

## NFSS 3th Qtr 1996 Board Meeting

**Held: Kaytee Great American Show, Sarasota, Florida**  
**Recorded: 10/10/96**

**Lacking a quorum, no votes were taken. The minutes of the Board Meeting were mailed to all Board Members, along with a ballot to vote by mail.**

The 1st item on the agenda concerned unadvertised shows and whether or not NFSS should award points to exhibitors and birds in cases where the show was not advertised. A motion by E. Laird, and second by D. Laird, that no points would be awarded to either exhibitor or bird unless the show was advertised in *the NFSS Bulletin* for a minimum of one issue prior to the show. Motion defeated: Yes - 5; No - 6. One yes vote was a conditional yes.

The 2nd item, apprentice judge, Armando Lee, was given the opportunity to speak to the Board concerning his three apprenticeships. A vote will be held at the 4th Quarter Board Meeting at the National Show.

The 3rd item was in regards to leg bands and whether NFSS should recognize individual club bands, as well as a discussion of adding band sizes for larger species. Discussion was tabled until the meeting at the National.

The 4th item was as to whether or not NFSS should pay the Judge's Fee for judging the National Show in cases where the judge selected is not the one

recommended by NFSS, yet is a Panel Judge. Motion passed. The vote-by-mail: 9 - votes yes; 0 votes - no; and 1 abstaining.

Item #5 discussed concerns about the Unflighted Show Ribbons. Currently the Rosette package includes 3 unflighted ribbons. Considering the expense to NFSS of providing the ribbons and the relative unimportance to an exhibitor of receiving a 2nd or 3rd place unflighted rosette, it was suggested the affiliation package be limited to 1 unflighted ribbon. Motion passed. Vote-by-mail: 7 - votes yes; 2 - votes no; and 1 abstaining.

The 6th item was a discussion of the need for NFSS to advertise nationally. All Board Members agreed that there is a need yet the expense is prohibitive.

The 7th item concerns prices for FinchShop items. Currently there is no provision for price increases when the cost of goods and shipping rises, without Board approval. This situation has resulted in selling at a loss to NFSS. A debate ensued. Motion by M. Sparzak, seconded by Dr. Decoteau, that the FinchShop Manager would have the right to increase prices of all items to maintain a minimum of a 20% profit to NFSS. The only stipulation is that the price increases be announced in *The NFSS Bulletin* at least one issue prior to the increase. Motion passed. Vote-by-mail: 9 - votes yes; 1 - votes no.

The final item, as presented by D. Laird, concerns the problem of tardiness in shipping the Erik Peake prints, the selection of the Regional Shows, and the forms for the advertising of shows being sent to the *Bulletin* editor. President Frank Hudson took the issue for action.