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## NEWS & NOTES

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The biggest, best news is that we have over \$10,000 currently in our treasury and the second biggest news is that we sold over 19,600 bands as of March 1st, 1992.

Martha Wigmore is racing the stork to finish the Handbook, Miki is getting more advertisers for each issue and has the finances and the roster in good shape, Russ is on top of the affiliations for 1992, Al has 4 committees hard at work on standards and two are printed in this issue for comments. Tom has his apprenticeships lined up for 1992. Chris has some of the awards she needs for 1992 already (and a litter of Beagle pups), Jerry is a college graduate and has a new job and new ideas for 1992 for FINCHSHOP, Linda's FINCHSAVE update is in this issue, Jon has the script finished and coordinated with the slides for the first NFS video, 5 regional shows are set, WE'RE ON A ROLL !! Yes indeed...NFS is strong and growing.

The Spring Board meeting was conducted by mail and there was some confusion....all my fault I'm sure! Of the four issues raised for discussion one was overwhelmingly approved, one was overwhelmingly disapproved and two have had to be tabled for more discussion, including reading of the opinions expressed by Board members in the "by-mail" portion of the meeting.

The one overwhelmingly approved was a generous offer by Marlene Ayres of Washington, PA to re-do the blueprints for the NFS show cages with some very cleverly conceived improvements and with the plans for each size cage drawn complete on one sheet. The approving Board members want to express their thanks to Marlene for taking the initiative to clarify and improve these blueprints. We appreciate her thoughtful comments and her offer to help.

The one the Board strongly disapproved was a suggestion that the Society buy birds for resale, primarily to FINCHSAVE participants. The Board feels that getting into the "brokering" of birds is too risky and is not in the best interests of the Society as a whole.

The two issues that will be discussed again in Sturbridge are:

1. The request from the Badger Canary Fanciers, Ltd. that we lower our fee (from \$5.00 to \$2.00) for the cross-registration of bands and that we allow local clubs who issue bands to their members to cross-register their bands, provided that the local club can prove that their records are accurate and the bands are traceable and that the logo is issued by the manufacturer to that club only. This brought a lot of comments, some on each side. I'll present them all in Sturbridge and the quorum present will vote.
2. Financial assistance for the Pittsburgh Aviary. The Board agreed that NFS should make a donation to the Aviary but a specific dollar amount must be agreed upon. Bill Parlee has suggested matching contributions up to \$300. It may be of interest to note that SPBE has donated \$500.

The next issue will contain a lengthy report on both of these Board meetings. The August meeting will again be conducted by mail.