

# Lone Star State Canary Club

April 2008 Newsletter

Dear Fellow Canarians,

I hope you are having a successful breeding season. I've talked to several people and while some people are finishing up their breeding season, others are really just getting started.

Personally, I've found it to be a strange breeding season. I have had lots of clear eggs. Pairs that I put together and thought they would do well, did nothing, while others raised some great chicks. I've had hens that do a great job of setting, then know nothing about feeding their young. I have talked to people from various parts of the country and many of us are having the clear egg problem when they have never had that problem before. Currently, I'm farming out some eggs to some hens I know are good feeders. This is a tip I picked up from talking to a fellow club member, Patty Roberts. Thanks, Patty, I hope it works.

Having the ability to speak to various people about bird or breeding problems has been very helpful to me. I've gotten lots of ideas from different breeding techniques. I am glad I have been involved with the club and to have attended NCBS shows. I have made great friendships within the club and around the country from attending our meetings and various shows.

We have great members and willing to help if you are having bird problems, so please feel free to contact an officer or board member to discuss the matter. If one of us doesn't have the answer, we'll certainly try to find someone that can help you. And please come to the meetings. You never know what you might pick up for tips, ideas, or be able to discuss a topic you are interested in. We are unique from a lot of groups in that we are willing to share our experiences and knowledge with anyone.

Besides the minutes from our April meeting, you will find your roster and by-laws for 2008. This past year I've received ideas from members to make the roster easier to read and more 'member friendly'. I have added these items where possible. Thank you for your ideas and keep them coming.

I do have some human qualities and have made some errors that were pointed out to me at the April meeting. Thanks for your help. If you find that some of your information is different than what I have or if you now have an email address that is not listed, please email or regular mail the changes to me and I will update the list.

Having your email allows us to get information to you quickly. Something may come up, such as an emergency meeting, where we don't have time to send regular mail. Your email goes no further than our email address list. We do not sell our list or share it with anyone. If I am sending a mass email, I place all the email addresses in the BCC line to make it virtually impossible for anyone to phish your email address out of our email to you.

Although this is mentioned in the Minutes of the April Meeting, I would like to take this opportunity to announce we have another Honorary Lifetime Member. Mr. Joe Cariker was voted in as an Honorary Lifetime Member. He has been a supporter of LSSCC club forever. While Joe has retired from raising birds, you will still find him attending shows when possible and has continued to supply us with raffle or silent auction items. Congratulations Joe !!!!!!! We all appreciate what you've done for the birds and all of us in the fancy over the many, many years.

Several members have asked to receive their newsletter by email rather than a paper copy. I will be glad to accommodate your wishes. If you prefer an email rather than a paper copy, please email me at [webmaster@lonestarcnaryclub.com](mailto:webmaster@lonestarcnaryclub.com).

You may have noticed a change to the address label on your envelope. I am now including the year in which your membership expires. Your membership will expire on December 31 of the year on your label. So, for example, my label would have: Tom Hixson – 2008. My membership expires on December 31, 2008. This may save you time having to call to see if your membership is current. This is just another way we are trying to make our club more helpful for you.

We had a busy meeting this past weekend. Since several of us traveled in car pools, the board voted to have an open board meeting, inviting the general members to join in on the board meeting. You will only be receiving 1 Minutes of the Meeting ( Secretary's report) this time.

Our next meeting will be July 19 at Gisela Beghooy's home. More details in the Minutes.

Don't forget – our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual show is October 17 – 19 in Plano. Same place as last year.

I have taken enough of your time and you have a lot to read and review. Have a safe and prosperous Spring. I'll be back in touch this summer.

Sincerely,

Tom Hixson  
LSSCC Secretary

Minutes of the Board Meeting  
April 26, 2008

Board Members Present:

Julio Valella  
Tom Hixson  
Gisela Behgooy  
Ricardo Sanchez  
Patty Roberts  
Ray Terrazas  
Jay Burzlaff

The meeting was called to order by President Julio Valella. Julio thanked Raquel King for opening up her home for our meeting.

Since several of us had traveled together, therefore arriving at the same time, a motion was made by Ricardo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay to have an open board meeting, thereby allowing the general membership to sit in on the board meeting. Motion carries.

**Old Business:**

A motion by Gisela, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carries.

The treasurer's report was read. Motion by Patty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay to accept as presented. Motion carries.

2008 Show

- The contract with the hotel has been signed. Rooms will be \$82 for single or double occupancy. This is up \$3 from last year. It includes continental Breakfast, or \$4 off the Buffet breakfast. Be sure to mention the bird club when you make your reservations. **Please reserve early.** Last year the hotel was completely sold out with the state fair and other events at the hotel.
- The judges for the show are:
  - Lipochrome – Albert Silva from California
  - Melanin – Luis Talavera from Puerto Rico
  - Type - Ralph Tepedino from California
  - Spanish TImbrado – no judge announced at this time, more discussion under new business.

**New Business**

2008 show

- The trophies have been ordered. We have ordered trophies for all 11 divisions. Since we voted a few years ago to follow the classes, sections and divisions that NCBS uses, we are added a new division – Staffords – this year.
- The judges contracts for the show have been signed and returned
- Ribbons – We are going to need to place a ribbon order. A discuss was held about doing away with the small ribbons given to class winners and using dots

instead. The general concensus was the class ribbons are an encouragement to novice and beginning breeders, therefore, we will continue using ribbons for class winners. Patty and Felipe will get together to inventory the ribbons we have and place the ribbon order.

- Judges – We have been assured we have a judge coming from Spain for our Spanish Timbrado Division. The organizations in Spain are going through some reorganization at the present time however, we definitely will have a judge.
- Banquet – Tom and Felipe are looking into having the meal catered from outside to the hotel. They are looking into a wider selection than being offered by the hotel.
- Show Catalog – Tom is starting to work on the catalog. Please get your ads in early. Michelle and Patty will be working on acquiring division and section sponsorships and ads as well.
- Clarence King. A motion by Ricardo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gisela to dedicate our show this year to Clarence King. Clarence and his wife were founding members of our club. It is a great time to reflect back on where our club has been and the changes we have made. Motion carries – unanimously.

#### Other New Business

- Benches – Hotels are wanting to charge for tables we use for staging the birds. Julio saw a bench that would hold more birds in less space. Ricardo is looking into having the material provided for us. This would save table rental expense, however, we may run into expense if we have to buy materials. We may need to get a bunch of members together to assemble the benches or do some work on the benches if we go that route. Please be ready to help us with this effort. A motion was made by Ricardo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay to acquire the materials to build the stands if we do not find a sponsor for the stands, not to exceed \$1500 for 15 benches total. Motion Carries.
- Show Software. Ricardo has been investigating the possibility of having an automated system for bird registration. Dorothy Eggers supplied with information of software in Canada, that was presented at NCBS a few years ago. Tom has spoken to the gentleman. Tom and Ricardo have discussed our needs and what the Canadian software can do. They have decided to do further investigation into creating a new system where the exhibitor can register themselves and their birds at home. When they arrive at the show, they verify the information is correct, the identification information is printed at that time and placed on the cage. More information will be presented at the July meeting.
- NCBS – Rudy Diehl, one of our members and also the backbone of the Tulsa show, has talked to some of our board members about lending support to the Tulsa club if Tulsa is selected as the site of the 2009 NCBS show. There was quite a bit of discussion on this topic. We were told there would be no financial obligation and no liability on the club's part, that this is a moral obligation only and that he is looking for manpower. A motion by Ricardo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gisela to

Support the Tulsa club pending on the detail that Rudy presents and what his plans are for the club's participation. Motion carries.

- There was a discussion as to the number of entries we have in each division and whether is it cost-effective for us to have so many divisions when there are few birds entered into that division. A motion by Ricardo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gisela, that:  
“Any Division shall have a minimum of 15 birds each. If a division fails to meet the minimum population, the division will be placed on Probation the following year. The membership will be notified that this division is on Probation. If the Division does not meet the minimum requirement the second year in a row, the division will be dropped and the birds from that division will be moved to another existing division.”

This gives our members a chance to increase the population for that division and also to encourage others to come to our show to support that division. Motion Carries.

- 2009 Judges – Those who are responsible for inviting judges to come to our show are finding that at times it is hard to get judges that are nominated because they have already been booked a year or two in advance. The discussion led to the possibility of if a judge is busy for the year in question, to go ahead and ask them if they could judge the following year. No motion was made on this topic.
- July Meeting. The July meeting will be:  
July 19, 2008  
Board meeting – 2 pm  
General meeting 3 pm  
Gisela Behgooy's home  
9028 Eastwood Ave.  
Crossroads, TX ( north of the Dallas area)
- Motion by Patty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray to Adjourn. Motion Carries.