

NFSS 2nd Qtr 1994 Board Meeting

"By Mail" - 5/26/94, 8/02/94

*Reported by Steve Hoppin
NFSS President*

My sincere thanks to fifteen of nineteen members who voted, especially those who took the time to add well thought comments and suggestions.

The Board voted to approve

- the nomination of three NFSS panel judges to judge at the National Cage Bird Show in 1995: Steve Hoppin, Clarence Culwell, Marty Von Raesfeld.
- to waive from the \$5.00 per band/bird cross registration fee all FINCHSAVE registered offspring wearing a closed traceable band equivalent to the NFSS band size M or larger.
- to amend the NFSS Apprentice Judge Program to include the following:
 1. To apply to take the written test in the NFSS Apprentice Program, one must have been a member of NFSS for at least three years.
 2. One must have won points in the top ten at least five times.

In response to a request from the President, the Board provided numerous ideas in support of educational activities, recognition of NFSS breeders and especially, conservation.

The following information has been compiled from reports submitted by NFSS Board members and Committees for the Second Quarter, 1994.

Publication Committee - Martha Wigmore

We have another cover by twelve year old Kirsten Swank on the July/August '94 issue. It is terrific, and has again her distinctive style (it is nesting Yellow-collared Yuhinas). Thank you Kirsten!

The concept of printing **Special Issues** are looking more like a reality. On occasion, *The NFSS Bulletin* will run an issue that abounds with information pertaining to topics sharing similarity (i.e.: various small waxbills, fostering and handfeeding, etc.). We hope to initiate this with the Sep/Oct '94 issue.

A very informative, itemized account of cost per issue of *The NFSS Bulletin* was included in her quarterly report. All figures including costs of printing and postage were broken down "to the penny". Martha is also inquiring into future postal rate increases.

The NFSS Handbook is in the process of being revised and estimated completion time is early Fall.

The NFSS Membership Brochures will be updated with Lynda

Bakula's new address and phone in the late summer.

Education Committee - Martha Wigmore

The table of contents for the NFSS video, *The Wonderful World of Finches and Softbills: An Introduction*, has been revised and made available to FINCHSHOP.

Martha plans to spend her "spare time" this summer making new shipping boxes and applying minor refurbishing to the NFSS Display Boards.

Judges Panel Report - Dr. Al Decoteau

Effective June 1, 1994 there were no applications received to apprentice this year. An addendum to this report, June 26, 1994, indicated two members had applied and tests were scheduled for both. Since this time, a total of nine individuals have applied.

Two judges had not responded with their annual report of shows to be judged which was due March 1, 1994. Of the two, one has responded. The other has chosen not to respond (after receiving certified letter) and has been suspended from the NFSS Judges Panel effective January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995.

Standards Report - Dr. Al Decoteau

We are currently working to re-establish the Mynah Standard Committee which had eroded. There have been no additional reports received by Al since the last board meeting. The Pekin Robin Standard, as

printed in *The NFSS Bulletin*, will be submitted to the Board for approval as no comments have been received.

Classifications Committee - Dr. Al Decoteau

Al has been in good contact with the committee and reports that much work has already been accomplished on the Classifications - *the proposed changes are good ones*. There are still several categories that must be debated.

Membership Committee - Lynda Bakula

According to the detailed reports Lynda submitted, NFSS is continuing to grow with a report of 50 new members and 5 new affiliated clubs in the second quarter!

Comments received on the renewal forms or membership applications are being reviewed on a continuous basis and either forwarded to the appropriate person or handled accordingly. And to Barbara H. Collins, thank you very much for the delightful poems. They certainly lifted our spirits and may possibly be published in a future issue of the *Bulletin*.

Advertising Committee - Lynda Bakula

Lynda is working full speed ahead on getting "lots" of advertising requests out to interested parties. Along with the request, she has been including an issue of *The NFSS Bulletin* to give the potential advertiser



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FINCHSHOP - Pat and Mary Krichten

Pat reports sales for the second quarter have been good. *The NFSS Handbook*, NFSS video, Gouldian pin and NFSS name badges have continued to be among the most popular items requested. We are glad to see back issues of *The NFSS Bulletin* have been in large demand this quarter!

Pat wishes to remind us he is now keeping a sturdy supply of the NFSS video on hand and will be able to accommodate orders.

A few FINCHSHOP stock items are running short and the Board will determine whether to reorder and replace these items or to design and purchase new items for FINCHSHOP at the 3rd Quarter Board Meeting.

