

June 12, 1988. The June Board Meeting was held in York, Pennsylvania, at the home of Brenda Geesey. Present were Brenda, Dr. Decoteau, Russ Araitage, Bill Parlee, Roger O'Connell, Chris Voronovitch, Bruce Evanick, and Denise Capazzi.

A vote was taken and approved at this meeting that all panel judges will be required to serve on a Standard Committee at least one in a three year period.

Dr. Decoteau also asked for volunteers for the Diamond Sparrow committee.

The Lavender Finch Standard is nearing completion. It was noted by Conrad Meinert that Lavenders should be faulted for their melanistic tendencies.

The Society Finch Standard update is well on its way to completion and should be ready for vote at our annual meeting in San Diego. Martha Wigmore heads the committee with Hal Koontz and Bill Parlee serving. The new revision will state Standards for Chestnut and Dilute forms of the Society Finch.

Input is being received on the Zebra Finch revision. That committee will begin to formulate the revisions early in 1989. Bill Parlee, chairs the committee with Brian Binns, Karl Kline, and Charles Anchor participating.

Publishing: The problems with delays in the bulletin were discussed. Brenda Geesey will be taking over as Editor with the Jan/Feb issue. Five hundred copies of the Handbook will be published at a cost of \$5.00 per copy.

Finchsave: The Finchsave program is operating at least than expected participation. There are two dozen participants with many more completing their requirements. The Board spend much time discussing ways to increase the participation in the program. The Board has received many requests that the requirements in numbers of pairs necessary be reduced.

Leg Bands: As of June we had sold 7,310 bands with 6,600 on hand. The Board received a complaint the "e" size is too large for Society Finches. We have not received other complaints on this item. Let's hear from you!

Membership: It was reported that we have 605 paid members and 57 affiliated clubs.

Classifications: Our new classifications for 1988 were applauded. The Board voted to send them to Lindsay Clack of the Pittsburg Zoo for Ornithological "clean-up". It was voted that local shows shall enforce the legality of birds entered in their shows as Panel Judges may not be aware of each state's laws.

The Board voted that our classifications include the following statement:
Note: Local show officials must not allow the exhibition of Federally or locally illegal entries.

The pointing of individual winning birds was again discussed. It was felt that to give the bird the same number of points that the owner received for the placement in show would be the easiest to administer for the Points director. Input should be sent to Brenda Geesey

The Board voted to purchase a hard disc drive for the Membership chairperson for permanent installation in his computer.

Other votes: The Board approved the election results. The 1988 classifications were approved. Increase of Regional V.P.'s budget from \$50 to \$100 per year was approved.

Respectfully submitted: Chris Voronovitch.

Note: These minutes were condensed by the editor because of space considerations. All votes taken were included.

August 10, 1988. The August Board meeting was held at the AFA convention in Tampa, Florida. In attendance was Cecil Gunby, Bill Parlee, Al Decoteau, Laura Bewley, Roger O'Connell, Brenda Geesey, Russ Armitage, Dr. Val Clear, Lindsay Clack, Richard Bewley, Ken Gunby, Larry Brandt and other guests.

Reports were given on Membership and affiliations. The minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report were accepted.

The following votes were taken: Forms for completion by Finchsave participants on their yearly report should be made available to the Board and members.

Having completed her apprenticeship program the the name of Laura Bewley was brought before the Board for approval to the Judges Panel. She was approved as a Panel judge.

It was voted that the club hosting the National shall note have to pay an affiliation fee for that year.

Letters are to be sent to Reg. V. P.'s both before and after Board meetings.

Current copy of the bulletin will be send with membership card to new members upon paying their dues.

Ads will be approved at the National for insertion in A.C.B.M. and Bird Talk.

Regional show for 1989.

Along with the Board meeting a general membership meeting was held at the convention with many interested parties attending.

NFS maintained a membership booth at the convention. It was located directly next to the International Softbill booth. There were several cross-memberships received, and a lot of good conversation between our societies. We enlisted I.S.S. to help us in determining band sizes for Softbilled birds.

These minutes were taken from notes, as our Secretary was not present.
Respectfully submitted: William Parlee.

October 2, 1988. An emergency Board Meeting was called for by Al Decoteau in accordance with the by laws. Present were Al Decoteau, Bill Parlee, Brenda Geesey, Bruce Evanick, Russ Armitage, and Chris Voronovitch. The meeting took place at the Great American Bird Show in Baltimore, MD.

A discussion was held regarding an apprentice judge and his actions toward the Board. Our legal counsel was consulted and his views made known. Appropriate action has been taken.

Other business brought up was the acceptance of Cecil Gunby to the Judge's Panel. His apprenticeship was discussed and he was approved.

It was voted to approve a measure that would extend all members membership by two months beyond their normal anniversary date. This would allow the editor of the bulletin to condense the last three issues for 1988 into two issues; July/Aug/Sept. and Oct/Nov/Dec., this would allow all members to receive the six issues of the bulletin they are guaranteed by their membership agreement.

The Board members present also discussed the future involvement the NFS would or would not play in future Great American Bird Shows. NFS would like to see the reinstatement of a Board of Directors for the show, consisting of representatives of all the specialty societies involved.

Being no further business to discuss the Board adjourned, to meet again at the regularly scheduled 4th quarter Board Meeting to be held in conjunction with our National Show in San Diego, California on November 16-19, 1988.