***Minutes***

Meeting of the Board of Directors

**BUDGERIGAR ASSOCIATION of AMERICA**

**GRAND NATIONAL 2017**

Chairman Al Horton called the 2017 meeting of the BAA Board of Directors to order at 12:06 PM on Friday, September 22, 2016 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Board members present were Al Horton, Greg Arena, Maureen Broderick, Robert Marshall, Chuck Romano, Rick Spier, Dewayne Weldon, Bob Wilson, and Julie Willis. Present via conference call were George Hollingsworth and Sophie Floyd. Guests attending were Marleen Cassarine, Dave and Pam Collier, Marsha Halbert, Catherine Langnam, Greg Lovell, Larry Moore, Joe Riley, Stuart Sacks, Dawn Sandve, Kevin Smith, April Bird-Stieglitz, Bob and Kathy Thornber, Richard Werner, and John Zerafa.

A motion to accept Minutes of the 2016 Grand National was approved.

Al Horton presented the Treasurers report for Marsha Conley. A motion was presented to move $5000 from our checking account into either our savings account or a CD; whichever gets the best rate. If the CD gets the better rate we will transfer the $5000 and the money in our current savings account to the CD . It passed unanimously

A motion for the BAA to absorb the increase in band costs passed unanimously.

A motion to discount a new members first 25 bands to cost passed unanimously. (Bylaw Change)

We discussed providing a welcome package for new members. April Bird Steiglitz and Merideth Smith volunteered to work on coming up with a welcome package.

Standing committee reports were presented on: Advancement, Affiliations, Bands, Membership, Member Retention, Patronage, Ranking, and Registration.

We discussed membership renewal letters and decided they will be sent out annually.

**Old Business:**

Our conference phone is up and running.

**New Business:**

A motion to combine the Administrator and Recording Secretary positions passed unanimously. (Bylaw Change)

Holger Moeller was elected Administrator/Recording Secretary

A Motion to give Sophie the ability to choose the web hosting and design package that she has the most comfort level with after discussing it with Bob Wilson passed unanimously.

A motion that vacant positions, in advance of elections, will go out to the membership for nominations, and, then returned to the membership for vote passed unanimously. (Bylaw change)

A motion to create a new Board Position called Member Liaison, who is responsible for communication with regional representatives as well as the nomination and balloting process for board positions passed. (Bylaw change)

Rich Werner was elected the first member Liaison for first year. The membership will nominate and elect the Member Liaison for the next term.

A motion to create three regions, East, West, and Central passed unanimously. (Bylaw change)

A motion to hire an independent accountant who will be count ballots passed unanimously. (Bylaw change)

A motion to refund the money to the eighteen members who paid for print Journals and never received them passed unanimously. In addition, back copies of the Journals will be mailed to these members along with a letter of apology.

A motion to go back to a printed Journal and to archive prior Journals on the website after a year passed unanimously. (Bylaw Change)

A motion that BAA will insure that East Penn is financially whole following the Grand National passed unanimously.

Rick Spier was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors thanked Al Horton for his service in a difficult job.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.