

NFSS BOARD MEETING
2nd QUARTER – MAY 1, 2018

PRESENT: Rebecca Mikel, Susan Stieve, Sally Huntington, Roland Cristo, Sara Roberts, Paula Hansen, John Wilson, Laura Watkins, Bill Parlee, Krystyna Tapp, Laura Tinker, Sally Porter, Robert Peers, Amber Kincheloe, Doug White, Javier Perez

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PRESIDENT, Rebecca Mikel

Rebecca attended the Spring Meeting of the National Bird Show Board of Directors. This group continues to work diligently to pull together everything needed for a National Show, attempting to meet the needs of affiliated clubs, exhibitors, members, and guests, while managing fiscal responsibility. Each of us are encouraged to do whatever we can to support this event – either at the event or behind the scenes. (SEE MOTION #2018-3)

MEMBERSHIP, Laura Watkins

Single: 270 Dual: 34 (68) Foreign: 13 Junior: 5 TOTAL: 356

A motion passed that made “electronic” versions of the Journal be made available to foreign members to save money on postage. Foreign members accepting the electronic version will be charged the regular membership dues and not the foreign member dues. (SEE MOTION #2018-5)

WEBSITE/BANDS/RED SISKIN – Paula Hansen

Website is updated with current information regarding ads, show results, affiliations; updated Paypal accounts, updated cross-registration of bands information. Additional inventory of bands from Brazil received as well as supplies of EZ Kits and band cutters. 5 pairs of Red Siskins sent to SCBI 2017, with 3 of the 2018 off spring earmarked for Miami Zoo. RSI Chocolate bars – as a fund raiser, a hit at the Smithsonian Zoo. Updates and current events regarding this program are available on the NFSS website.

TREASURY, Sara Roberts

DEPT	INCOME	EXPENSE
Journal Ad Income/Pub Expense	\$1660.00	\$1616.00
Affiliations Club	\$0	\$0
Award Sales/Purch & Mail Expenses	\$640.00	\$281.00
Red Siskin Project	\$0	\$0
Band Sales/Purchase Exp.	\$2,140.00	\$705.00
Membership Dues /Mail Exp.	\$4,875.00	\$313.00
Advertising	\$0	\$0
Judge’s Panel	\$80	\$0
MISC		
Interest Income	\$0	
National Bird Show	\$0	\$905.00
NCBS 2016 Raffle	\$0	\$0
Business (postage,mailing,office)	\$0	\$194.00
Web Hosting	\$0	\$75.00
Bank Fees	\$0	\$0

Donations Inc/Ongoing (Provita)	\$0	\$0
Gov't Fees	\$0	\$0
TOTAL:	\$9,395.00	\$4,089.00
PROFIT/LOSS		+\$5,306.00

BANK BALANCES:

Checking: \$ 7,360.00
Savings: \$31,459.00
Total Cash: \$38,819.00

Financial Audits

2014 & 2015 two audits completed satisfactorily;
2016 – Susan Stieve will complete the first audit

Items completed since 1/1/2018:

- Updated nonprofit QuickBooks software to 2018 version for \$50 (used Tech Soup for update)
- Completed 2018 membership vote as "APPROVED" on change in NFSS By-Laws regarding dissolution of non-profit to meet IRS requirements for non-profit status.
- Transferred \$5000 excess cash from NFSS checking to NFSS savings account
- Filed IRS 990N for NFSS
- Sara suggests participation in "Amazon Smile" – (SEE MOTION #2018-4)

1st VICE-PRESIDENT – Sally Huntington (Education)

Due to the low turn-out at the 2017 event, Sally Huntington has announced this event will be suspended for 2018 and re-evaluated at a later date.

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT (Finch Save/Census) – Sally Porter

20 participants reported 382 finches(104 off spring), 174 Softbills (35 off spring), 64 Dove/Quail (2 off spring).

Discussion regarding outreach to advertise this census in the future to a broader range of possible participants.

4th VICE-PRESIDENT (judge's Chair/Standards) – Laura Tinker

Panel Update

- Judge's panel remains adequately staffed with 17 judges. No new requests from members to join the panel.

Quarterly Accomplishments

- 2017 show reports were submitted for publication to journal and website.
- 2017 year-end awards were submitted to Awards Chairman.

- NCBS affiliation resulted in follow up contributions – this work is complete. Additional affiliation/sponsorship funds were approved and arrangements were made for NFSS portion of judge’s reimbursement.
- A new draft of the Judge’s Handbook was sent to Bill Parlee for preliminary review. Revision to the handbook will happen after the completion of the society finch silhouette/standard update and approval from the BOD to proceed with the update.
- Judges were all mailed blank show reports.

Future Goals

- A society finch standard silhouette is ongoing. Standards committee has made little progress.
- We have exhausted our supply of blank show reports. A new NFSS blank show report has been created in Microsoft word. New reports can be printed, but will incur a printing expense.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional VP’s continue to seek vendors willing to offer discounts and other perks to current NFSS members as a means of adding to the attraction of an NFSS membership.

MOTION #	BY	SECOND	MOTION	RESULT
2018-3	Huntington	Stieve	NFSS to provide additional \$400 in funding to NBS for the 2018 event	Passed
2018-4	Hansen	Roberts	NFSS to participate in Amazon Smile	Passed
2018-5	Hansen	Watkins	Foreign members be given the option of electronic versions of the Journal	Passed
2018-6	Hansen	Roberts	To accept minutes and adjourn meeting	PASS