, 1988.

The NFS quarterly Board meeting was held at the home of Nancy Reed, in Windsor, CT on March 13, 1988. The meeting came to order at 2:48 p.m.

Present at the meeting were: Dr. Al Decoteau, Roger O'Connell, Pam Liddy, William Parlee, Russ Armitage, Nancy Reed, and Chris Voronovitch, and last but not least my hand-fed CFW English Zebra "Fortune".

The secretary's report was accepted as published and the Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Standards Committee: Dr. Decoteau reported that the Chairman of the Diamond Sparrow committee had to resign for personal reasons. Micheal Bronson of Michigan will now Chair that committee. It is presently at a stand-still, as additional committee members are needed. No report was yet available on the Lavender Finch from Brenda Geesey, Chairperson. Charles Anchor has written to Dr. Decoteau to pass on some information to the Diamond Sparrow committee. The information is that "squatting on the perch", seems to be a trait of the bird, and he would not like to see them "faulted" for that in the Standard.

The Java Rice Bird Standard by Cecil Gunby was circulated among the Board for their consideration.

Judge's Panel Report: Dr. Decoteau sent two separate letters to remind panel members to pay their judges fees. To date four judges have still not paid the fee. There was also a suggestion made that Membership Services note on the renewal letters of panel members to make their fees due when their membership renewals are due. Al also submitted four new candidates for approval. (see votes).

Elections Committee: Pam Liddy stated that returns are still coming in and tabulations are under way. The results of the election should be published in the March/April issue of the Bulletin, as it will be out after the votes are counted.

"FINCHSAVE" REPORT: Effective January 1, 1988 the program officially went into effect. The program is getting off to a slower start than we had hoped for. There have been 38 official inquiries. Five participants have qualified and sent the correct paperwork to Hal Koontz, to qualify for the program. Species chosen by these participants were: Green Singer, St. Helena Waxbill and three with the Blue-capped Cordon Bleu. It was reported that a few Captains have not sent in some necessary paperwork.

1988 CENSUS: Bill Parlee reported that the 1988 Finch and Softbill Census is now underway, and should be published in the July/Aug issue of the Bulletin. It was suggested that all members responding be contacted by

letter regarding participation in the Finchsave program. It was also noted that Hal Koontz would be writing an article for the AFA Watchbird.

Leg Band Report: Roger O'Connell reported that 10,400 leg bands were sold by NFS during 1987. To correct some confusion in band sizes, remember that you can always use a size smaller, but never a size larger than published, unless it is approved by the Board (for purposes of exhibition).

The Band order for 1989 will be revised to reflect some new sizes. When ordering, please try to anticipate your needs for the whole year. Don't wait until your birds to hatch and expect to have the bands in time for banding. We do have members who order every few weeks, this causes undue work for the Band Secretary, and slows things down for everyone.

Leg Band cost for 1989 was also discussed as we are losing money on the bands with the dollar devaluation.

Affiliation report: Pam Liddy stated that last year we had a total of 51 affiliated clubs, 47 American and 4 International clubs. Clubs that have not yet re-affiliated for 1988 will be send a second reminder as of March 31, 1988.

Membership Report: Russ Armitage indicated that as of this date we have 617 paid members.

VOTES:

1. Java Rice Bird Standard approved
 2. Motion passed to make judges fee due upon membership renewal.
 3. Martha Wigmore, Clayton Jones, Harold Bowles, and Larry Brandt, all completing their requirements were accepted to the Judge's Panel.
 4. Motion to relax the 25 cap on the Panel was passed.
 5. Motion to increase the cap to 40 passed.
 6. Vote to increase leg band fee to \$1.75 a string of 10, and to eliminate the shipping charges was accepted.
 7. The Board voted to privately censure a Judge for not sending in a show report on time.
 8. Motion to require all judges to participate in one specie being worked on by the Standards Committee during a three year period was passed.
 9. Motion carried to allow for First Class delivery of Bulletin at additional \$5 cost due upon renewal.
 10. Passed was a motion to remove from the panel any Judge that does not pay his/her fee after a 30 day written notice.
 11. Diamond Sparrow to be 1988 NFS Tee-shirt.
 12. Passed to remind members that in 1991 colors for show boxes will be enforced. Exterior; black, interior; white or Pdw.Blue
- The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for June 12, 1988 in York, PA. Respectfully submitted, Christine Voronovitch.