

## NFSS BOD QUARTERLY MEETING

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2009

**PRESENT:** Bob Peers, Sharon Dvorak, Sally Huntington, Bill Parlee, John Wilson, Vonda Zwick, Gail Benson, Jason Crean, Roland Cristo, Paula Hansen, Rebecca Mikel,, Doug White, Lisa Murphy, Tom Keegan, Alfredo Brugueras, Michael Gravely, laura Bewley, Vince Moase

**ABSENT:** Orlando Rivera

**RESIGNATIONS:** Cecile Aguilera, Membership Director/WebMaster

**OPEN POSITIONS:** Membership, Region 5 V.P.

**APPOINTED:** Barbara Jaquez, Web Master

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### TREASURER/Lisa Murphy

DEPT	INCOME	EXPENSE
Bands	\$1,939.04	\$157.14
Membership	\$1,771.04	\$20.71
Advertising	\$159.12	\$0
Judge's Panel	\$90.00	\$0
FinshShop	\$265.03	\$175.00
Affiliations	\$180.00	\$0
Awards	\$299.85	\$13.70
Journal	\$0	\$5,161.31
Misc.	\$3.29	\$381.48
FinchSave	\$0	\$119.40
1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Regional	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,707.38</b>	<b>\$6,028.74</b>

MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSE
April 2009	\$ 1,995.18	\$ 2,683.84
May 2009	\$ 1,145.56	\$ 716.43
June 2009	\$ 1,566.64	\$ 2,628.47

BANK BALANCE: (4/1/09): \$26,178.23

BANK BALANCE: (6/30/09): \$24,856.87

BANK BALANCE: (8/1/09): \$24,823.52 (does not include July interest)

#### BANDS, Paula Hansen

The order placed in February was lost and the balance of this order arrived in late July. NFSS offered credit for 2010 bands, late shipment, or refund – most accepted late bands or credit. The Band Secretary thanks all for their patience.

#### **AFFILIATIONS/AWARDS - Alfredo Brugueras**

Currently 36 NFSS Affiliated Clubs. Alfredo personally contacting those who were affiliated last year but didn't renew this year. Some may be due to the financial crunch which is being felt by clubs also.

#### **MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE – Tom Keegan**

July/August Journal has Bios and General Election Ballot. Working on getting publication rate to reduce mailing costs. Four individuals have volunteered to serve as Web Master (SEE MOTION #2009-16). Tom is managing Data Base, Other BOD members are assisting with mailings, Vonda Zwick assisting with WebSite temporarily.

MEMBERSHIP : Single: 401 (includes Foreign)  
Dual: 72

Tom is creating labels for DVD orders; will send to Sharon for Finch Shop for future orders. 2010 Upgrade will be discussed in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **ELECTION COMMITTEE – Bill Parlee**

The committee's work is complete, all bios and the ballot for the general election were forwarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for publication in the Journal as of June 6, 2009.

#### **TOP BIRD – Sally Huntington**

There have been no changes in this area or any new details worked out

#### **POLICIES & PROCEDURES, ELECTION PROCEDURES – Tom Keegan**

The work of these committees is on hold until a Membership Director and Web Master are seated.

### **OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

#### **JUDGE'S HANDBOOK – Laura Bewley**

Laura is in rec't of updated version. She is accepting the Zebra Silhouette as developed by Sally Huntington as the official NFSS Silhouette, it will be incorporated into the Handbook. The Handbook, when completed, will be made available to all judge's and Tom Keegan will place a copy on the website.

#### **JUDGE'S FEES – Laura Bewley**

All Judge's fees are paid and current for the year.

#### **SHOW POINTS/SPREAD SHEETS – Laura Bewley**

25 years of show points records were compiled by Lisa Murphy and Rebecca Mikel and recently presented to Laura. She will maintain these from this point forward.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS – Gail Benson**

Only 1 position on the ballot has more than 1 candidate and it was felt paying a private firm to count ballots was not wise use of NFSS finances. Gail Benson has counted ballots from other NFSS votes in the past and has volunteered to do so for this election. She will be accompanied by her husband (also an NFSS Member) and the witness will be Bob Wild (SEE MOTION #2009-17). The by-laws dictate the ballots must be counted by an outside accounting firm selected by the BOD or 2 members of the Society and 1 witness. Bob is an NFSS Member, President and honorary lifetime member of Greater Chicago Caged Bird Club.

The Ballots will be in the July/August Journal and must be post-marked no later than NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be counted. Gail will write the date each envelope was rec'd on the outside of the envelope but will not open any envelopes until approximately 5 days after the deadline in order to provide adequate time for all to arrive. The 3 persons responsible for the count will determine a time/date to open all envelopes and perform the count. Bob Peers, NFSS President will receive the results and make the announcement of winners at the 2009 NCBS.

### **NCBS**

**BOD MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Bob Peers, Sally Huntington, Alfredo Brugueras, Laura Bewley

**AOA:** Room has been confirmed with John Muscato, (Seville 3), Time is 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m., speakers to be determined and we're hoping to have a Judge's Clinic.

**BOD MEETING:** 7:00 P.M. Thursday, location – to be determined/announced

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** 1:00 P.M. Saturday, Seville Room #3

**AWARDS:** A list of all awards to be ordered has been compiled. Alfredo Brugueras will order and Laura Bewley offered to transport them directly to NCBS if they were shipped to her.

Service: Robert Mehl, Cecile Aguilera, Cecil Gunby, Brian Nagle

Champion Exhibitor: Lisa Murphy, Robert Mehl, KJ Brown, Hiram Morales

Exhibitor of Excellence: Robert Mehl

Champion Bird: None

**2009 DIVISION SPONSORSHIP FEE:** This is a pre-approved portion of our 2009 Operating Budget and is applied to costs for Judge's expenses, staging, room rental for specialty club meetings, classification printing in show catalog.

**SILENT AUCTION/NCBS TABLE:** Sally will man the NFSS Table and Silent Auction. Anyone wishing to donate items for the auction should contact Sally. Items may be sent to the hotel ahead of time with a note "Guest arriving November 18<sup>th</sup>". Bob Peers will be driving and offered to transport any donated items.

**FINCH SHOP ITEMS:** Those who have Finch Shop Items will consider taking them to NCBS and placing on display. DVD's and Lapel Pins can be made available for sale at the event.

**2010 JUDGES:** We have an excellent group of judges on NFSS panel. Judging the NCBS is a big job and needs a judge who is experienced with judging techniques, up on changes with Zebras and Societies, works well with the gallery, and presents a good face for the Society. The judge we select has the opportunity to encourage, educate, and gather members for the Society. We want the show community to know we are educated, responsible, and qualified to call ourselves a National Finch and Softbill Society. This BOD has nominated the following 3 judges for 2010 NCBS: Clarence Culwell, Paul Williams Laura Tinker.

**2009 CENSUS – Vonda Zwick**

2009 Census form provided to 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Tom Keegan, on 8/15/09 and is scheduled to appear in Sept/Oct Journal.

**PUBLICATIONS DEPT. ROLES – Tom Keegan**

Tom reminds the BOD that planning/discussing of major issues involving the offices of Web Master, Advertiser, and/or Editor – especially those including major financial planning and contracting with service providers – should include the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Openness, a positive working environment, and the appropriate chain of authority ensure our continued success.

**BY LAW REVISION VOTE – Bob Peers**

In order to make this a part of the official record: The recent revision of the By laws was presented to the entire membership for a vote. There were 24 votes cast. 21 votes were in favor of the revision, 2 were opposed. The new revision has been adopted.

**MAILING THE JOURNAL (Periodical Rate Application)– Tom Keegan**

Tom is investigating the possibility of receiving “Publication Rate” for mailing the Journal. We are currently mailing it first class – postage for the last issue was \$424. New regulations will require the Journal be tabbed on 3 sides or placed into an envelope. One option is to apply for “Periodical Rate” – this used to be called “2<sup>nd</sup> class” and is reserved for magazines. In order to qualify, we must adopt a resolution specifying each member receives a copy. There will be a one-time application fee of \$540 and then an annual fee of \$65. After that, it is estimated postage will be approximately \$250 per month. We will need to specify a specific “known address of publication” and if that changes, there is a \$85 fee for the change. We are not eligible for non-profit organization mail rates as hobby and social clubs are specifically excluded. Tom does not anticipate any delays in delivery once the system is in place. (SEE MOTIONS #2009-18 & 2009-19)

**REMINDERS FOR 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER MEETING**

All Departments with a budget must have their 2010 budgets submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup>. All departments were provided with a copy of last year's budget with approved increases. As budgets are reviewed, we need to be prepared to evaluate and discuss the continued renewal of our affiliations with ASA, AFA, NAIA, and NCBS.

All Departments with inventories are to submit their year-end inventories by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

As the year draws to an end, a review of the Affiliation Packets needs to be conducted, with special attention paid to award pricing. We need to review our purchase price of awards as compared to the price we are selling them to affiliated clubs. Per a prior motion, our maximum profit on these items is not to exceed 5%, but we do need to make sure pricing is set which does not reflect a loss to the organization.

## **MOTIONS**

#	BY	2 <sup>nd</sup>	MOTION	RESULT
2009-16	Keegan	Mikel	Appoint Barbara Jaquez as WebMaster	Pass
2009-17	Bewley	Hansen	Appoint Bob Wild as witness to counting General Election ballots	Pass
2009-18	Keegan	Hansen	Copy of NFSS Journal sent to each paid membership (1 copy for single & dual) of the Society	Pass
2009-19	Hansen	Keegan	Increase Journal Budget by \$700 to cover: \$540 initial app. Fee, \$85 additional entry fee (for mail house), and \$75 postage	Pass
2009-20	Bruguerras	Hansen	Accept minutes and adjourn meeting	Pass