

## NFSS BOD –3rd QUARTER MEETING

August 1<sup>st</sup> 2015

PRESENT: Rebecca Mikel, Amber Kincheloe, Laura Bewley, Paula Hansen, Bill Parlee, Cheryl Burns, Roland Cristo, Vince Moase, Sally Porter, Sally Huntington, Susan Stieve, Sara Roberts, Michelle McKenzie, Javier Perez, John Wilson, Kelsey Weyland, Julie Lawson, Doug White

APPOINTED: Tanya Logan, Editor; Charles Cook, Webmaster

Rebecca opens meeting

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### President – Rebecca Mikel

Plans are underway for participation in a sanctioned NFSS Show at the AFA Convention in Chicago on Aug 1st. Award package was ordered and rec'd as was a plaque for the 1st place bird. Rebecca will be attending as a competitor in the show as well as to Secretary and is taking along some of the Finch Shop items, membership applications, and Journals for promotional purposes.

Rebecca is in position of all FinchShop items, including the clear NFSS decals ordered at the time of the prior Quarterly BOD meeting. She will retain possession of that merchandise until a decision is made regarding the future of FinchShop

Rebecca has been working with Roy Beckham who is producing the NFSS Journal for us at this time. He has indicated an interest in continuing in this capacity. He will be responsible for layout, arranging for printing and mailing. We will continue seeking to fill the position of "Editor" but that job description will change. The Editor will serve as the point of contact between Roy and Board Department Managers – making sure info submitted to Roy for publication is current, correct, and complete.

We are also in communication with an individual who is interested in the Webmaster position.

We continue to seek a replacement for Legislative Liaison.

#### PAULA HANSEN/BANDS DEPT.

Paula continues to participate and cover the FSS Red Siskin group – approving new members. Corresponding with Smithsonian regarding the transfer of birds to their facility. She also continues filling band orders, and submitting monthly financial reports. She is also covering the responsibilities of "Webmaster" at this time and as such has performed several updates to the website. She has also worked closely with Sara Roberts (Treasurer Trainee) regarding PayPal accounts, monthly reporting processes, reimbursement processes and vendor information. Assisting with uploading files to the Drop Box account for Roy Beckham for use in Journal production.

MEMBERSHIP –Michelle McKenzie

Single: 338    Dual: 34 (68)    Junior: 8    Foreign: 11    TOTAL: 391

TREASURY – Lisa Murphy

2nd Qtr. Treasurer Report

DEPARTMENT	INCOME	EXPENSE
Bands	1661.86	805.61
Membership	1883.87	176.98
Advertising	0	150.37
Judge's Panel	10.00	0
Finchshop	73.75	285.00
Affiliations	360.00	0
Awards	1152.50	0
Journal	1000.00	1000.00
Misc.	2.83	1286.93
FSS	0	119.40
RSP Funds	0	0
1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Regional	0	0
Website	0	38.97
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6144.81</b>	<b>3863.26</b>

4/1/15: \$36,172.08

Income: \$6060.54

Expenses \$3947.53

6/30/15: \$38,285.09

FSS – Sally Porter

FINCH SAVE

DEPARTMENT REPORT – 3RD QUARTER

2014 Census was closed on June 30, 2015.

Final tally: 72 participants reported 4906 birds, 148 species.

Sally would like to have the census closed in a more timely fashion. Discussion was held regarding appropriate dates if the Board agrees to change. Sally plans to “all out” next year when announcing the Census and encouraging participation. She will be posting reminders in all FB and Yahoo groups, as well as asking members to repost to any forums to which they belong.

FSS Stud Book – There are few members currently utilizing the stud book. A post has been made to the Facebook and Yahoo groups asking for input about perceived value of the current program. Research into an alternate program will be conducted.

FSS Facebook groups – Sally posted on all groups asking for comments/recommendations for improvement of the Finch Save program. One comment received suggested perhaps we have too many FSS Facebook groups and consideration should be given to combining these groups into fewer, more generalized groups, i.e. African, Australian, Indo-Pacific, South/Central American, and Softbills. The Board will discuss this further.

### NEW BUSINESS

Amber Kincheloe reported that the election is up to date and asked everyone to remember to vote.

Discussion was opened on if/how to revamp the NFSS Facebook groups which led to a discussion regarding the current Yahoo forum used for conducting Board meetings.

Discussion arose as to implementing background checks prior on possible new members of the BOD prior to appointing them to Board positions. This is as a result of concerns about the potential risk for loss of funds, data, or NFSS property of value. Several options are available and the board will look further into options available which may “fit” our organizational needs.

It was brought to the attention of the board that only one person was qualified to receive a NARA award this year, which is Nancy Ingram for her work with Strawberry finches in the Level A category. A motion was made to award Nancy this award. Vote carried.

Sara Roberts, who is the Treasurer in Training presented the board with the current plan to install her slowly into the position of Treasurer (pending election) by January. Rebecca asked that all members review this info and respond/comment on this transition. A motion was made to implement this changes including:

A). Establish Paula Hansen as "Acting Corporate Secretary" effective immediately charged with the responsibility of setting up accounts at Chase Bank for the NFSS

AND

B) Appoint Sara Roberts Asst. Treasurer effective immediately to allow her to sign into new Chase accounts for the NFSS. The motion Carried.

Rebecca asked the BOD members for names of NFSS Panel Judges they'd like to see judge the Finch/Softbill Division for 2016 NCBS. (SEE MOTION #2015-18 Below) Motion to present the top three names as judge candidates carried.

Rebecca reported that Rooms have been reserved at the 2015 NCBS for the NFSS Annual Membership Meeting (Saturday) as well as the Afternoon of Aviculture (Thursday). Sally Huntington will work with host hotel staff to make arrangements for any required AV equipment.

Discussion was opened by Rebecca as to the future of the Finch Shop. She provided a brief history of sales figures for the last few years, showing a decline in revenue.

After BOD review of Tanya Logan's resume, a motion was made by Sally Huntington to appoint Tanya as journal editor. The motion carried.

MOTIONS:

MOTION #	MOTION	BY	2 <sup>ND</sup>	RESULT
2015-13	To appoint Charles Cook as Webmaster.	Javier Perez	Susan Stieve	Carried
2015-14	To award Level A NARA award to Nancy Ingram	Sally Porter	Julie Lawson	Carried
2015-15	To Establish Paula Hansen as "Acting Corporate Secretary" effective immediately And appoint Sara Roberts Asst. Treasurer effective immediately	Amber Kincheloe	Susan Stieve	Carried
2015-16	To appoint Tanya Logan as Editor	Sally Huntington	Julie Lawson	Carried
2015-17	(Option B): Increase Awards	Susan Stieve	Sally Porter	Carried

	budget by \$1600 and order division sets to cover three (3) years			
2015-18	To present the following names to the NCBS Board as our Top pick for Div. #11, Finch/Softbill at 2016 NCBS: Ken Gunby, Armando Lee, Laura Watkins	Laura Bewley	Paula Hansen	Carried
2015-19	To accept the meeting minutes and adjourn	Javier Perez	Amber Kincheloe	Carried