

January	\$ 6,042.45	\$ 4,218.82
February	\$ 4,643.93	\$ 4,849.00
March	<u>\$ 3,328.74</u>	<u>\$ 1,461.92</u>
2008 TOTALS 1 st Quarter:	\$14,015.12	\$10,529.74
2007 TOTALS 1 st Quarter:	\$15,032.60	\$ 9,232.08

Bank Balance: (01/01/08): \$16,696.50
 Bank Balance : (03/01/08): \$20,181.88
 Current Balance: (5/1/08): \$20,220.40

All invoices/expenses are paid and current to date. Estimated known expenses through August 2008 include:

- Band Orders: Closed: \$400.00 Split: \$260
- AFA Advertisement: \$275.00
- FSS Web Hosting: \$120.00
- NCBS Advertisement: \$90.00
- Affiliations (ASA/NAA): \$200 (Treasurer has still not rec'd copies of the Applications)
- May/June Journal
- July/Aug Journal
- Normal operating expenses

The IRS-990 has been completed and mailed as of 4/21/08, and the 2007 audit can now begin. Gwynne Willison and Bill Parlee have volunteered to conduct this audit, and following BOD approval, the records will be sent.

MEMBERSHIP: Brian Nagle/Robert Mehl

Ended first quarter with 711 members (194 Dual (97), 14 Foreign, 6 Junior, 497 single); an increase of 47 since the end of last quarter. In mid-March, Assistant Membership Director – Brian Nagle – began and responsibilities were transitioned to him. By the end of March, he had assumed full responsibility. Robert Mehl continues as Pro-Tem and assists as needed until after Special Election.

AFFILIATIONS/AWARDS: Robert Mehl

33 Affiliated clubs as of end of 1st quarter; As show season approaches, likely to see more clubs join, although economic times are affecting clubs as 2 have dissolved. Members of clubs not yet affiliated with NFSS are encouraged to contact the Affiliations Director.

First NFSS sanctioned show of the year is 5/17/08. Ribbons and rosettes have been ordered and rec'd and are ready to be sent. Six orders so far. Cost of awards has increased and current sell price not covering purchase + shipping costs; we are taking a loss on each sale. Not wanting to make this a profit center, but do need to cover our costs. (SEE MOTION #2008 -19)

BANDS: Paula Hansen

Roy Beckham will report his findings on sample bands from South America. One add'l split band order may need to be placed. Business remains brisk, just rec'd last order to satisfy back orders and new orders which may arrive before end of year. Exchange rate is impacting profits. 2009 orders pared back as far as possible, 2007 losses for unsold bands was minimal and greatly reduced from prior years. Will keep margin of loss as low as possible while maintaining supplies to fill orders. Last year's profits for this department were \$6803.36. Need additional funding to purchase December 2008 order as well as early orders for 2009. (SEE MOTION #2008-18)

FINCH SHOP: Sharon Dvorak

Purchased NFSS logo pins and mailing envelopes; continue to rec'v orders for the pins. NFSS sale items remain available through Café Press and Victory Engraving/Design.

ADVERTISING: Gwynne Willison

Jan: \$559.83, Feb: \$72, Mar: \$287.83 = \$919.66, working with Editor on Advertising kit to be used to solicit new advertisers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BY LAW REVIEW: Bill Parlee

Copy of current revision as developed by By Law Review Committee posted to files section of the BOD forum for review by all BOD members. Ongoing discussion by BOD continues. Once BOD agrees on a version, Bill Parlee will submit for Journal publication along with article explaining changes made. The By-laws will be presented to the Membership for a vote.

ELECTION PROCEDURES, POLICY & PROCEDURES COMMITTEES: Tom Keegan

Work on both committees has been temporarily placed on hold in order to focus on the process of reviewing and revising the By Laws. Plans are to begin immediately following the completion of the By Law Review.

DEPARTMENT BACK-UP: Bob Peers Back Up document revised and posted for review by BOD. Suggestion made to begin process for implementing a back-up for production of Journal in the event the person serving as Editor at anytime is unable to do so. Options will be investigated. Discussion of back-up CD to contain base outline (format, logo, standard info, ads. Etc.) Each quarter, the latest version of the Journal will be stored electronically for access in the event of an emergency & the 2nd VP is investigating other options. (SEE MOTION #2008-24)

OH HOLD: Membership Directory (Rebecca Mikel)-until after election and a permanent Membership Director is seated; Journal Scheduling (Andy Mordoh)-until May/June Journal is complete and mailed; Champion of Section (Rebecca Mikel)-until January 2009 when the chairperson will provide the BOD with his findings following the trial period.

OLD BUSINESS

NCBS

BANNER: Purchase on hold

PINS: Rec'd & available through website & Journal

RAFFLE/AUCTION: Rebecca agrees to hold all donated items

AOA: Still seeking speakers; if interested please contact Sally

ADVERTISING: Complete and submitted

COORDINATOR: Posted to the forum(s) to solicit interested person(s)

5/1 CHANGE OF RATE FOR FOREIGN MEMBERS/AFFILIATES – Robert Mehl

This was increased to \$42 effective 5/1/08; Website has been updated; the 2nd VP will assure all necessary electronic changes are made.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ITEMS – Rebecca Mikel

Privacy Statements – This info is on the website. It will be added to the applications when the new Membership Director is named as other informational updates will be necessary at that time as well.

Judge's Handbook - Cecil will scan and finish electronic format for inclusion on the website.

Zebra Standard - Update complete, BOD voted to accept; will be published in the Journal and sent to all Judges with deadline for implementation.

Judges info on Website & in Journal – 2nd VP will assure all updates are made

Treasurer's address in Journal – Will be listed in the Journal as the official address of the Society

Editors of Journals with reciprocal relationships Contact made with 9 with whom we had previous "trade" agreements; S.E. Queensland Zebra Finch Society is only one responding to date.

AFA Advertising – Completed and submitted by the 5/31 deadline. Treasurer will submit payment.

AFA/NAIA Applications for Affiliation provided to Treasurer; payment for affiliations will be sent.

Emergency Contacts for BOD members – President reminds those who have not submitted info to Secretary to do so.

NEW BUSINESS

Points required for Champion Bird – Rebecca/Cecil

"Champion Bird" award requires 50 points earned by an NFSS closed banded bird. Award has been won several times, but not for many yrs. Discussion regarding lowering required points for resulted in formation of a committee to evaluate new award. Robert Mehl will chair the Committee. (SEE MOTION #2008 -25) .

New Bands – Paula

Samples were sent to Roy Beckham to measure them and try them. Roy provided info regarding sizes, appearance, size availability, character sizes on bands, Supplier was presented with questions and we need to see add'l sample sizes along with NFSS's annual usage for closed and split bands.

Regional Show Assignments:

Region 1: Chester County Cage Bird Club, Exton, PA 11/8/08 (Baltimore first option for 2009)

Region 2: SE Tennessee Avicultural Society, Cleveland, TN 9/27/08

Region 3: No club expressed interest to date

Region 4: Fort Worth Bird Club, Grapevine, TX 9/27/08

Region 5: No club expressed interest to date

Region 6: Columbia Canary Club Clackamas, OR 11/8/08

Region 7: No club expressed interest to date

Region 8: No club expressed interest to date

2006 Audit – Rebecca Mikel

Financial records for this year were incomplete as Treasurer serving during that time frame left the position and not all records were available. Attempts were made by current Officers to recreate, as appropriate; but this was not always possible. The final 2 months of the year are well organized and accountable. Difficulties with traceability of transactions were much more common with money rec'd as opposed to money spent. It was possible to follow most expense transactions through the system from beginning to end. Safeguards are now in place which will prevent similar situations in the future (i.e. Back Up Department documents, monthly vs annual reporting of department totals, a system of

documentation which provides transparent and uncomplicated traceability of all transactions). The focus of future financial record keeping for NFSS should remain the same, combined with continued accuracy and timeliness.

2007 Audit – Lisa

Bill Parlee and Gwynne Willison have volunteered to conduct the audit of the 2007 financial records of the society.

REFUNDS OF MEMBERSHIP DUES – Discussion/questions included under which circumstances may members request and rec’v a refund of their dues; and, if refunds are provided, what calculations will be used to determine the exact refund amount. This topic was referred to Policies and Procedures Committee with BOD suggestions.

VOTING (Elected) vs NON-VOTING (Appointed) MEMBERS OF THE BOD Some non-voting members of the BOD raised questions regarding exposure/liability as a result of their work with the BOD. Could they be held financially/legally liable for actions of the BOD. (SEE MOTION #2008-28)

MOTIONS

#	BY	2 ND	MOTION	RESULT
2008-18	Hansen	Murphy	Increase Band Dept Budget by \$3000	PASS
2008-19	Mehl	Keegan	*SEE BELOW	PASS
2008-20	Mehl	Mikel	**SEE BELOW	PASS
2008-21	Mehl	Mikel	***SEE BELOW	FAIL
2008-22	Murphy	Zwick	Approve Zebra Standard as submitted by 4 th VP	PASS
2008-23	Murphy	Zwick	Accept By Law Revision as submitted by Committee with changes as requested by 3 rd & 4 th VP	#FAIL (SEE DETAIL BELOW)
2008-24	Mikel	Mordoh	To accept Revised Dept. Back Up Form	PASS
2008-25	Keegan	Gunby	##SEE BELOW	PASS
2008-26	Wilson	Hansen	To accept the 2006 audit as submitted by Sharon Dvorak & Rebecca Mikel	PASS
2008-27	Zwick	Mehl	###SEE BELOW	PASS
2008-28	Keegan	Zwick	^SEE BELOW	FAIL
2008-29	Mehl	Murphy	Accept minutes & adjourn meeting	PASS

***2008-19**

Each January, the Awards Manager, in consultation with the President and Treasurer, will establish awards pricing for that calendar year at a level intended to offset all associated costs to the Society. A margin not to exceed 5% shall be deemed sufficient to protect against losses.

****2008-20**

To make it easier for clubs to be sure of a judge’s status, Judge’s memberships will be arranged so all expire on 12/31. The Membership Director will pro-rate memberships for all judges to accomplish this before the end of the 2009 calendar year. Judges who have paid beyond that date, will extend to 12/31 of the year in which their membership is scheduled to expire. Judges may continue to purchase multi-year memberships.

*****2008-21**

Beginning 2009 Calendar year, judges fees will be eliminated. Further, in the interest of maintaining clarity about a judges active status, no fees beyond membership will be required of them.

#2008-23

Bill Parlee, Committee Chair, requested this version be voted down while further changes were being made.

##2008-25 To form a committee that will make recommendations to the BOD during the 3rd quarter meeting on the development of a new annual award for the bird achieving the most exhibition points in a year.

###2008-27 To amend motion #2008-25 to read: “To form a committee that will make recommendations to the BOD during the 3rd quarter meeting on the development of a new annual award to benefit NFSS and its membership”

^2008-28 The Bylaws Committee will amend the current revision of the bylaws under consideration to indicate that non-voting (appointed) members of the BOD of NFSS will be made "Dept. Managers" and no longer be Directors on the NFSS BOD. Requirements for participation in BOD meetings on the part of appointed Dept. Managers will be at the discretion of the BOD.

**NEXT MEETING: 8/1/08
AGENDA TO BE POSTED: 7/22/08**