

## NFSS 4th Qtr 1996 Board Meeting

**Held: National Cage Bird Show  
Dearborn, MI  
recorded 11/14/96**

*recorded by Patrick Vance  
Executive Secretary*

The meeting was called to order by NFSS President Frank Hudson at 8:03 p.m. Board members in attendance were; Frank Hudson, Dr. Al Decoteau, Miki Spartzak, Patrick Vance, Tom Rood, and Julie Kern. The lack of board members in attendance meant there was no quorum.

The minutes of the 3rd quarter board meeting were read and a motion by Dr. Al Decoteau, seconded by Miki Spartzak, that the minutes be approved. Motion was passed.

### REPORTS

**Treasurer's report:** Miki Spartzak reported that the NFSS savings account totals \$4,200.00, the checking account is \$10,200.00, and the bill for bands is \$6,000.00.

**Judge's Panel:** Dr. Al Decoteau reported that Roddy Gabel has resigned as a Panel Judge due to job constraints, and that Marty Von Raesfeld is resigning effective 12/31/96. Dr. Decoteau reiterated the fact that NFSS is losing two very capable judges. Dr. Decoteau reported that currently NFSS has three

apprentice judges, Frank Hudson, Jerry McCawley, and Jackie Civitarese. Also, two NFSS members have made arrangements to take the NFSS Judge's exam at the Dearborn National. New Judges to the Judge's Panel were voted on and approved. The NFSS Board of Directors wishes to extend a welcome to Christine Voronovitch and Armando Lee.

**Standards Committee:** Dr. Al Decoteau reported that there are currently committees working on standards for the Star Finch, the Pintail Parrotfinch (Nonpariel), the Parson Finch, the mynah bird, and the Red-head Finch. Additionally, the Zebra Finch standard is being reworked by Martha Wigmore, Tom Rood and Clarence Culwell. The committee welcomes help and suggestions from the membership.

**FinchShop:** Julie Duimstra faxed her report for the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 1996, reporting that 37 orders were processed and filled and that there are no back orders at this time. FinchShop sales for this period totaled \$630.00, with expenses totaling \$419.12. Results of sales at the Kaytee and the National Show are unknown at this time.

**Band Report:** Eileen Laird reported that through the 3rd quarter 409 band orders were filled totaling 29,240 bands being mailed out. The order for 1997 was placed by Eileen in August. Eileen ordered the same quantities for '97' bands as 1996. In addition, 5 larger sized bands were

ordered. The board will evaluate the need for the larger bands and the membership is asked to offer their suggestions. The band color for 1997 is violet.

President Frank Hudson next opened the floor for nominations for judges for the 1997 National Show in Denver, Colorado, and the 1998 Kaytee Show. Receiving the most votes were Tom Rood, Miki Sparzak, and Martha Wigmore. NFSS will submit these names to the National Cage Bird Show for their consideration. Harold Bowles was nominated to judge the 1998 Kaytee.

A question was raised regarding the late arrival of the Eric Peake prints. Several clubs did not receive theirs in time for their show. A discussion ensued concerning transferring this responsibility to another position. It was decided to discuss this issue further in the next Quarter meeting.

**New Business:** A brief discussion followed concerning the need for the NFSS fax to be utilized. Frank

Hudson stated he would look into this matter.

P. Vance expressed the need for NFSS to award points to specialty shows, such as the All Zebra And Society Finch Show Held in Kansas City in 1996. Currently the rule is that there be no points awarded unless finches and softbills are judged against each other. P. Vance felt this rule discourages exhibitors and that every effort must be made to encourage the exhibition of finches and softbills. It was suggested that the membership respond with their comments.

Finally, President Frank Hudson read a letter from Jerry McCawley explaining the lateness of the mailing of the Eric Peake prints and offering his apologies to clubs affected by this.

Motion by Miki Sparzak to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Julie Kern at 9:26 p.m..

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