

NFS BOARD MEETING, NOV. 20, 1988, COLUMBUS, OHIO

The fourth quarter NFS Board Meeting was held at the site of the National Finch Society National Show at the Ohio Exhibition Center, in Columbus Ohio on November 20, 1988 at 10:30 p.m.

Present at the Board meeting were; Russell Armitage, Brenda Geesey, Jon Hoffman, Al Decoteau, Nancy Reed, and Bill Parlee. Presented were the annual treasurer's report by Russ Armitage and the Secretary's report as printed, both were accepted.

The nominating Committee headed by Nancy Reed, presented it's slate of officers for 1988 and 1989. Nancy did not stay for the remainder of the meeting due to an exhaustive days activities and the lateness of the hour. The slate included for President, William Parlee, 1st Vice President, Russell Armitage, 2nd Vice President, Brenda Geesey, 3rd Vice President, Hal Koontz, 4th Vice President, Al Decoteau, Secretary, Chris Voronovitch, Corresponding Secretary and Band Secretary, Roger O'Connell, and Treasurer, Russ Armitage.

Regional Vice Presidential nominations included; Northeast, Bruce Evanick and Bob Hemenway, Southeast, Karl Kline and Cecil Gunby, Central, Jon Hoffman, Midwest, Paul Williams and Laura Bewley, Mountain, Martha Wigmore and Rita O'Dell, and The Pacific Coast nominee was Helen Caudle.

President Parlee directed as required by the by-laws, that the ballot be printed in the next bulletin. He also stated that ballots would be accepted by Pam Liddy, Elections Chair, for a period of sixty days after publication of that bulletin.

A membership and Leg Band report were given and accepted.

Bill Parlee gave a "Finchsave" progress report that assured the Board that the project was well on its way. The entire committee and particularly Hal Koontz are to be commended for the enormous effort that has gone into the creation of the program.

A promotions report was discussed. Among items in the report discussed was the 1988 NFS T-shirt. The design accepted was that of a Diamond Sparrow. The Board passed a motion to allow Hal Koontz to commission a T-shirt for the "Finchsave" program as much interest has been shown in such a product. The Board also discussed ties for judges, coffee mugs, and tie tacks. Coffee mugs seemed to offer the most interest.

The publishing report included a status on the NFS Handbook. The Handbook even before publication has been reviewed and is already being drastically updated before publication. New Standards and judges procedures, along with the completed "Finchsave" program are to be included in the Handbook before it goes to publication. The new expected publication date is late

June of 1988. The Handbook will serve the years of 1988-89 then will be again revised for 1990-91.

Brenda Geesey gave the reports of the Diamond Sparrow, and Shafttail Standard Committees. The Diamond Sparrow Standard is at a standstill awaiting additional committee members. The Shafttail Standard has been completed and was approved by the Board subject to some minor editing changes.

The subject of points at shows where all birds within our classifications are not judged against each other was fully discussed. The Board voted to withhold points from the International Dove Shows where either finches were not allowed or were not judged against doves.

Presidents expenses were approved for air fare only to represent the Society regularly at the AFA Summer convention and the National Cage Bird Show until further notice.

The Board selected Dr. Val Clear to judge the National at San Diego in November of 1988 and Daren Decoteau to judge the GABS in Baltimore. Each year the Board makes tentative plans for judges three years in advance. Tentatively the Board has selected Charles Anchor for the 1989 and Joseph Krader has been added to the list for the 1990 National. Clarence Culwell for 1989 and Hal Koontz for 1990 judgings of the GABS.

The Board voted to allow for first class delivery of the bulletin by including an option on the application for an additional \$5 fee for such delivery.

New requirement were voted and passed upon regarding new applicants to the Judges panel. They must have bred finches for a period of five years, shown for 3 years and placed upon the top bench under three different judges.

A completely revised Standard for the Zebra Finch was presented to the Board by a member and such was rejected. Dr. Decoteau suggested that a Committee be established to review the present Standard and to make any suggestions to him for presentation at a future meeting.

The following applicants to the Judges Panel have completed their apprenticeships and all requirement and were approved by the Board. The new judges are Jon Hoffman, Steve Hoppin and Brian Binns. The Board also passed a cap on the Judges Panel of 25 members. It also pointed out that we must also determine a way to remove judges that are not judging.

Other items passed were: Plaques will read "Best in Show", the African Division must be split up, and we should start thinking of a program to award points to the bird as an alternative points program.  
The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 a.m. November 21, 1988.