



Ameraucana Breeders Club Annual Members Meeting November 7, 2015

Clif Redden, President, presiding
Submitted by Don Cash

Clif opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He welcomed the new members to the club. He thanked Paul, Angela and Matthew for the hard work they had put into preparing for the show to make it such a success.

It was discussed that a member had requested a collaborative letter to campaign the Hatcheries into dropping the name Ameraucana when selling mixed chicks. It was decided to investigate the letter further and decide how the club might help with the effort.

APA/ABA acceptance of the new varieties of Splash, Lav./Self Blue and Splash Wheaten was discussed at length. The name Lav and Self Blue was discussed. The APA and ABA use the name Self Blue for all breeds where this color is accepted. We must also be very intentional about the name, as the organizations are very specific about the way entries are named to meet their requirements. The cost to begin the process is believed to be \$250/ per variety. Ultimately it requires the showing of 4 Cocks, Hens, Pullets and Cockerals for each variety. So the biggest push should be to increase the numbers of each variety to the shows and in front of future breeders. We need to encourage people interested in the varieties as best we can. (It was agreed in a subsequent meeting of attending board members for the club to order the Splash Wheaten color description from the inactive files at the ABA.)

Constitution changes will be proposed for approval in the fall 2016 election. These will likely include:

- Clarifications to maintain anonymity of voting ballot, especially from anyone running for office and or holding current office.
- Potential options for alternate year or special elections as deemed necessary by the Board.
- Appointment of Honorary offices, IE, Honorary Vice President
- Changes in language to Non-Profit status

Larry Clionsky was awarded ABC Lifetime Achievement award.

Jerry DeSmit was awarded ABC Master Exhibitor award for attaining 1000 points showing Ameraucanas.

Jerry also spoke about his commitment to both the club and his North Central district. He encouraged any of his members to feel free to contact him about any club business. He stressed that he wanted to serve the needs of his members and not his own wishes. This was agreed by all board members present.

Meeting was adjourned and a photograph was arranged by all attending members