Minutes

Judges Association Meeting

Budgerigar Association of America

Houston, Texas

26 Oct 2018

Meeting was called to order at 9:00AM by Judge Administrator Mr Bob Wilson.

**Roll Call**

Bob Wilson, Julie Willis, Robert Marshall, DeWayne Weldon, Rick Spier,

John Joyner, Larry Moore, Holger Moeller and Al Horton (Judge Trainee).

Participating by conference call were Henry Timmes and David Collier.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bob Wilson introduced visiting Judge Clemens Keller from Germany.

There was discussion of and clarification of the WBO vote which precludes new national societies form joining the WBO if another society is already affiliated.

It was confirmed that between the last GN and this one, two judges; Rob Ferguson and John Zerafa were approved as BAA judges.

A motion to accept the BSA as a national Budgerigar association passed.

Rodney Silva was voted on and approved to be added to the BAA judges.

A motion to add Terry Travis to the panel of judges failed.

There was discussion on the pictorial standard and if current judging is consistent with that standard?

-Clemens Keller affirmed that in Europe there is sometimes a divergence from the standard in the judging.

There seems to be some inconsistency within the rare varieties from one judge to another. The relative weight given between the varietal qualities and the standard for overall qualities differs.

It was suggested that rare breeders should have input.

One position put forward was that there should be an emphasis of 50% on varietal qualities and 50% on the quality standard point system.

The general consensus is that the point standard defines the weighting properly.

The question was asked about interest in educational programs on judging.

 -No response; left for future consideration.

DeWayne presented a written test for new judges.

Bob Wilson also presented a “Judge Trainee Written Test #1 for judge trainees on varieties and procedures.

Bob presented a “Judge Trainee Evaluation sheet”.

No changes were made to our current documents

Julie Willis gave an explanation of the judging procedures used in Texas.

Bob Wilson introduced the all-wire exhibition cage as a potential alternative to current one.

-Presented sample cage w/one perch as used at WBO Show, South Africa, Egypt, etc.

-Feels they are versatile for practical judging.

-South Africa has established a transition period of 12 yrs. But exhibitors are transitioning rapidly.

-The panel shows positive interest.

Motion: Given the availability of cages we will give the option of transitioning to wire cages. Passed

Motion: When a change to require a majority vote greater than 50% is proposed, that same percentage will be required for the motion to pass. Passed

Motion: In a show, when a bird‘s classification is in question, after consultation, the judge has the final decision. Passed

Julie Willis gave a presentation (w/handout) on the Easley Clearbody and how feather structure affects the appearance of this variety. Has nothing to do with color

Motion: Recommend to the board that in the AOV class, cinnamon and opaline are modifiers, not varieties, and, as such, not included in AOV. This is to be reflected in the Schedule of Classes. Passed

Meeting adjourned.