**Minutes**

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**BUDGERIAR ASSOCIATION of AMERICA**

**GRAND NATIONAL**

**2018**

26 Oct 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Spier at 1:30 PM at the airport Double Tree Hilton in Houston Texas.

Recording Secretary/Administrator Holger Moeller was asked to do Roll Call.

-Present were (13): Rick Spier, Julie Willis, Marsha Conley, Robert Marshall, Dewayne Weldon, Rich Werner, Joshua Anthony, Stephen Higgins, Bob Wilson, Maureen Broderick, Larry Moore, Al Horton and Holger Moeller.

-Attending via conference call (1): Chuck Romano.

-Also present as guests were (10): Invitee Judge Clemens Keller, Dinah Moore, Stuart Sacks, Greg Lovell, Chad Babin, John Joyner, Robert Hoffstetter, Dawn Sandve, and Herb and Margie Doucet.

A handout of the minutes from the 2017 meeting was presented.

* **Motion:** To accept the minutes of the 2017 meeting as presented.
* **Passed**

Rick commented on the procedure for the conduct of the meeting; reminding all that BAA is a social club.

-Stated the guideline of; “Is it good for the members? Is it good for the hobby?”

**Treasurers Report**

**Delivered by: Marsha Conley**

-Marsha presented a handout with income/expense summaries for 2016 and 2017 and the current balance for 2018. The accounts showed the society to be in good financial standing.

**-**Insurance for affiliated societies was explained/discussed.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Judges Panel**

**Delivered by: Bob Wilson**

-Bob presented a sample of an all wire show cage that he has encountered in his international judging experience. He states its merits as being:

* You see the whole bird.
* It is collapsible; a space saver for transport and storage.
* Has only one perch (although one could opt for two).

-He explained that in South Africa they have agreed on a transition period of 12 yrs, allowing exhibitors to transfer at their convenience. Bob is obtaining prices.

-Bob forwarded a motionpassed by the Judges Panel to accept a transfer to wire exhibition cages which was stated as:

* **Motion:** Given the availability of cages, we will have the option to transfer to wire exhibition cages.
* **Passed**

-Another motion brought forward from the Judges Panel was on the issue of variety classification at shows. The motion was “after consultation on variety classification, the final decision goes to the judge.”

* **Motion:** The motion to accept the amendment to the By-Laws.
* **Passed**
* **Motion:** To accept the forwarded Judges Panel motion that in the Schedule of Classes: AOV does not include Cinnamon and Opaline as varieties.
* **Passed**

-Julie Willis is charged with changing the Schedule of Classes to reflect the above motion.

**BAA Journal**

**Delivered by: Larry Moore**

-Appreciation was expressed to Larry for his excellent work on the Journal.

-Larry requests more articles.

-Larry recommends the use of all color in the Journal.

-The cost of printing the Journal is about $30/yr./member. We are fine financially right now, but at some point we may want to consider raising membership dues or finding advertising.

* **Motion:** To have an article contest with a prize of one year’s free membership. Winner by editor’s choice.
* **Passed**

**Website**

**Delivered by: Joshua Anthony**

-Wants to add more pictures

-Pictures can be sent by “Drop Box”.

-Patronage form should indicate a “Show Photographer”.

**Affiliations**

**Delivered by: Stephen Higgins**

-No changes in affiliations.

-Anticipate new club from Massachusetts.

**Advancement**

**Delivered by: Julie Willis (for Henry Timmes)**

-There are some issues that arise because some exhibitors don’t always know the rules.

-Julie requests response if she misses data. The volume of information is large and complex.

**Bands**

**Delivered by: Chuck Romano (via conference call)**

-Profit for 2018 ($118) went down from 2017 ($130) owed to us absorbing a price increase.

-Chuck presented a restructured Band Price Schedule to reflect the increase in cost.

* **Motion:** To accept the Band Secretary’s recommendation of a new price structure.
* **Passed**

**Membership**

**Report provided by: Greg Arena**

-Greg presented a written report on membership.

-There was an increase of members to 174; a gain of 54 compared to last year.

**Ranking**

**Delivered by: Julie Willis**

-Julie informs that sometimes there is some confusion on show reports; asks that members review them to clarify.

**Patronage**

**Delivered by: Maureen Broderick**

-Maureen informs she ordered 40 Budgerigar Society Colour Standards; has 27 left for sale.

-Has some lapel pins available.

-She reports that in our show tags for sale to the affiliated societies we have a loss of $.015 each.

* **Motion:** To increase the show tag price to $15.00/200.
* **Passed**

**Member Liaison**

**Delivered by: Rich Werner**

-Rich commented on the absence of e- mail addresses for his contacts.

-Dinah Moore has developed a New Member Information Packet.

* **Motion:** To accept the proposal for a new member informational packet.
* **Passed**

**New Business**

-Discussion on an e-mail motion to re-visit the Member Liaison position.

-Is there a redundancy?

-Do we want to continue or restructure the position?

-It was decided to table the issue for further evaluation until next year.

-Spanish Language Inclusion:

 -Should there be more Spanish language use to entice Hispanics?

 -Member applications on the web-site?

 -To be investigated by Josh Anthony

* **Motion:** All past Chairpersons should be permanent members of the Board as long as they are members in good standing.
* **Passed**
* **Motion:** To advance from Novice to Intermediate will be changed to four wins: Two Best Novice, two 3rd Best Novice or better. All from different birds, different judges, different shows. Effective Jan 1, 2019.
* **Passed**
* **Motion:** For the requirement to advance from Intermediate to Champion, if one of the top 6th BIS is met, each additional bird placing in the top 6 BIS can replace a CC requirement. Effective Jan 1, 2019.
* **Passed**
* **Motion:** Anyone can self-advance at any time.
* **Passed**
* **Motion:** Show points won at the Grand National will be doubled.
* **Passed**
* **Motion:** For eligibility to vote in BAA elections any member must have been a member for 6 mos. prior to the emission of the ballots.
* **Passed**

-There will be a committee to create a timeline/protocol for elections.

-The committee will consist of Greg Arena, Robert Marshall, and Maureen Broderick.

* **Motion:** The East Penn society applies for the venue of next year’s Grand National at the Mount Laurel Resort in Lake Harmony, Pennsylvania.
* **Passed**

Meeting Adjourned.