

**NFSS BOD MEETING  
4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER 2008**

**PRESENT:** Peers, White, Parlee, Wilson, Murphy, Dvorak, Mikel, Aguilera, Zwick, Moase, Gunby, Cristo, Crean, Bewley, Keegan, Huntington, Wilson, Benson, Mehl, Gravely, Hansen,

**ABSENT:** Ernesto Polidura

**RESIGNED:** Brian Nagle - Membership Director; Robert Mehl – Affiliations/Awards Director

**APPOINTED:** Cecile Aguilera, Membership Director Pro-Tem, Alfredo Brugerras, Affiliations/Awards Pro-Tem.

**OPEN POSITIONS:** Region 5 Vice-President, Editor

On 10/27/08 4 persons (Wilson, Mikel, Gunby, Murphy) called for an Emergency BOD meeting to discuss Pro-Tem appointment of a Membership Director. President gave 24 hour notice and meeting was convened on 10/28 with the following BOD members present: Mehl, Wilson, Hansen, Huntington, Murphy, Gunby, Keegan, Moase, Zwick, Mikel, Crean, Bewley, Gravely, Cristo, Peers, & Parlee. Cecil Gunby motioned, seconded by Mikel, "To appoint Cecile Aguilera as Membership Director ProTem", motion carried by a majority vote. Paula Hansen motioned, seconded by Tom Keegan to adjourn the meeting, motion passed by a majority vote.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**TREASURER - Lisa Murphy**

Income/expenses for the 3rd Qtr. 2008 are posted below. In comparison, our income for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2008 (Jul/Aug/Sept) is \$6000 less than it was for the same quarter in 2007. There have been decreases in income across all departments, but the most significant is Membership. If decreases continue, individual department budgets for 2009 will need to be adjusted.

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSE</b>
Bands	\$1,554.50	\$325.20
Membership	\$2,518.61	\$99.32
Advertising	\$542.83	\$0
Judge's Panel	\$10.00	\$27.25
FinchShop	\$28.50	\$0
Affiliations	\$0	\$0
Awards	\$100.25	\$86.41
Journal	\$0	\$3,420.69
Misc.	\$10.24	\$151.34
FinchSave	\$0	\$0
1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Regional	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,764.93</b>	<b>\$4,110.21</b>

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSE</b>
July	\$1,336.13	\$ 465.49
August	\$1,509.87	\$3,534.84
September	<u>\$1,918.93</u>	<u>\$ 109.88</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,764.93</b>	<b>\$4,110.21</b>

Bank Balance 7/1/08: \$20,486.06

Bank Balance 9/30/08: \$21,140.78

Bank Balance 12/1/08: \$22,597.08

Estimated expenses over next 3 months:  
Bands – December (closed) - \$5000.00  
Bands – January (closed) - \$2500.00  
Bands – January/February (split) - \$?????  
Nov/Dec Journal - \$3000.00  
Jan/February Journal - \$3000.00  
AFA/ASA/NAIA Affiliation Fees: \$255.00  
Normal Operating Expenses

**2009 BUDGET (SEE MOTION #2008-50)**

DEPARTMENT	INCOME	EXPENSE
Bands	\$13,500.00	\$12,500.00
Membership	\$18,000.00	\$1,500.00
Advertising	\$3,000.00	\$200.00
Judge's Panel	\$210.00	\$150.00
Finch Shop	\$400.00	\$200.00
Affiliations	\$1000.00	\$250.00
Awards	\$1000.00	\$750.00
Journal	\$0	\$17,000
Misc.	\$480.00	\$4,320.00
Finch Save	\$0	\$120.00
1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Regional	\$0	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,590.00</b>	<b>\$37,390.00</b>

**BANDS – Paula Hansen**

Physical inventory complete and sent to President and Treasurer. Band order page for Pay Pal revised and functional; drop down fields allow viewing of available sizes/quantities. These fields will be updated weekly, as possible. 2009 Gold Aluminum bands to be released Christmas week. Members are reminded their membership must be in active status at the time their order is being processed.

Rebecca Mikel & Lisa Murphy met with Regina McCarthy, a potential alternate supplier for the NFSS closed bands. The company she works through is based in Brazil. Ms. McCarthy provided samples of various sizes of closed, metal bands; each containing printed data. Ms. McCarthy is not sure at this time if she would be able to provide the "A" sized bands with all NFSS required printed info. She was provided with samples of the NFSS "A" bands to send to the company for comparison. She will also determine if this company could meet the NFSS requirement of multiple orders/shipments throughout the year. Once this information is obtained, she will forward it to Paula Hansen along with pricing. One additional concern would be that Ms. McCarthy is the sole representative for this company in the U.S. and the contacts at the company in Brazil are non-English speaking. Until further info can be provided, we will continue to utilize the current vendor.

**MEMBERSHIP – Cecile Aguilera**

Given the transition from the prior Membership Director to the current, we do not have Membership totals as of the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Numbers reported at this time are effective 11/30/08, and are as follows:

Single: 439      Dual: 85      Junior: 7      Foreign: 15      TOTAL: 542

TOTAL AFFILIATES: 44

**3rd VP/ FINCH AND SOFTBILL SAVE – Vonda Zwick**

Census results completed and published in Journal. On-line Census modified to allow participants to begin with their old data or start over with new. Bird Data, Species Profile, Clutch Data elements have been completed and submitted to the FSS Committee for testing. Add'l persons have volunteered to serve on the committee, hoping to rec'v more feedback on testing and use of the program.

**4<sup>th</sup> V.P. – Cecil Gunby**

Vince Moase, Grant Rishman, Dave Pauls have all passed the Judge's Test and need to serve their apprenticeships. 3 Judges were presented to NCBS BOD for 2009 NCBS – Laura Tinker, Paul Williams, Armondo Lee. Judge's ListServe set up to allow a common location for communication, information requests, and will include a calendar of events. Judges are asked to post on that calendar the shows they have agreed to judge. Judge's Memberships expire 12/31; \$10 Judge's Fee due on 4/1. NFSS Show Classifications will be placed on the website. If requests are made for hard copies – they will be provided.

**AFFILIATIONS/AWARDS – Robert Mehl**

We have 44 Affiliated Clubs this year! Awards pricing is increasing and we need to look at more affordable options with current vendor and/or research other vendors. We will be collecting gently used rosettes and selling them in full sets to affiliated clubs at a discount. Robert will be resigning on 12/31 from this position. Alfredo Bruggerras was appointed to fill this position Pro-Tem (SEE MOTION #2008-48) and will work with Robert in a phase-in/training capacity until 1/1/09. Gently used rosettes should be sent to Alfredo's attention. He is an NFSS judge and contact info is available on the website and in the Journal

**FINCH SHOP – Sharon Dvorak**

The NFSS 25 year DVD is now available for sale and contains the past 24 yrs of NFSS Journals.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Champion of Section** – Chairperson was provided one (1) year in which to work with clubs to present data, provide training, and gather results for presentation to BOD and Committee. This info would then be reviewed and evaluated to determine show community's interest in offering this award. The Chairperson did not follow through and gather any information. (SEE MOTION #2008-46)

**Top Bird Award** – The prior Chairperson of this Committee has resigned, Sally Huntington has agreed to serve as the new Chair for this committee. The committee is interested in evaluating a suggestion for awarding additional points at Regional Shows as a means of increasing attendance at these events and helping exhibitors reach point goals. The Committee would also like to evaluate the merits of a "Breeder Award" not associated with exhibition to recognize members for other endeavors in aviculture.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**General Standards Review – Huntington/Gunby** At the AOA/Judge's Clinic held at NCBS, the use of silhouettes was discussed. The Judges should agree on changes and modifications. It was concluded they will begin with the Zebra silhouette as modifications were suggested. Sally Huntington will re-work. A ListServ group has been established for the NFSS judges and this discussion will continue on-line.

### **Advertising Rates – Keegan**

Tom submits proposal for new advertising rates following contact with several of our advertisers. When presented with the new prices, many indicated they would not drop their advertising or move to a smaller/less expensive ad. (SEE MOTION # 2008-53)

### **D&O Insurance – Wilson**

John Wilson submits a quote for Directors and Officers Liability Insurance. Some strongly believe liability policy is a priority, others don't consider it a necessary expense. It's important to address the concerns of all BOD members. Insurance is a significant, recurring expense and membership numbers are "shaky" right now. Would like to revisit at 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter BOD meeting and evaluate financial picture at that time.

### **Outstanding Business - Mikel**

**Journals to Harvard** – Robert nearly has a complete 25 year set, Sally will provide any missing issues, they'll be forwarded to Tom, who will transport them to Harvard University to create an archived set.

**Judge's Handbook – Hansen** – Paula asking for assist with final edit; it will then be sent to Cecil Gunby for final review before posting to website.

**Informing Reciprocal Publishers of our New Contact Person – Keegan** – Those publications with whom we have "trade" agreements are informed of the new NFSS Contact and will be provided with copies of recent issues of NFSS Journal.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Award Pricing – Mehl** Alfredo Brugerras is new Pro-Tem Awards/Affiliations Manager as of 11/20/08; all files have been sent to him. Our purchase price for awards is increasing and it this will impact our sell price to affiliated clubs.

**2009 Election** – Bob Peers is to place an ad in the Jan/Feb 2009 Journal informing members to contact him if they are interested in serving on the 2009 Nominating Committee.. Bill Parlee has offered to serve as Chairperson.

**Affiliation Packets** – These need to be updated with new information, (new BOD members & contact information, awards information – ordering, pricing, updated NFSS Brochure). It will need to be mailed to all affiliated clubs by 1/15 as their deadline for renewal is 3/1/09.

**Judge's Fees** – All judges to pay their \$10 judge's fees by 4/1/08. Communication via the Judge's L1stServe will help assist in communicating and reminding judges of this deadline.

**NFSS Show Classifications** - These are to be posted on the website. Affiliations Manager will provide them to WebMaster & the 4<sup>th</sup> VP will inform her of any/all updates.

**Regional Shows** – Clubs need to be informed to contact Alfredo or their Regional VP if they wish to host a Regional Show. Those clubs then need to be presented to the BOD for a vote and the clubs selected to host the Regional shows will be announced no later than 3/1/09.

**NFSS Affiliation with other Clubs** – (SEE MOTION #2008-47).

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NFSS is 2009** – Any members with ideas to help in the celebration are to contact BOD members. Website is being updated, DVD with 25 yrs of NFSS Journals, suggestion to design banner to go on the cover of all 2009 Journals, suggestion for new standard

to be presented (Cecil suggests Euro Goldfinch), suggestion for “silver” bowls for awards and adding “25 yr anniversary” on the engraved plates on the awards.

**Show Classifications to NCBS by 3/15 – Gunby**

**Show Point Accumulation and Tracking – Peers**

**By Law Revision - Keegan**

**Regional Show Points – Huntington**

Suggests points awarded for top exhibitors at Regional Shows be double those awarded at regular NFSS show. It is hoped this will encourage more clubs to step forward to host Regional Shows and also encourage more higher level of exhibitors.

**MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION #</b>	<b>BY</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>RESULT</b>
2008-46	Mikel	Murphy	Dissolve Champion of Section Committee	Pass
2008-47	Mehl	Bewley	Approve AFA (\$125), ASA (\$30), & NAIA (\$100) affiliations	Pass
2008-48	Gunby	Moase	Appoint Alfredo Brugerras as Affiliations/Awards Director	Pass
2008-49	Murphy	Mehl	Adjourn NCBS BOD meeting	Pass
2008-50	Mikel	Aguilera	Accept proposed 2009 Budget	Pass
2008-51	Gunby	Murphy	#SEE BELOW	WITHDRAWN
2008-52	Keegan	Gravely	## SEE BELOW	FAIL
2008-53	Keegan	Mikel	###SEE BELOW	Pass
2008-54	Wilson	Hansen	+SEE BELOW	
2008-55	Keegan		++SEE BELOW	

#To rescind motion #2007-7 and replace with “Membership must be current for all privileges to be in effect (to include, but not limited to, receipt of Journal, forum access, purchase of closed bands, accrual of show points, accepting judging assignments, and participation in BOD meetings). Expiration date shall be as noted on membership card. To retain original membership number and restore other privileges, the member must renew within sixty (60) days of expiration date. Expiration date will be the last day of the 2 mo. Cycle in which the member joined.

##2008-52 To set new advertising rates effective with Jan/Feb 2009 Journal. The new rates will be double the current rates. Any current advertisers who would like to renew for a full year will get a 20% discount off the new rate.

####2008-53 Effective 1/1/09, advertising rates for the NFSS Journal will be: Cover (color) \$90/Issue or \$450/Year; Full Page (B&W) \$60/Issue or \$306/Year; Half-Page (B&W) \$40/Issue or \$204/Year; Quarter-Page (B&W) \$20/Issue or \$102/Year. Any 2008 advertiser (defined as any advertiser with a 1-year paid ad in the Journal or who has purchased single-issue ads for at least 6 consecutive Journal issues), who purchases one full year advertising, beginning in 2009, will rec’v a one-time 20% discount off the new 2009 rate.

+2008-54 – Memberships will begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan, Mar, M ay, Jul, Sept, and Nov and end on the last day of the 12<sup>th</sup> mo. Multi year memberships run as consecutive single year memberships for the period paid. Membership must be current for all privileges to be in effect (to include, but not limited to recpt of Journal, forum access, ordering closed bands, accrual of show points, accepting judging assignments, and participation in BOD meetings).

2008-55 – The BOD will continue to authorize the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and President to negotiate services for editing the Journal, staying within the approved Journal budget, and not subject to time constraints of Editor's Stipend. This approval shall stay in effect until an Editor is appointed per motion 2008-41 or the BOD acts to end/alter this authorization.