

NFSS 3rd Qtr 1994 Board Meeting GABS, Des Moines, Iowa - 9/30/94

*Recorded by Martha Wigmore
Acting Recording Secretary*

Directors present: Hoppin, Wigmore, Decoteau, Spartzak, McCawley, Laird, Miller and Bakula.

The Board agreed the **Zebra Finch Standard Revision** is in need of attention. The following Committee was formed to initiate action: Martha Wigmore - chairperson and Tom Rood. Dr. Al Decoteau will appoint a Panel Judge as third person on Committee.

The **Proposed Pekin Robin Standard** (as previously published) was discussed. A few comments were received resulting in the standard being sent back to the committee for adjustments.

A brief discussion of exhibiting pairs confirmed the **Pairs Section** should be the last section of the NFSS Show Classification.

A **Pairs Standard Committee** was suggested. Should NFSS have enough interested parties to participate then the committee will be formed.

The issue of **NFSS re-affiliating with AFA** was brought forth and prompted much discussion. Several Board members voiced concerns and requested more information regarding AFA and re-affiliation before further discussion. The issue was tabled pending further information and the following Committee was formed to accommodate the Board: Dale Laird - Chairperson, Jerry McCawley and Steve Hoppin.

Treasurer's Report - Miki Spartzak of Baltimore, MD. Because of several large non-recurring expenditures during 1994, available funds will be tight until next spring, but Miki assured everyone that the money would be there to meet necessary expenses. NFSS can make installment payments on some items. A **six month freeze** on all unnecessary expendi-

tures has been put in place, effective immediately.

Forty **NFSS Logo Contest** entries were displayed and each Board member voted for their choice of top five. Results to be announced at the NFSS General Meeting on Sunday.

Brief discussion of ways to better **promote Junior membership** within Society. The President asked the Board to continue to give this issue thought as our junior members today will likely play an important part in the Society's future.

The Board discussed the possibility of a future **NFSS awards program** designed to recognize the NFSS members that have no interest in exhibiting their birds, but have achieved **success through their efforts breeding finch and softbill species**. A Committee was formed including Jerry McCawley - Chairperson, Miki Spartzak and Lynda Bakula to invite feedback and suggestions from the membership and start a rough draft.

Discussion of ways to preserve the **old NFSS logo**. Suggestions included preserving logo in *Handbook* and purchasing pin displaying old logo. Discussion tabled.

President requested **Treasurer prepare budget for 1995** and to make available to Board at 4th Quarter meeting.

Discussed current 2nd Vice President position according to NFSS By-laws and proposal shifting **Educational Department to 1st VP** position. The Board agreed this would be in the best interest of the Society and suggested the President follow policy and procedure for amendment to the Bylaws.

Discussion of creating a "**Jon Hoffman Educational Award**" in memory of the recent passing of our 1st Vice President. Discussion tabled.

Discussion regarding future marketing of Eric Peake "**Diamond Sparrow**" **Lithographs**. Discussion tabled pending review of original cost and inventory.

The Board discussed the **grant approved to the Suncoast Avian Society's Consortium** earlier in the year. Discussion tabled.

The Board voted to approve

- the following change to the **apprentice judges program**: to allow the

- written test to be taken at sites where Panel Chairman, Dr. Al Decoteau is judging with at least a 60 day advance notice to the Panel Chairman.
- a **\$10.00 service charge** from NFSS for receipt of any "bad check". If the check and fee are not paid, membership will be suspended.
 - **membership rate increase of \$5.00** to each level effective January 1, 1995. This is the first increase since NFSS' inception ten years ago. Members could pay 1994 renewal fee if renewed prior to January 1, 1995.
 - **advertising rate increases** effective January 1, 1995:
 - 1) *full pg* - from \$35/issue or \$144/yr to \$50/issue or \$200/yr
 - 2) *half pg* - from \$20/issue or \$96/yr to \$30/issue or \$120/yr
 - 3) *1/4 pg* - from \$12/issue or \$50/yr to \$20/issue or \$80/yr
 - 4) *inside covers* add \$20/issue or \$100/yr
 - **NFSS Bulletin back issue price increase** effective January 1, 1995 - from \$2.50/issue to \$4.00/issue for any 1994 or later issue; all earlier issues cost \$3.00/issue.
 - the following locations for **1995 Board Meetings**:
 - 1st Qtr* - February 17th at Florida State Fair Bird Show, Tampa, FL
 - 2nd Qtr* - By Mail
 - 3rd Qtr* - October 7 & 8 at Kaytee Great American Bird Show, Concord, CA
 - 4th Qtr* - November 16th at National Cage Bird Show, New Orleans, LA
 - not to continue with the existing **Handbook** offered for sale by FINCHSHIOP. It was decided to publish the necessary information from the **Handbook in the May/June NFSS Bulletin** each year becoming a part of membership benefits. In the near future NFSS will offer a complete **Judges Handbook** offered for sale by FINCHSHOP.



NFSS Membership Meeting

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10/02/94

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There were 8 Board members and 7 members present. President Steve Hoppin conducted the meeting. The winners of the finch/softbill division at the GABS show were congratulated and the \$1,000 Best in Show prize-winning Common Starling was presented by her owner Jacky Eckman of Baltimore, Maryland.

A few minutes of silence were observed in memory of NFSS Board member and Panel Judge Jon Hoffman who recently passed on.

Board members, panel judges and club delegates were introduced.

Band Secretary's Report - read by president for Denise Capazzi of Gales Ferry, Connecticut. NFSS ordered 36,250 bands and had sold 31,620. Denise is resigning from this position, which she has served in since 1989, at the end of 1994. Steve recognized Denise's hard work. The new band secretary, Eileen Laird of Winter Park, FL was introduced.

Treasurer's Report - Miki Spartzak of Baltimore, MD. Available funds will be tight until next spring. A six month freeze on all unnecessary expenditures has been put in place.

Publishing Committee's Report - Martha Wigmore of Elk River, MN. The Sep/Oct 1994 issue was mailed one week prior to the meeting. A warm thank you for the flood of contributions, but more submissions about softbills are always in demand.

Education Committee's Report - Martha Wigmore. NFSS still has available to affiliated clubs sets of finch and softbill educational display boards. Contact FINCHSHIOP for shipment to your event. The *Bulletin* remains NFSS' primary educational outreach, but additional activities have