

**NFSS BOD MEETING  
2009 – 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER**

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

**OPEN POSITIONS:** Region 5 VP., Editor

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT, Bob Peers**

The National Caged Bird Show was one of the highlights of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in Aviculture in 2008. This year's event was held in Lansing, Michigan drawing a total of 186 exhibitors from 28 states. There were 2148 birds exhibited (not including "sale" birds), and this was the first year a trophy for "Best Foreign Bird in Show" was awarded. NFSS benched 177 birds by a total of 25 exhibitors.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Tom Keegan (Publications/Journal/Website):**

**JOURNAL:** The Graphic Designer we used for Sept/Oct issue did not work out in terms of getting our work done for the Nov/Dec issue. We've found a new GD, but this caused significant delays with the Nov/Dec issue.

**ADVERTISING:** The BOD passed new advertising rates and all current advertisers were notified.

**WEBSITE:** Cecile continues to make good progress revamping the website. BOD members are encouraged to spend time and familiarize themselves with new layout. Consideration should be given to what form of advertising would be appropriate for the NFSS site and what rates should be.

**4<sup>th</sup> VP – Cecil Gunby (Judge's Panel):**

NCBS was held in Lansing, Michigan in November 2008. The Finch/Softbill Division, judged by Laura Bewley, had 177 entries and 25 exhibitors. Please refer to the official show report for Top 10 exhibitor names and species.

Awards presented were as follows:

Service Awards: Terry Cox (Region 5 VP), Harry Bryant (2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Editor, Legislative Affairs), Katy Dodd (Editor), Ginny Allen (Transition Coordinator)

Champion Exhibitor (50 points earned in 1 calendar year): KJ Brown, Robert Mehl, Lisa Murphy, Melissa & Marlena Salmones, Vonda Zwick

Exhibitor of Excellence (200 points earned in a lifetime): Kathleen Clark

Val Clear Award (Best Softbill at NCBS): Robert Mehl, Kikuyu White Eye

Bill Parlee Award (Best Finch at NCBS): Dennis Burhams, Normal Zebra Cock

Charlie Anchor Award (Best Zebra at NCBS): Dennis Burhams, Normal Zebra Cock

Scannell Award – Luis Belchior, Border Canary

Charlie Anchor Best Foreign Bird Award – Gary Morgan, Black Cheeked Lovebird

Best Song Bird – David Bopp, Roller Canary,

**TREASURER, Lisa Murphy:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2008**

<b>DEPT</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSE</b>
Bands	\$5,203.24	\$4,307.50
Membership	\$5,084.32	\$ 325.96
Advertising	\$ 334.83	\$0
Judge's Panel	\$ 80.00	\$ 6.55
FinchShop	\$ 710.79	\$ 71.53
Affiliations	\$ 30.00	\$0
Awards	\$ 273.05	\$ 173.79
Journal	\$0	\$3,082.19
Misc.	\$ 769.52	\$1,618.06
FinchSave	\$0	\$0
1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Regional	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,485.75</b>	<b>\$9,585.58</b>

Bank Balance 10/1/08: \$21,140.78

Bank Balance: 12/31/08: \$24,040.95

Bank Balance 2/1/09: \$27,041.62

Estimated Upcoming Expenses:

-Bands - \$1796.41 (closed) & \$303.78 (plastic)

-Nov/Dec '08 & Jan/Feb '09 Journal

-Normal Operating Expenses

**2008 YEAR END**

DEPT	INCOME	EXPENSE
Bands	\$14,913.08	\$11,745.63
Membership	\$16,528.54	\$ 842.41
Advertising	\$ 2,122.98	\$0
Judge's Panel	\$ 290.00	\$ 33.80
FinchShop	\$ 1,011.90	\$ 662.87
Affiliations	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 69.47
Awards	\$ 1,391.55	\$ 1,684.56
Journal	\$0	\$13,500.29*
Misc.	\$ 833,82	\$ 2,418.99
FinchSave	\$0	\$ 119.40
1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Regional	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,421.87</b>	<b>\$31,077.42*</b>

Bank Balance 1/1/08: \$16,696.50  
 Income Total: \$38,421.87  
 Expense Total: \$31,077.42  
 Bank Balance 12/31/08: \$24,040.95

\*Delay in production of the Nov/December '08 Journal has also delayed invoicing for that issue. As a result, the invoice for this issue will need to be paid in 2009 and consequently impact the overall 2009 budget for that Department. This BOD will need to approve the additional funds necessary to cover the change in budgetary expenses for calendar year 2009. Typically six (6) journals are produced and invoiced per calendar year; this delay resulted in only five (5) issues being produced and paid for in 2008, but means seven (7) will be produced and paid for in 2009. **(SEE MOTION #2009-1)**

2008 income was \$7025.00 less than income for 2007. Although expenses were decreased by \$2900.00; it is related to non-production of the Nov/Dec Journal during the calendar year. Membership, Awards, and Advertising each had decreases in income for 2008.

YEAR	INCOME	EXPENSES
2007	\$45,446.30	\$33,993.52
2008	\$38,421,87	\$31,077.42

**BANDS, Paula Hansen -**

Band orders remain brisk; members are ordering small multiple orders instead of large bulk orders. Back orders will be refunded until next band order arrives in April/May. Add'l plastic bands will be ordered for the balance of 2009. Rec'd samples from potential new vendor. Paula has submitted estimations for future order quantities/sizes.

### **FINCHSHOP – Sharon Dvorak**

48 copies of the NFSS DVD sold as of December 31, 2008. (SEE MOTION #2009-3)

### **MEMBERSHIP – Cecile Aguilera**

Total Members as of 12/31/08 – 555

Single: 444      Dual:86      Junior: 8      Foreign: 17      Affiliates: 45

Both Brian Nagle and Robert Mehl do occasionally continue to rec’v memberships and are forwarding them to the Treasurer, who then notifies the current Membership Director.

### **WEBMASTER – Cecile Aguilera**

Cecile has accomplished the following items during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2008:

- initiated use of user counters on heavily visited pages
- cleaned up old BOD reports and files making them usable on current website
- Updated DVD Order Form and PayPal button to reflect 2009 pricing
- Created “giving” page with a donation link for those wishing to contribute beyond membership dues
- Initiated Member Surveys option to track Journal delivery dates
- Updated Journal Advertising Rate page
- Updated Band Order form

### **AFFILIATIONS/AWARDS – Alfredo Bruqueras**

There has been an increase in all awards pricing and clubs will be responsible for postage as well. New pricing on awards will be distributed to all Affiliated Clubs. There were 45 packets mailed to current affiliates and an additional 20 sent to potential affiliates.

### **ADVERTISING – Gail Benson**

Total income for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008 was \$334.83; total income for calendar year 2008 was \$2,122.98, there were no expenses in 2008

### **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS – Roland Cristo**

Minimal legislative activity through 2008.

Please review <http://www.thomas.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c111:H.R.669.IH>: With our new administration, this is going to be a hard bill to beat. If this bill passes, it could mean the end of keeping certain species in captivity – especially if the species is considered a pest in its country of origin. PIJAC/ASA are reviewing regularly and will keep everyone updated.

HSUS is proposing legislation in some states having to do with the breeding of dogs. States involved so far are Illinois and Washington. Keeping on top of legislation pertinent to ALL animals is important.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ELECTION PROCEDURES – Tom Keegan**

The committee completed a draft of the regular election procedures. This was provided to current election committee chair, Bill Parlee, to use as a rough guideline, since it contains many key dates and events. Once the special election procedures are drafted the full set of procedures will be provided to the BOD for approval.

### **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – Tom Keegan**

Work will begin once election procedures are complete.

### **2009 ELECTION – Bill Parlee**

Committee consists of Bob Peers, John Wilson, Alfredo Brugerras, Lisa Murphy, Rebecca Mikel, Tom Keegan, and Bill Parlee-Chairman. The committee has been working for the last month soliciting members for ballot positions for the election. Notices have been posted to the member forum and will be included in the Journal. So far we have collected names for almost all positions. We are looking for a Regional VP for Region 4. If anyone knows of anyone interested in running for that or any other positions on the ballot, mail your suggestion to [billhfdct@aol.com](mailto:billhfdct@aol.com)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **JUDGE'S HANDBOOK – Cecil Gunby**

Cecil has incorporated new classifications; (**SEE MOTION #2009-2**). Tom Keegan will work with Cecil Gunby, 4<sup>th</sup> VP, for final edit of this document prior to publication/distribution.

### **AFFILIATION PACKETS – Alfredo Brugerras**

Updated packets sent to all affiliated clubs; Alfredo included new pricing and included postage costs on the new price sheets.

### **ZEBRA SILHOUETTE – Sally Huntington**

Sally presented a draft to the judges during the judge's meeting at NCBS; and was provided with suggestions for slight revisions. Those revisions were added and the silhouette was presented on the Judge's Forum & to this BOD.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN JOURNAL**

Discussion regarding the continued printing of NFSS business items which use significant space in each issue. Are there business items which can be eliminated from some of the issues? Is there information which can be combined and/or condensed

thereby freeing up pages for more bird-related items/articles? Majority of the BOD agrees some of this information does not necessarily need to be included in every issue of the Journal. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Editor does need flexibility to make publication decisions relating to the Journal content.

### MOTIONS

MOTION #	BY	2 <sup>nd</sup>	MOTION	RESULT
2009-1	Keegan	Zwick	*SEE BELOW	Pass
2009-2	Hansen	Wilson	Accept revised classification documents as submitted by C. Gunby/4thVP	Pass
2009-3	Wilson	Aguilera	**To rescind motion #2006-05	Pass
2009-4	Aguilera	Mikel	Accept minutes/adjourn meeting	Pass

\*NFSS will increase the Journal budget for 2009 by \$3000 for a total calendar year budget of \$20,000. This budget is for the production of seven (7) issues of the Journal, Nov/Dec 2008 through and including Nov/Dec 2009.

\*\*Motion #2006-05 established a policy of maintaining older Journals on the website. Given the potential for income from sale of the NFSS CD which includes 25 years of Journal issues, this motion is being rescinded and the Journals removed. This does not preclude the WebMaster from using all or part of some issues on the web site as an advertising/promotional tool.