

## **Minutes for November 7, 2004, NCBC Meeting**

The minutes will not be read at future meetings but comment for correction will be made and they will be voted on being accepted. The October 3, 2004, Minutes were accepted with the next to the last paragraph in the 1<sup>st</sup> column deleted since it was an accidental repeat of the preceding paragraph.

Barbara Earles has been passing out club flyers and we had one new attendee because of that.

Bozena will look for the Club banner in the boxes of magazines stored at her house since Kelsie Holtje has told us that she doesn't have the banner.

Carol Rees presented a bound copy of John Davey's newsletter articles to be included in the Club Library. John Davey has so far written over 40 articles for the club newsletter.

Since Kelsie Holtje did not attend the meeting, the transfer of the club library has not yet taken place. Wayne Porter will be coordinating with her on getting these items and transferring them to John Long.

The Club web site has been redesigned and a message board added. Members are encouraged to access them and provide comments. Carol Rees put out a call for anyone who had information on avian vets, bird boarding and sitting, bird stores, etc., to provide her with the information so that she can add it to the site and to our resource listings.

A membership kit will be sent out starting around the end of December for all new members and renewing members. Carol Rees is still in the process of collecting and verifying the information that will be included in the kit. So far, the membership kit will contain a membership card, an introduction letter along with verification of membership and directory listing information, list of avian vets, list of local emergency veterinary hospitals, list of local parrot rescue organizations, list of local bird stores, list of local bird boarding and sitting, the yearly meeting schedule, a map and directions to the club meeting location, list of pet bird magazines, and a list of other national bird organizations such as the AFA and WPT. A sample membership card was viewed and approved for inclusion in the membership kit. Carol Rees will write up the introduction letter and have it reviewed by John Long and Elizabeth Moore.

John Long showed a sample name tag and will be getting pricing information on it. Club members will be able to purchase one of these after joining/renewing.

Carol Rees requested that a change be made in the advertising policy of the newsletter: business card ads would be free for club members. This was voted and agreed upon. Starting with the December issue of the newsletter, members may have a bird-related business card displayed in the newsletter for free. We agreed that a line ad is to be just a couple of lines one column wide.

The club directory will be published in March 2005.

John Long provided the dates of the 2005 bird marts. They will be added to the Upcoming Events in the Newsletter and on the Web Site.

Tammy Ellison has provided the tentative 2005 dates for the bird club meetings. She has not yet received confirmation on the dates. Since the December meeting date coincides with a bird mart it was changed to be the following week.

The Holiday Party will be at Bozena Pait's on December 12<sup>th</sup>. She is in charge of getting the ham for it. The directions along with a map will be in December's newsletter. People should RSVP by calling or emailing her that they are coming.

The December Bird Mart Bake Sale will be a fundraiser for the club. All who contribute baked goods before 10 a.m. at the club table will receive free admission to the mart.

The BCV will be contributing for a second year to the Research Project on Reintroducing the Scarlet Macaw into the wild in Costa Rica. John Long will be providing Carol Rees with information on this for the newsletter and web site.

The period of comment on the Animal Welfare Act ended on November 1, 2004. This upcoming legislation will affect all breeders of birds. The AFA has put out an important comment on this issue. John Long will provide this to Carol Rees who will summarize it for the next newsletter. There will be other opportunities for public comments before this legislation is enacted.

A raffle was held for bird related items at the meeting.

DD Pet Products provided some samples of healthy bird treats and they were distributed at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at about 5:30 p.m.