

The president and secretary thanked the Association for the honor conferred upon them.

On motion of Mr. Ficklin the Association adjourned until 7.30 p.m.

Evening Session, Jan. 23, 1888.

The association met at 7.30 p.m., with President Williams in the chair.

The committee appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws was given further time in which to report.

The president then announced that the next order of business was the revision of the American Standard of Excellence, and called for the reports of the committees appointed at St. Louis on revision.

Mr. Scheel, of Illinois, chairman of the committee on revision of the Buff Cochin Standard, suggested that the question as to whether or not disqualifying weights and the section of symmetry should be retained in the standard, and the readjusting of the scale of points, were preliminary matters which should be settled by the association before any committee on revision should be asked to report; the committees could then make an intelligent report. His committee was not ready to report until these matters were settled.

In view of the fact that Dr. T. B. Spaulding, of Illinois, was not present, Mr. Scheel asked, and was granted, permission to substitute the name of Thos. F. McGrew, Jr., of Ohio, as a member of the Buff Cochin Committee.

Mr. Babcock moved, which motion was seconded by Dr. Robinson, of Pennsylvania, that disqualification clauses in all breeds be abolished. A general discussion of the question was had, participated in by Mr. I.K. Felch, Dr. Robinsor and Mr. Babcock, in favor of the motion, and Mr. McGrew, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Williams, of Mass., Mr. Ficklin, Mr. Spaulding, of N. H., and Mr. Fenton, opposed. The supporters of the motion claimed that disqualifications caused more trouble, hard feeling and misunderstanding between exhibitors and judges than anything else in the whole standard; an 85 point bird up in weight, could win over a 92 point bird 2 ounces short; if all birds under 85 points were refused a score card it would answer every purpose of disqualifying clauses. The opposition argued that disqualifications were the only protection to the buyer; keep unworthy birds out of the exhibition; and prevent degeneration.

The motion being put to the association, was lost.

A motion was then made by Mr. Conger that the section of "symmetry" be stricken from the standard, and seconded.

Mr. Pierce moved to amend by retaining the sections as now embraced in the scale of points; which amendment was lost.

The question recurring upon the original motion "that symmetry be stricken from the standard," the same was discussed at length. Messrs. Babcock and I. K. Felch, in support thereof maintained that symmetry should be stricken from the standard as being simply a result that is the product of all the other points; it can have no tangible definition; there are as many ideals as there are judges; it compels two cuts for the same defect; it makes the score card blind, the owner of a bird cannot know what defect it covers; it is a refuge for dishonest judges; and a source of endless confusion and trouble. The motion was opposed by Messrs. Scotten, Bicknell, Pierce, T. B. Spaulding, Ficklin, Orr, Lee and Dr. Robinson.

Pending the discussion the association adjourned until Tuesday morning, Jan. 24th, at 9 o'clock.

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The consideration of the question before the association upon adjournment was resumed, with President Williams in the chair.

After further discussion participated in by Messrs. Fenton, Scudder, Bicknell, Felch, Scotten, Babcock, Jacobs, Williams, of Mass., Robinson, McGrew, Guthrie, Pitkin, Lee, Orr, and Spaulding, Mr. Conger moved the previous question, which motion was seconded by the Association.

The question being put, Mr. Jacobs demanded the ayes and noes. Upon call of the roll, there were thirteen ayes and forty-three noes; the motion was therefore declared lost.

Mr. Scudder, of New York, moved that a committee of three or five breeders of each class or variety, be appointed by the breeders of that class or variety present, to select from such outline drawings as may be presented to them, a composite or single outline, which shall be placed in the proper place in the Standard, and be recognised as a typical representative profile or

outline of the variety. Which motion was duly seconded.

Pending discussion of the motion the meeting adjourned until 2.30 p. m.

Afternoon session Jan. 24, 2.30 p.m. The association was called to order by the President.

Mr. McGrew, chairman of the auditing and finance committee submitted the report of the committee upon the report of the Secretary and Treasurer, by which the same was in all things approved and confirmed; and that the bond of the Secretary and Treasurer had been submitted to them, and by them approved. He also asked to be instructed as to what disposition should be made of the Secretary and Treasurer's report and bond, and vouchers. On motion the chairman of the auditing and finance committee was directed to retain possession of the Secretary and Treasurer's bond, report and vouchers.

On motion of Mr. Conger, it was ordered that no member of the association should speak on the same subject more than twice, and that the first speech should be limited to five minutes, and the second to two.

The matter of holding a banquet was suggested by Mr. Conger, and on motion laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Scudder asked, and was granted permission to change his motion pending before the association, and substitute therefore the following: That the president appoint two or three breeders of each class or variety from the breeders of that class or variety present, to select from such outline or profile drawings as may be presented to them, a composite or single outline or profile, which shall be placed in the standard in the proper place and be recognized as a typical representative profile or outline of the variety, and that such committees furnish the funds necessary for carrying out this plan.

Pending the discussion of Mr. Scudder's motion, Mr. Jacobs moved that in addition to the regular edition of the standard that the standard of each class or variety be issued separately, and be sold at 25 cents; which motion was seconded by Mr. Pitkin, and on being put to the convention was lost.

Mr. Jacobs then moved that the outline profile contemplated in Mr. Scudder's motion, be issued as an appendix to and separately from the standard: which was lost.

A telegram was then read from Mr.