

NFSS BOD QUARTERLY MEETING

1st QUARTER 2010

PRESENT: John Wilson, Rebecca Mikel, Lisa Murphy, Barbara Jacquez, Paula Hansen, Tom Keegan, Vince Moase, Sally Huntington, Roland Cristo, Bill Parlee, Tiffany Parks, Alfredo Brugueras, Vonda Zwick, Bob Peers, Gail Benson, Doug White, Jason Crean, Michael Gravely, Laura Bewley, Shelly Ortman, Cheryl Burns, Sharon Dvorak

ABSENT: Anna Sinclair, Orlando Rivera,

RESIGNATION: Gail Benson, Advertising/Promotions Manager

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PRESIDENT, John Wilson

The President has accepted the resignation of Gail Benson, Advertising/Promotions Manager & will take the time to review position responsibilities and functions of the position before soliciting candidates. An announcement has been made to the NFSS forum.

TREASURER, Lisa Murphy

IRS 990 Form has been completed and mailed to the IRS. The President and the Treasurer will maintain hard copies of this form. Sharon Dvorak, FinchShop Manager, was instrumental in the completion of this form.

4th Quarter 2009 TOTALS:

DEPT	INCOME	EXPENSE
Bands	\$4,690.07	\$4,428.44
Membership	\$4,471.56	\$275.88
Advertising	\$1,732.31	\$0
Judge's Panel	\$110.00	\$0
Finchshop	\$154.16	\$0
Affiliations	\$30.00	\$30.00
Awards	\$268.35	\$487.79
Journal	\$0	\$4,700.47
Misc.	\$427.06	\$485.76
FSS	\$0	\$0
1 st VP/Regional	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$11,883.51	\$10,419.34

BANK BALANCE 10/1/09: \$26,100.83

BANK BALANCE 12/31/09: \$27,565.00

2009 YEAR END TOTALS:

DEPT	INCOME	EXPENSE
Bands	\$12,920.67	\$8,263.45
Membership	\$13,495.29	\$452.37

Advertising	\$3,527.47	\$17.84
Judge's Panel	\$319.41	\$0
Finchshop	\$1,038.20	\$409.99
Affiliations	\$1,187.00	\$55.26
Awards	\$1,122.50	\$623.62
Journal	\$0	\$18,451.42 ***
Misc.	\$439.05	\$2,132.19
FSS	\$0	119.40
1 st VP/Regional	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$34,049.59	\$30,525.54

***Paid for seven (7) Journals

BANK BALANCE 1/1/09: \$24,040.95
 BANK BALANCE: 12/31/09: \$27,565.00
 BANK BALANCE 2/1/10: \$30,086.44

PAY PAL FEES: \$802.39 (cost for using Pay Pal)
 POSTAGE: \$5,475.94 (includes Journal Postage)
 BAND LOSS: \$610.08 (2009 closed bands not sold)

COMPARISION TO PRIOR TWO (2) YEARS:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>
2007	\$45,446.30	\$33,993.52
2008	\$38,421.87 (18% decrease from 2007)	\$31,077.42 (9% decrease from 2007)
2009	\$34,049.59 (13% decrease from 2008)	\$30,525.54 (2% decrease from 2008)

2nd VP/Journal, Tom Keegan

Jan/Feb Journal running slightly behind schedule. Mar/April will run directly behind the Jan/Feb issue. Submissions of new material have improved.

ADVERTISING, Gail Benson

New advertising rates were implemented on January 1, 2009 with a one-time, 20% discount given to any existing customer who renewed their ad for one year. Several smaller companies either chose to reduce their ad size, or not renew at all. Most of the larger companies, however, renewed for an additional year and we have one new annual advertiser. Although we have fewer pages of advertisements, our income is roughly the same as in prior years.

Total advertising income for 2009 was \$3527.47, but this is influenced by a later than usual billing date.

Tom Keegan has been working to solicit new advertisers and although occasional e mails are rec'd requesting advertising information, we've not been able to generate new ads. Efforts to obtain new advertisers in 2010 will continue. If all current advertisers continue, along with anticipated advertising from clubs, projected income for 2010 will be approximately \$3,000

MEMBERSHIP, Tiffany Park

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS: 526 TOTAL MEMBERS: 595

Single: 442 DUAL: 69 FOREIGN: 9 JUNIOR 6

The new Membership Director is hoping to be able to implement some data analyzation techniques to the membership data to identify trends. This may be pursued via additional questions on the membership application.

WEB MASTER, Barbara Jacquez

Several updates to website completed – including reposting of back issues of journals and species articles, along with “best of forum” tips. Donation buttons have been included as well as a functioning calendar and self operating classified pages. Continuing work on broken links and adding auto renewals via PayPal subscriptions.

BANDS, Paula Hansen

Bands ordered for the balance of the year total 345 each, A-M sizes. Plastic split bands should arrive in February. No complaints about new numbering on bands.

FINCH/SOFTBILL SAVE – CENSUS, Vonda Zwick

Census was closed on January 31. It was kept open an additional month in hopes of having better participation. This year had the best census participation ever.

	2009	2008	2007
Total Birds Entered	10,163	6,767	7,211
Total Participants	124	87	112
Total Species	215	181	224

Complete results are available at <http://www.nfss-fss.org/Census/CensusReport.aspx> once final results are submitted for publication in the Journal, efforts will be focused on Finch / Softbill Save.

4th VP/JUDGE’S PANEL, Laura Bewley

All NFSS Panel Judges have renewed their NFSS membership for 2010. Judge’s Fees are due on April 1st.

The Judges Panel is working on 2 standards – Cuban Melodious (Alfredo Brugueras, Chair), and European Goldfinch (Chair TBD). An invitation to work on these 2 standards has been posted to the Judge’s Forum , will be posted on the NFSS forum, and a notice placed in the Journal.

All Judges have been presented with a copy of the updated Judges Handbook. A copy will be posted to the NFSS Website and a hard copy made available for sale through the Finch Shop.

Vince Moase has completed the NFSS apprenticeship requirements to become an NFSS Judge and a vote by the BOD will be conducted. (SEE MOTION #2010-1).

2009 Show Reports have been rec’d by Laura Bewley and are in the process of being compiled for the Journal & Website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REGIONAL REALIGNMENT, Bob Peers

This committee continues to review options for realignment of current NFSS regions which would better serve the members in each Region. Consideration to be given to making sure we have Regional VP involvement and representation in those areas with a large concentration of members. Chairperson is hoping to present

something more concrete to the BOD in May with a possible goal of implementation prior to the time of the next election.

BREEDING SUCCESS AWARD, Sally Huntington

Work continues on the development of an award which would offer recognition for an avian breeding success of sequential generations of a rare, endangered, difficult, or CITES bird. The details of such an award continue to be developed including eligibility criteria. Persons currently working on this committee include Sally Huntington, Roland Cristo, and Vonda Zwick.

POLICIES/PROCEDURES, Tom Keegan

Chairperson distributed form to be completed by each officer regarding general procedures, important deadlines, accounts/contracts, and any ideas for policies for their departments. Once this information is rec'd and compiled, work on the development of specific policies and procedures will begin.

OLD BUSINESS

DVD UPDATE

Barbara Jacquez will work on formatting Journals as we work to update the NFSS DVD.

EXHIBITION AWARD

An announcement has been made on the forums and a notice submitted for the Journal as well as detail provided in the minutes from the 4th Q 2009 BOD meeting regarding criteria for the new "High Point" bird (both "flighted" and "unflighted"). Contact Laura Bewley, 4th VP/Judge's Panel Chair with questions.

NFSS ARTICLES ON LINE

Barbara Jacquez continues work on this project. Articles are on line and she is working to make sure all links are functional. Please explore the website and notify Barbara immediately if you identify any problems with links.

NEW BUSINESS

JUDGE'S FEES

April 1st is the deadline for all NFSS Panel Judges to submit their annual Judge's Fee.

JUDGE'S MEMBERSHIPS

The expiration date for NFSS Membership for all NFSS Panel Judges is December 31st of each year. All Judges have current membership.

NEW BOD MEMBER CONTACT INFO

New BOD Members are reminded to submit contact info they wish to have displayed on the website to the Webmaster and emergency contact info is to be submitted to the Secretary.

REGIONAL SHOWS

If NFSS Affiliated Clubs are interested in hosting the NFSS Regional Show for their Region, the deadline for submitting the request to Alfredo Bruguera is March 1st. The BOD will be announcing on April 1st the names of clubs awarded the Regional Shows for their Regions.

NFSS AFFILIATED CLUBS

Any clubs wishing to affiliate with the NFSS should contact Alfredo Bruguerras as the affiliation year runs from March 1, 2010 to March 1, 2011.

NFSS SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

The NFSS Show Classifications are to be submitted by the 4th VP/Judge's Panel to NCBS by March 15th.

CENSUS

The Census has been completed and submitted to the 2nd VP/Publications for inclusion in the Journal.

RED SISKIN PROJECT

The AFA appears to have dissolved their Red Siskin Project. The NFSS has offered to continue the project and will pursue bringing the remaining participants under the umbrella of the Finch Save Program.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

- 3/1 – Reaffiliation deadline for NFSS affiliated Clubs
- 3/1 – Deadline for requests by clubs to host Regional Shows
- 3/15 -4th VP to send NFSS Show Classifications to NCBS
- 4/1 - BOD announces names of clubs hosting Regional shows
- 4/1 – Judge's Fees due by all NFSS Panel Judges
- 5/1 – 2nd Quarter BOD meeting

MOTIONS:

MOTION	BY	2 nd	MOTION	RESULT
2010-1	Peers	Murphy	To appoint Vince Moase as an NFSS Panel Judge	Pass
2010-2	Mikel	Hansen	To amend the motion accepting the minutes to reflect "revised" minutes	Pass
2010-3	Murphy	Zwick	To accept minutes	Pass
2010-4	Hansen	Murphy	To adjourn Meeting	Pass