

An **election** will be held to fill the position of **1st Vice President**. Nominations must be forwarded to Steve by October 22, 1994.

A **membership drive** is underway through 12/31/94. There is a form in the Sep/Oct 1994 *Bulletin* or just write in the referring member's name on any application. A membership makes a great gift.

The **Board meeting dates** for 1995 were announced.

Change to the **Judges Apprentice Program** approved by the Board was announced.

Dues increase was announced, and members were reminded to renew early and save \$5.00.

The formation of a Committee to study **re-affiliation with AFA** was announced.

There were **121 birds** in the finch and softbill division with 880 birds in all at GABS in 1994.

(The winner of the logo design contest, as voted upon by the Board of Directors, was Rose Gianferrera of Bonita Springs, FL. The winning design was featured on the Nov/Dec 1994 cover of the Bulletin.)



NFSS 4th Qtr 1994 Board Meeting NCBS, Manchester, New Hampshire - 11/17/94

*Recorded by Pat Krichten
Acting Recording Secretary*

Directors present: Hoppin, Decoteau, Spartzak, Armitage, McCawley, Krichten and Miller.

Jerry McCawley reported an update on the **Breeder Recognition Awards Program Committee**. The Committee has received various suggestions from several interested parties and will continue to request input from the membership to design an appropriate awards program.

An **NFSS Conservation Committee** update was reported for Chairperson **Kris Kroner** of Ambler, PA by Steve Hoppin. Greater

involvement by the Board and membership is needed. Discussion followed and the issue was tabled. Members interested in this Committee are asked to contact Kris Kroner.

The issue of **NFSS re-affiliating with AFA**, tabled from the 3rd Quarter Board meeting, was brought forth. Discussion included AFA's sincere response to the Committee's inquiries; however, the Board voted not to re-affiliate with AFA at this time.

Russ Armitage gave a complete report of **1994 affiliations**.

The Board voted to approve

- the following Panel Judges - Hoppin, Von Raesfeld and Gabel, as nominees to **judge the 1995 National Cage Bird Show** in New Orleans.
- the addition of Regional Vice Presidents to **Education Committee** which would be chaired by 1st Vice president (as discussed at 3rd Quarter Board Meeting). A Bylaw amendment will be submitted to the membership for approval in the upcoming months, per Bylaw procedures.
- to **order new NFSS Judges forms** with new NFSS logo.
- to **discontinue** use of the **Judges un-flighted form**.
- to **raise** the base price of **affiliations** by only **\$10.00** and to **include a beautiful Eric Peake "Diamond Sparrow" Lithograph** (retail value of \$50.00) with each club's awards.
- the **raffle of three Gouldian mutation posters** at NFSS events in 1995 - Florida State Fair, Kaytec GABS and NCBS.
- to clarify the *Judges Handbook* with the following: **Panel Judges** to have a 60 day grace period following their **membership due date** to pay their membership and judges fees. If such fees are not received within the new deadline, a certified letter will be sent allowing the judge 15 days to respond from the time of mailing. If such fee is not received within the deadline indicated in the letter, the judge will be removed from the Panel for that year.