

Second Quarter 1999 NFSS Board Meeting

Ft. Myers, FL
May 29, 1999

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Roll Call:

The following Board members were in attendance but the entire Board had the opportunity to vote on all motions and seconds by E-mail.

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Ron Castaner
Dale Laird
Eileen Laird
Steve Hoppin

Reports:

1. Treasurer report - current balance \$ 7874.90. NFSS 1998 tax return has been filed.
2. Fourth Vice President report - judge's fees and reports filed for 1999.
3. Band Secretary - over three hundred band orders have been processed to date. Band orders have surpassed previous year by over one hundred orders.
4. NFSS 2000/2001 Election Committee report - current slate and voting procedures reviewed by members present.
5. NFSS has a full-page promotional ad in the 1999 KT GABS catalog.

Business:

1. Discussion of lack of reports by regional Vice Presidents concerning their educational and promotional activities of NFSS in their respective region. No written reports received.
2. The following motion was made by Steve Hoppin and seconded by Dale Laird - In recognition of Mr. Ray Johnson's dedication and contributions to the entire field of aviculture, I make the motion that NFSS award him lifetime NFSS membership and Honorary Panel Judge status. Copies of motion to be forwarded to Board members

for vote.

3. Board members revisited a motion made by Bill Parlee. The motion presented an official NFSS Internet email policy. Copies of motion to be forwarded to Board members for vote.

4. A written concern was received questioning why exhibition and bird points are accumulated at non-affiliated shows. Board discussion followed and requested the Panel Chairman to research affiliation procedures and point accumulation for other National societies.

5. Panel Chairman reports Sally Huntington and he have made forward progress in developing criteria of a motion for procedures of an additional apprentice testing policy. It's anticipated this motion will probably be ready for inclusion in the Third Quarter NFSS Board Meeting "By Mail".

6. A request to the Board was made for show standards for the Mouse Bird, Touraco, and Red headed finch. The Board asked the Panel Chairman to provide details on the procedure for the selection of finch and softbill species for the creation of a standard. Panel Chairman reported that multiple birds of a particular specie consistently placing on top bench throughout the show seasons were top priority for selection process. The Board recommends all future inquiries and requests for standards be directed to the Panel Chairman.

7. Board member request for the Judge's Handbook to be up-dated and to include the present 1998 classifications. Panel Chairman reported 1999 NFSS budget included expenditure for revision. The Handbook is currently being edited and a Fall release is anticipated.

8. Board discussed several different ideas concerning a potential "Breeder Recognition Program" for NFSS' Finchsav. Any and all suggestions for this program should be submitted to the Finchsav Director, Daniel Almaguer.

9. The Board reviewed a proposal from a NFSS member requesting the Society become a distributor for his recommended products. The Board members in attendance discussed all submitted information, however, declined the offer.

Items requiring a vote:

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The following motion was made by Steve Hoppin and seconded by Dale Laird concerning a lifetime membership & Honorary Judge's status for Mr. Ray Johnson.

In recognition of Ray Johnson's many years of dedicated service to Aviculture and in view of his current health status to award Mr. Johnson a lifetime membership in NFSS and award him an honorary status as a Panel Judge .

Yes-13, No-0, Did not vote-2

The following motion was made by Bill Parlee and seconded by Steve Hoppin concerning NFSS Official E-mail Policy:

"All National Finch and Softbill Society Board member Internet E-Mail communications, between individual members, must be directed to the member or members involved. Communications to the whole Board should be directed to the President with copies to all Board members. E-mail directed in any other method will not be considered as official NFSS E-mail. Board sensitive E-mail or copies thereof may only be communicated between members of the National Finch and Softbill Society."

Yes-12, No-1, Did not vote-2

Submitted by:
Ron Castaner
NFSS President

Awards Manager

Ginny Allen has been the Awards Manager for more years than she originally agreed to, but has decided it is time for her to turn position over to another volunteer. If you think you may be able to help NFSS by filling this position please contact Ginny at gndallen@earthlink.net or (334) 749-7168. For more details.