

## BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1985

The meeting came to order at 4:30 p.m., on Sunday, September 8, 1985. Present were: Bill Parlee, Al Decoteau, Russ Armitage, Nancy Reed, Tony Patterson, Pam Liddy and two guests. After the roll call was taken, it was announced that a quorum was present.

The first order of business was a proposal by President Parlee that a new format for presenting business at Board meetings be adopted. The new format calls for a roll call of those present, reports of all Standing Committees, and reports of Presidential Committees. The committee reports are to be followed by a Secretary's report, Treasurer's report, old and new business. Bill suggested that this new format would allow the Board to complete the Society's business in the most efficient manner.

The show report was read. All business regarding the NFS National Show has been completed. Judges, reservations, catalog and trophy procurement have been completed. The show catalogs were mailed on Sept. 4, 1985. It was announced that the Annual Meeting of the Society would be held at the Holiday Inn on Friday evening at 8:30 p.m., following the evening registration of birds. The NFS will have a hospitality room for all NFS members, host club members, and guests. The location of the hospitality room will be posted in the hotel lobby. The room will be open on Friday evening from 9:30 to 11 p.m.

Bill gave the Publishing Committee's report. He stated that the July/August Bulletin, the Judges Handbook and the Show Catalog had all been printed and mailed. Bill commented that we are now doing all publications on computer and that Nancy Reed had volunteered to proof all printed material. It is the committee's hope that these new preparation techniques will resolve our problem of misspellings and typos, and make our materials more professional. Bill reported that the Sept/Oct issue of the bulletin should be in the mail by Sept. 15th.

The Research Committee had no report. The Standards Committee report was given by Dr. Decoteau. He stated that Dr. Val Clear had volunteered to head a committee to develop a Standard of Perfection for the Lady Gouldian and its mutations. Cecil Gunby, Roger O'Connell and Hal Koontz agreed to participate on the committee. Al also announced a new committee formed by Bill Parlee to establish a Standard for the Green Singing Finch and the Cordon Bleu. Dr. Decoteau said he would be following these committees closely and would ask for a progress report at the next National meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

The Judges Panel Committee report was also given by Al Decoteau. He listed all the apprentices and their present standings. The Judges test was given to four people at the San Francisco meeting and two of the four taking the test passed. A discussion followed regarding our "grandfather

clause": the accepting of judges outside of the continent, and in areas like California where apprenticing would cause an extreme hardship. The board gave Dr. Decoteau some leeway in this area. It was pointed out that we must protect the integrity of the Panel.

There was no report from the Education Committee. The President's Committees' reports were then given. The Membership report was given by Russ Armitage. Russ stated that we had picked up 28 new members since the last meeting. Membership renewals are progressing about as expected. Russ also reported that we have three new affiliations: The Baltimore Bird Fanciers, Georgia Cage Bird and The Kansas City Avicultural Society.

Russ Armitage gave the Band Secretary's report, stating that we had reordered 1985 bands in the middle of the summer and now had passed the break-even point for all 1985 bands. Russ pointed out that we would not be receiving many more 1985 orders, although there is a sufficient band inventory to handle any additional orders. The 1986 bands are about to be ordered and would be mailed to members starting December 26, 1985. Russ suggested that members get their orders in early, as we expect a heavy Dec. 26th mailing.

Nancy Reed gave the election committee report. She read the nominations for all offices. The election ballot will go out with the Sept/Oct issue of the Bulletin and should be mailed back to Pam Liddy, 245 Draper St., Springfield, MA 01108, no later than October 31, 1985. Pam Liddy was selected by the Board to replace Nancy Reed as Club Liaison officer effective at the beginning of the year.

Bill gave the bylaws committee report. All corrections in the bylaws have been made, and the final approved copy of the bylaws will be published in the Sept/Oct issue of the bulletin. The bylaw committee was then disbanded.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted. Russ gave the Treasurer's report. The balance after expenses of \$3,006.17 since the last meeting was \$1,075.61. Russ stated that the affiliated clubs' show plaques and the show catalog accounted for the unusually large expense amount. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

The next order of business was old business. Al Decoteau gave a report on the San Francisco NFS meeting. He told us that the meeting was well attended and active. A complete discussion of that meeting followed. The continuing problem of show cages was again discussed. Bill suggested that we get blueprints done, and select a builder for the cages on the East and West coasts so as to limit freight costs. A letter from the Eagles of Sacramento was read to the Directors, and will be considered further.

Under new business, Bill Parlee commented on our affiliation program. The Board feels that the expense to the Society is too great, costing us more than each affiliate's dues. After some discussion, Bill suggested a multilevel affiliation plan which he thought could have far-reaching benefits for the Society. The plan was adopted for 1986 and is as follows.

Three affiliation plans would be available to bird clubs. For small clubs or those that do not have a show, NFS would offer for a \$30.00 fee, a plaque for a breeder award or distinguished service award ("whatever" the club designates), plus all the other affiliation benefits. For clubs wishing show affiliations, two levels would be available. For a \$40 fee the club would receive a Best in Show plaque and rosettes for the top three finches. For a \$60 fee the club would receive plaques for the top three finches and rosettes for the top six finches. Bill suggested that this would encourage more clubs to affiliate. With these choices NFS could customize benefits to individual club's needs.

Also under new business, the National Cage Bird Show in San Antonio was discussed. Bill pointed out that he would be traveling to the show on Society business: to man a booth to promote the Society, to meet with National Cage Bird Show directors regarding the possibility of NFS affiliation with the NCBS, and to host a hospitality room for NFS members. Other NFS Directors scheduled to attend the NCBS are: Al Decoteau, Russ Armitage, and Nancy Reed.

Letters from D. David DeWald, Rick Hooper, and Darel Cavender were read and discussed.

A very lengthy and productive meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m..

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#### FUTURE 1985 NFS MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

October 5, 1985 - NATIONAL FINCH SHOW and ANNUAL MEETING: HOLIDAY INN,  
HARRISBURG, PA - Bill Parlee, President

October 26, 1985 - GOLD COAST SHOW, Palm Beach Ocean Hotel, Palm Beach,  
Florida - Al Decoteau, 1st Vice-President

November 2, 1985 - GULF COAST SHOW - Fort Myers, Florida  
Al Decoteau, 1st Vice-President

November 15-17, 1985 - THE NATIONAL CAGE BIRD SHOW, San Antonio, Texas  
Bill Parlee, President