



**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR  
COUNCIL Inc.**

**2014 ANNUAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Grand Chancellor**

**Adelaide, South Australia**

**Monday  
23<sup>rd</sup>. June 2014**

## ITEM 1- ROLL CALL OF MEMBER BODIES AND INTRODUCTION OF DELEGATES

**Member Bodies, Office Bearers and Sub-committees were represented as follows:**

New South Wales (B.S.N.S.W. Inc.)	Bruce Bradford and Andre Ozoux
Victoria (B.C.V. Inc.)	Rod Turnbull and Alan Baxter
South Australia (B.C.S.A. Inc.)	Peter Glassenbury and Darren Lommen
South Queensland (S.Q.B.B.A Inc.)	Neale Love and Trevor Broadbent
North Queensland (Qld Nth & Central)	Graham Ward and Bruce Schuster
Tasmania (B.C.T. inc.)	Alistair Home and Phillip Charlesworth
Western Australia (B.C.W.A. Inc)	Fran and John McLauchlan
A.N.B.C. President	Nigel Tonkin
Colour and Standards Coordinator	Peter Glassenbury
National Judges' Coordinator/ Working Group Coordinator/ National Ring Registrar	Alistair Home
ANBC Secretary/Treasurer	Jim Fletcher

## ITEM 2 - APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received for the meeting.

## ITEM 3 – OPENING OF MEETING BY ANBC PRESIDENT, Nigel Tonkin

Meeting opened by the President at 8.30am Delegates welcomed

## ITEM 4 – PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President, Nigel Tonkin presented and tabled his report.

**See attachment 1**

**Motion Moved:** SQBBA, Seconded: BCT

That the President's report be received and a vote of thanks be extended to Nigel

**Carried unanimously.**

## ITEM 5 – SECRETARY'S REPORT

Council Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Fletcher presented and tabled his report.

**See attachment 2**

**Motion Moved:** BSNSW, Seconded by BCV.

That the Secretary's report as tabled be received

**Carried unanimously.**

## ITEM 6 – FIXING TIMES FOR MEETING

It was resolved that morning tea would be taken at 10 am and lunch at 12 noon

## ITEM 7 – ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2014/15

### 7a ANBC President

#### **Motion from WABC, Seconded by BCT**

That Gina House is nominated for the position of ANBC President for the period 2014/15. **Carried unanimously.**

### 7b ANBC Secretary

#### **Motion from BCSA Seconded BCV**

That Jim Fletcher is nominated for the position of ANBC Secretary/Treasurer for the period 2014/15. **Carried unanimously.**

### 7c ANBC Committee

The President elect and Secretary elect are automatic under the constitution.

The third member is to be elected IAW Clause 3 (d) of the Constitution.

**Carried unanimously**

### 7d Motion from BCSA, Seconded by SQBBA

That Nigel Tonkin is nominated as the third member (Vice President) of the ANBC Committee for the period 2014/15. **Carried unanimously.**

### 7e Public Officer

#### **Motion from BCSA, Seconded by QNCZ**

That David Butters is nominated for the position of Public Officer of the ANBC for the period 2014/15. **Carried unanimously.**

### 7f Historian

#### **Motion from BCV, Seconded by SQBBA**

That Leigh Downey is nominated for the position of ANBC Historian for the period 2014/15. – **Carried unanimously.**

### 7g Web Master

#### **Motion from BCSA, Seconded by BCT**

That Steve Campbell is nominated for the position of ANBC Web-master for the period 2014/15. **Carried unanimously.**

## ITEM 8 – MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the 2013 Meeting were circulated with the Agenda. The Chairperson asked if Delegates had read these and were agreeable to proceed.

#### **Motion Moved by BCT, Seconded by BSNSW,**

That the minutes of the 2013 meeting, as circulated are a true and accurate record of that meeting – **Carried unanimously.**

## **ITEM 9 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The following matters of Business Arising, were discussed:

- a) **Term Deposit** – \$20,000 has been rolled over matures 10 June 2014 Int. 4% resulting in \$800 due on above date.
- b) Secretary was to have a face to face meeting with Chapman Rings - that did not happen as Chapman's decided to stop making rings for the ANBC and then decided to dispose of the ring making side of their business. This was a very unfortunate situation, as the ANBC have had many years of great service with Bruce and his family.
- c) New trophies have not been ordered as yet. I thought it best to wait the outcome of this year's meeting, because of possible changes to the classes.
- d) Bob Bourke has been added to the Hall of Fame Service Division.
- e) **Colour & Standards Matters**  
Changes have been made to the standard to reflect the changes required in relation to decisions made at last year's meeting. These changes have been distributed and loaded onto the Web page, including making the Web version electronic.
- f) Letter to Ian Hanington, thanking him for the assistance he provided in caring for the sick birds at Toowoomba Show was sent to Ian.
- g) Hall of Fame - Breeder Excellence Division - Master Tally Sheet updated with 2013 results.

The President asked if there was any other business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. None was forthcoming.

## **ITEM 10 - CORRESPONDENCE**

A summary of correspondence for the year was available to meeting delegates (via laptop) at the meeting. The Secretary highlighted following items, which required comment or further consideration or action:

- Submission from ACT Budgerigar Association re affiliation with the ANBC
- Letter from Chapman Rings advising the ANBC that they will not be taking up the option of supplying rings after the 2014 season ends.
- Letter from ANBC Secretary to all State & Zone representatives, re the supply of closed rings for 2015 and beyond.
- Letter from ANBC Secretary to all State & Zone representatives, re amendments to the Standard

- Letter from Chapman Rings advising the ANBC that they have issued 188825 closed rings for the 2014 year to date.
- Letter from NAB re ongoing term deposit
- Copy of new contract between MARS Birdcare, and the ANBC, covering 2015-16 years.

President then asked the observers who were present to vacate the meeting room whilst the ACTBA submission was discussed and a response formulated. After lengthy consideration the meeting deemed this to be a matter of major significance, and will be added as a Notice of Motion for the 2015 meeting, in line with the decision that was made at the 2013 meeting Agenda Item 15J.

It was also resolved that the States & Zones needed additional information to allow them to make an informed decision on the submission (listed below). This information is required by 30 October 2014.

- i. Proposed boundary.
- ii. Results of negotiations with the other two States that may be effected by the proposed new zone if their submission is successful, BSNSW & BCV.
- iii. List of current financially signed members.
- iv. Copy of proposed constitution.
- v. Financial viability

The President then invited the observers back into the meeting and the Secretary explained the decision that was taken by ANBC Council. Secretary to reply in writing to ACTBA re the decision to the submission.

**Motion Moved by BCSA, Seconded by BCT.**

That the correspondence be accepted and Council endorse the action taken by the Secretary. Plus the action taken by the meeting in relation to the ACTBA submission

**Carried unanimously.**

## **ITEM 11 – FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

A Financial Report, Balance Sheet and Auditors Report for 2013/14 were provided to the Delegates. Mr. John Carter accepted the invitation to conduct an audit of the 2013/2014 accounts, free of charge, and has provided an Audit Report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Secretary spoke to the report and advised that the \$5,000 from the ring account and \$15,000 from the General Account as decided by Council in 2013 invested in a Term Deposit for 12 months was due to mature on 10 June 2014 with interest, permission was granted to extend the investment for a further three months at 3.15%.

Secretary also noted that the perceived profit for the year 2013-14 was not real as he was late in providing the MARS sponsorship of \$3500 to BCSA. This will be seen as an expense item on our 2014-15 audit report.

Sec./Treasurer thanked John Carter for a job well done as the ANBC Auditor. John has indicated that he will now retire from the position, a decision on the new Auditor has not yet been made, Sec/Treasurer will keep members informed. Motion moved by SQBBA, seconded by BSNSW That: “the financial and audit reports and balance sheet be accepted” - **Carried unanimously.**

### ITEM 12 - MEMBERSHIP FEE

The Membership Fee is currently \$300 for Member Bodies and \$150 for Affiliated Organizations.( B.S.N.Z.) The fee when set is due as at the date of this meeting. Following discussion the re-affiliation of B.S.N.Z. was approved and membership fee was set as follows:

**Motion Moved by BCT** and seconded by QNCZ.

That: “the application for re-affiliation for 2014/2015 submitted by B.S.N.Z. is approved and the ANBC Membership Fee for Member Bodies is set at \$300.00 and \$150.00 for Affiliated Organizations (B.S.N.Z. Inc.)” – **Carried unanimously**

### ITEM 13 – AFFILIATIONS

- **WBO.** ‘Golden Cob’ currently sponsors membership. Due April, Secretary/Treasurer sought Council approval to renew.

**Motion Moved by BSNSW, Seconded by BCT**

That: “*payment of the WBO Membership Fee for 2014-15, be made by the Secretary when due.* – **Carried unanimously.**

- **ABA.** Bruce Bradford presented his report - **See attachment 3**  
Motion to accept report, and renewal of ABA membership, plus Insurance, and for Bruce Bradford to continue representing the ANBC in the ABA, with John Carter as fill in should one be required.

**Motion Moved by BCSA seconded WABC - Carried unanimously.**

### ITEM 14 – REPORTS

#### 14a COLOUR AND STANDARDS, COMMITTEE REPORT

Peter Glassenbury Colour and Standards Co-ordinator presented ‘the Colour and Standards Report.’

Motion moved by BCT seconded by SQBBA that C&S report as tabled be received and actioned where required during the discussions to follow.

**Carried unanimously, See attachment number 4**

#### 14b NATIONAL JUDGES’ REPORT

Alistair Home, the National Judges’ Co-ordinator, presented the Judges’ Panel report.

**See Attachment 5**

Motion moved by BCV seconded SQBBA that report as tabled be received, and that

Alistair Home's nomination by the Judges Panel as the ANBC National Judges Panel Coordinator for 2014/2015 be endorsed - **Carried unanimously**

#### **14c REPORT BY WORKING GROUP**

Alistair Home provided a report on the Working Group. **See attachment 6**  
 Alistair spoke at length about the group and lack of action by the States & Zones, he suggested that this group be disbanded  
 Motion moved by BSNSW Seconded by BCSA to accept Working Party report, and recommendation to close the Working Group down. **Carried unanimously**  
 A vote of thanks for Alistair for his work in this group was moved by BCSA, seconded by BCV. **Carried unanimously**

#### **14d REPORT BY HISTORIAN**

Motion Moved by BCSA, Seconded by BCT  
**That:** "the report tabled by the ANBC Historian, Leigh Downey be received and Leigh Downey be thanked for presenting his report. **See attachment 7**  
**Carried**  
 Secretary to arrange for Webmaster to load report on ANBC site.

**14e REPORT ON THE WEBSITE.** The Webmaster, Steve Campbell was not in attendance. Secretary provided an update on actions taken in the past twelve months, especially around the ANBC Standard, Secretary also reported that he is intending to make changes to the site so that it has a modern appeal with all information easy to find.  
 Motion moved by SQBBA, seconded by BCSA that report be accepted and actioned where required. **Carried unanimously**

#### **14f REPORT BY BCSA ON 2012 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

BCSA Delegates presented the following reports on the 2014 ANBC Annual Championship Show. **See Attachments 8**

#### **Motion Moved by BCV, Seconded by BSNSW**

**That:** "the report by BCSA on the 2014 ANBC Championship Show be accepted.  
**Carried unanimously**

#### **14g Trial Evaluation 2-3 Bird Trial 2011 to 2014**

Secretary provided a verbal report following evaluation of the last year of the second stage of the trial (2013 and 2014), which saw two birds in each variety per Team with all birds benched unless there was a reason (health or condition) preventing entries being benched. The show was conducted as a two-day event. Report is as follows:

- **Judging Time** Average judging time per class was approx. 30 minutes, prep time 5 minutes and commentary delivery time 4 minutes. Total average per class 39 minutes per class.
- **Show Manager Reports** that both days ran smoothly.
- This year we saw minimal problems with the birds. Day 1 saw one crest short from WA. Day 2 saw two Violets and one Dark Eyed Clear short from

Tasmania. In both instances the teams were short at their State selections, and day 2 also saw a NSW bird disqualified due to no primary tail.

- **What the 2 year trial highlighted is:** that the zones took some risks in their selections in the first year of this stage of the trial, but did not take those same risks in the second year. The trial, I believe, was a success and this is highlighted by the improvement in the new classes that were part of the trial, this can only be good for the hobby going forward.

**Motion Moved by BCV, seconded by WABC**

That: "the report be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

**14h REPORT BY NATIONAL RING REGISTRAR**

NRR presented his report on the 2015 ring issue to date, **See Attachments 9**

**ITEM 15 – CONDUCT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

The following Notice of Motions tabled at last year's meeting were put to the meeting.

**Motion 1**

**BCT move that the three bird entry model as trialed in 2011-12 be adopted as the format for the ANBC Shows post 2014. Seconded by BCV.**

Supporting documentation

Each team will be entitled:

- To enter up to three birds in each class in each of the varieties competing in the show and to have all birds benched and judged (**two for points**) unless this is precluded by illness, injury, or loss of condition to the extent that the bird would be disqualified if benched. **Motion Carried 6 for 1 against.**

**Motion 2**

**BCT move that the Normal Violet class as trialed in 2013/14 be added to the list of classes for the ANBC Shows post 2014. Seconded SQBBA.**

Supporting documentation

This class has broadened the range of Normal Variety birds on show at the National. Normal Violets are a valuable asset in the breeding of a number of varieties, and the Australian Golden Face and the Yellow Face colours. Having the colour on show also assists in developing understanding of the Violet mutation and its interaction with the dark factor in producing the Visual Violet.

**Carried unanimously**

**Motion 3**

**BCT move that the Normal Australian Golden Face class as trialed in 2013/14 be added to the list of classes for the ANBC Shows post 2014. Seconded BCV**

**Supporting documentation**

Improvement in this colour has been striking. Birds of high quality and good variety have been exhibited. The colour is being bred widely across the country and breeders and judges are more conscious of its distinctive features.

**Motion 4**

**BCT move that the Dilute Yellow/White class as trialed in 2013/14 be added to the list of classes for the ANBC Shows post 2014. Seconded BCV**

**Supporting documentation**

This class has created an opportunity for Dilutes to be exhibited. Birds of a very high standard are being presented on the bench. Many of the uncertainties expressed by exhibitors are disappearing as they become more aware of the definition of the variety and the ideal set out in the Standard.

**Motion Carried 4 for 3 against**

**Motion 5**

**BCT move that the Spangle AOSV class as trialed in 2013/14 be added to the list of classes for the ANBC Shows post 2014. Seconded QNCZ**

**Supporting documentation**

This class has allowed the Normal Spangle to be given the attention it has needed to foster breeding the variety to the Standard. In addition, there is increased awareness in judges, breeders and exhibitors of the requirements of the other Spangle varieties. **Carried unanimously**

**Motion 6**

**BCT move that the Hens class be deleted from the classes to be judged at the ANBC Show post 2014. Seconded BCVA**

**Supporting documentation**

Hens are very competitive in all other classes and this will ease the burden on the Zones and the host State, dealing with the additional new classes.

**Motion lost 2 for 5 against**

**Motion 7**

**BCT move that the Dark Eyed Clear class as trialed in 2013/14 be continued as a trial class for a further two years post 2014. Seconded BSNSW**

**Supporting documentation**

There is not enough momentum for the variety at this stage. We could suggest it continue for two more years. **Motion Carried 6 for 1 against**

**Motion 8**

**BCT move that the ANBC, purchase aluminum cages, as quoted by Alan Beutel and that these cages be transported to the host state /zone at the cost of the ANBC and stored at the cost of the host state / zone.**

BCT Delegates asked that this motion be deferred until a clearer picture of future

National Shows, Zones and all associated costs is fully understood. The meeting agreed and the motion was not put to the meeting.

### ITEM - 16 NEW MOTIONS

#### From WABC:

**16a) Motion** That the Australian Golden Face class remain as a standalone class and not be returned to the Normal Yellow Face Class. **Motion now redundant**

#### **16b) MOTION FROM THE BSNSW:**

That there be three birds per team per class benched at the Annual A.N.B.C. Show, from and including 2015 with two of the three birds accumulating points for their State/Zone.

**Motion now redundant**

#### **16c) MOTION FROM THE BCV:**

That each zone will be entitled to enter up to three birds in each class in each of the varieties competing in the show and to have all birds benched and judged (two highest placed for points) unless this is precluded by illness, injury, or loss of condition to the extent that the bird would be disqualified if benched. **Motion now redundant**

#### **16d) MOTION FROM THE BSNSW:**

That "Customwood" be removed from the materials (under heading "Plywood") allowed in "Specification of the Standard Show Cage for the ANBC"

**Seconded BCT**

#### Reason in Support

This product is susceptible to damage if it becomes damp. We have had reports of a Novice member losing relatively new cages in this manner. The hobby does not need risk upsetting/losing members from something that can be eliminated.

This motion was referred to the C&S Sub. Committee and they agreed this material does need to be removed from future show cages.

**Motion Carried 5 for 1 against, 1 Abstention**

#### **16e) MOTION FROM THE BCV:**

That the following varieties trialed in 2013-14 be confirmed as classes in the National Show (Normal Violet, Normal Australian Golden Face, Dilute and Spangle AOSV). **Motion now redundant**

#### **16f) MOTION FROM THE BCV:**

Dark Eyed Clears to continue as an Exhibition Class only.

**Motion now redundant**

#### **16g) MOTION FROM THE BCV:**

That ANBC Standard photos follow The Budgerigar Society 2012 Colour Standards format with photos being representative of the applicable varietal characteristics and not just the full length bird. **Seconded by SQBBA**

**This Motion was amended to read:**

That Rod Turnbull be tasked to produce a collection of photos to represent the standard varieties for the ANBC consideration, and that he be reimbursed any reasonable costs incurred whilst undertaking this task.

**Reasons in support:**

Full length photos do not always depict the ideal varietal characteristics of some of the varieties. Wing variety birds should have photos highlighting the wing of bird, varieties with unique facial features such as Yellow Face highlighting the face and varieties with body features highlighting those aspects. Close up photos enable better definition of aspects that represent ideal characteristics eg. wing markings on a Clearwing or Spangle, brightness of yellow on an Australian Yellow Face and marking patterns on pied varieties.

Where certain varietal features are more important such as the mantle in Opalines or the eye in such varieties as Dark Eyed Clears, Fallows, etc and other important characteristics such as the Crest. These additional photos should be shown. Where the tail colour is a key identifier then a close up photo of the tail could also be shown. Photos should depict the ideal variety and not necessarily be the National winning bird which may excel in type more than variety.

**Carried unanimously**

**16h) MOTION FROM THE SQBBA.:**

That the Standard for the Yellow Face variety be reversed back to its former description of the variety.

**Reasons in support:**

In the latest version of the Standard for the Yellow Faced Blue, changes have been made without being discussed at the National Colour & Standards Meeting, to now permit yellow intrusion in the general body colour, whereas previously the Standard stated " as per the Normal Blue series". Also the latest Standard permits a light flush of yellow visible in the otherwise white areas at the edge of the markings, whereas previously this was not permitted.

These changes should not have been made without being discussed and agreed and need to be reversed. It would appear that the Standard is being changed away from the "Ideal" to cover what people are currently breeding winning birds which may excel in type more than variety.

**This matter was referred to the Colour & Standards Sub Committee, they have requested to have this matter deferred until 2015, this will allow them to fully research the matter.**

**The meeting agreed with this request and the motion will be added as a Notice of Motion for the 2015 Meeting.**

**16i) MOTION FROM THE QNCZ.:**

That the format of future ANBC Shows have the format of each Zone/State sends 3 birds, 2 of which are benched.

**Reasons in support:-**

Reason for this is that taking three birds means that you have a reserve for things that may happen. By not showing the three birds means that you aren't adding 50% onto everything with the show, ie, 50% more staging, 50% more show cages, 50% more ribbons, etc. Hence means not an increase in costs by

having the three birds shown and hence means not higher costs for people to attend the Nationals to help cover this increase in costs. By keeping the costs as low as possible means that more people will be able to afford to go to the Nationals. **Motion now redundant**

### **Item - 17 NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR 2015 MEETING IN WA**

#### **a) Notice of motion from QNCZ:**

That the ring issue date return to September 01 of each year from 2015, with Zones having the option of not releasing their rings until January should that Zone desire a later release date.

#### **Reasons in support:**

This gives zones the option to issue the rings when they want to, plus by moving of the ring issue date back to September for zones that want to issue them then. This ties the issue date in with spring when most birds breed and also means that we are not having to try and breed the birds in December and January when it is summer and hot and hence a possible detriment to the birds health. Plus not having to breed birds then just because of the ring issue date is January means that people have got more time to spend with their families over the festive season. Also means that birds can be older when they attend the Nationals which gives them more time to mature and also allows the possibility to be able to breed with them prior to going to the Nationals and this will then give people options to send their birds to the nationals as they will have bred some youngsters out of them

#### **b) Notice of motion from BCSA:**

A prototype of a plastic show cage, manufactured by STUG Industries, was presented and all agreed on the potential of this progressive development. The cage is to be distributed to all states and zones during the year for assessment to allow an informed decision to be made for 2015 as to its value and longevity.

Matters of cost distribution and transportation aspects are for future consideration.

As such, under current motion guidelines, a notice of motion is to be placed in the minutes for consideration of the use of this cage by the ANBC at coming events

#### **c) Notice of motion from BCT:**

##### **The ANBC Constitution**

There are three parts of Section 3 requiring reconsideration:

The following bodies and such other bodies as may from time to time be appointed by a five-sevenths majority of the delegates shall be member bodies entitled to nominate delegates to the Council.

##### **(a) Member bodies of the ANBC Council are:**

Western Australia: The West Australian Budgerigar Council Inc. (WABC)

South Australia: The Budgerigar Council of South Australia (BCSA)

Tasmania: Budgerigar Council of Tasmania Inc. (BCT)

Victoria: Budgerigar Council of Victoria Inc. (BCV)

New South Wales: The Budgerigar Society of New South Wales Inc. (BSNSW)  
 Queensland Southern Zone: A composite of Clubs and Societies that exist in the area south and west of Gladstone, incorporated by the South Queensland Budgerigar Breeders Association Inc. (SQBBA)

Queensland North and Central Zone: A composite of Clubs and Societies that exist in the area north and west of Gladstone, incorporated by the Queensland North and Central Zone Budgerigar Council. (QN&CZ)

(b) **New member bodies** Eligibility for election to the Council under the provisions of clause 3(a) shall be limited to organisations representing the interests of breeders of exhibition budgerigars within a state or territory of Australia or, alternatively, within a significant region of such a state or territory. The Council will not accept two organisations purporting to represent the same state, territory or zone.

(f) The Council shall manage its own affairs and hold meetings at such time and place as it deems fit. The Council may do all things as shall appear to it to be necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the objects. The Council will meet annually in conjunction with the Australian Championship Show, and strive by correspondence to alleviate the necessity for other meetings to be held.  
 Discussion

## 1. Membership of Council

The membership of the Council may include “*such other bodies as may from time to time be appointed by a five-sevenths majority of the delegates*”. This does not give any indication of the criteria that may apply for such membership. It implies that there may be grounds for membership for bodies other than those representing geographically distinct areas although Paragraph (b) says that membership “*shall be limited to organisations representing the interests of breeders of exhibition budgerigars within a state or territory of Australia or, alternatively, within a significant region of such a state or territory*”.

**Proposition 1** There is a need to spell out the concept of other forms of membership that has become part of the practice of the Council. For example, the Pied Society has membership across the whole country. It does not aspire to direct involvement in the National Show, but it has much to offer as an Associate member body.

## 2. The meaning of “significant region”

The limitation of full membership to geographically defined areas makes clear that bodies representative of a certain defined area may become members. Defined areas have in general been simply the States of Australia, but there are two significant exceptions. The first is the division of Queensland into two zones because of the very wide distribution of their population. The second is the

acceptance that South Australia represents Broken Hill, a city in New South Wales. Of special significance is that nowhere is it set out in formal resolution that Broken Hill can be viewed in this way. It seems that it has simply been accepted because it seems sensible.

**Proposition 2** There is a need to specify the process that should be used to define representation of a significant region. The Constitution should set out what would be required in an application for membership and what process would be used to assess the application. The application would include a precise definition of the region, a list of members of the body who are resident in the region, a copy of the Constitution of the body showing that its aims are consistent with those of the ANBC. As well as examining the documentation provided the process would involve a verification of the representative nature of the applying body. A Public Notice in local newspapers inviting input from “breeders of exhibition budgerigars” who are residents in the area. This would be required by a certain date to enable Council to assess the application.

### **3. Meetings**

Current technology was not envisaged when the Constitution was written. The possibility of holding regular meetings on line or by hook up makes ongoing decision making more feasible. It would be prudent for matters under consideration by Council at its annual face to face meeting to be referred back to member bodies for decision. This would allow cooperative discussion to take place in formulating proposals that may be more responsive to the varying needs of fanciers across the country.

**Proposition 3** The Constitution should incorporate reference to regular on line or phone meetings of Council.

### **Item 18 Discussion Items**

**From BCT** *(carried over from Toowoomba meeting)*

**18a) The BCT submits as a discussion paper “The Concept of the “Major Fault”**

**This discussion topic was withdrawn, as has been covered by Judges Panel report/minutes**

**From B.S.N.S.W.**

**18b) Major Faults:**

Do we need to regard certain faults in Budgerigars as major and penalize them accordingly as they are doing overseas?

The B.S.N.S.W. Judges Panel included this topic in their November 2013 workshop and believe that at this point in time there are three faults in the exhibition birds on the benches that do need to be very heavily penalized and listed as Major Faults with the intention that after e.g. a five year period they will no longer be accepted on the Show bench through disqualification.

They are:-

1. Birds with 4 or more flight feathers missing or unable to be seen. (No bird with this fault should ever win a National Class no matter how good it is overall as it is incomplete.)
2. Birds that are heavily flecked. (Too many birds carrying this fault, which is so apparent to all who see it, have been winning National classes. Photographs with degrees of flecking should be included for the guidance of Judges and Exhibitors.)
3. High secondaries and long flights. (This has been a recurring problem for many years and not specifically targeted but these faults definitely break the outline of the bird.)

**This discussion topic has been covered by Judges Panel report/minutes but the delegates would like items 2&3 to be referred back to Judges Panel for discussion in 2015.**

**From B.S.N.S.W.**

**18c) Crested Birds.**

Our Standard states that a good tufted crest or half circular crest gains equal points with a good full circular crest. Many theories have been written on the crest genes and their necessary presence to produce crested budgerigars. Without criticism of birds that have been highly placed in this class in the past, we recognize the dissatisfaction of crest breeders and exhibitors when they witness the high placing of birds with poor crest features.

The crest should be the dominant required feature to win in this class.

Our Judges Panel suggests that the full circular crest is the most desired and acclaimed by breeders and exhibitors which makes it the 'Ideal' for this variety. As such it should have a higher point allocation taking into account the correct loci position and crest impact on the bird.

Misplaced or small full circular crests, tufted and half circular crests should not attract the same points as a correctly positioned and sized full circular crests. We therefore suggest that the ANBC change the points system for crested birds significantly to give greater recognition and encouragement to the full circular birds.

**Following this discussion and a recommendation from the C&S meeting the following motion was put to the meeting:**

**Motion moved by BCT that the ANBC adopt the new written Standard for the Crest variety as recommended by Colour & Standards Committee. Seconded, BSNSW Carried, unanimously.**

**From B.S.N.S.W.**

**18d) Health and Welfare Policies**

The BSNSW Judges Panel also encouraged the development of a Health and Welfare Policy for our NSW. Team in NSW and at the National Competition but we believe this is being addressed at both State and National level anyway. However, it would be beneficial to view examples of all the welfare policies being developed prior to the Delegates Meeting.

**This matter is in hand with the ANBC working party on Bird Welfare, initial report/recommendations from the working party has been sent to all State/Zone Secretaries.**

**From BCSA**

**18e) Constitutional change:** That each motion requires 5/7 majority vote to pass at ANBC meetings.

Reason in support: To ensure more support for changes and to hopefully improve decision making. The motion would need to be worded to fit within the existing Constitution

**After discussion on this topic a Notice of Motion for the 2015 Meeting was formulated and put to the delegates.**

**Moved BCT, that Conduct of major business of council.**

**Major decision making resolution, State and Zone delegates should come briefed on the subject, present arguments for and against, the meeting will then formulate a response. Delegates can then take this back to State & Zones for further discussion, final decision on the matter can then be taken either by postal vote or on a nationwide phone hookup no later than 10<sup>th</sup> October Seconded by BCSA Carried, unanimously.**

**From BCSA**

**18f) Age of bird and show date consideration;**

That 1 July be the preferred option for the ring supply date to get Young birds to be shown as Young birds

Reason in support: To remove the concerns of "what is a young bird". The ANBC needs to decide if the show is a young bird show - if so, then 1 July solves this problem as the birds are under 12 months old and usually will not have bred.

**Delegates have previously approved that Jan 1 is the issue date for the next few years, the issue of whether this show stays as a young bird show was left on the table for further discussion, it was noted by Peter Glassenbury that documentation concerning the National Show does not make reference to young birds.**

**This topic will now be included as a discussion topic for the meeting in 2015.**

**From BCSA**

**18g) Varietal Class consideration:**

Consideration be given to including the hens class (for exclusion) in the reassessment of classes for the National Show for 2015 onwards.

Reason in support: Hens are very competitive in all other classes and this would allow another variety to be shown.

**(Redundant as covered under Item 15 motion 6)**

## ITEM 19 – GENERAL BUSINESS

### From Secretary

**19a) Logies** Quotes were received for the provision of the next batch of seven years trophies (2015-2021). I decided to put on hold until post 2014 classes. Now that has been settled, we will need to check those quotes received again and see if any new ones are submitted.

**This issue was resolved with a Motion moved by BCV, Seconded by NCQZ that the ANBC ask for quotes from potential suppliers on supply of two years trophies 2015-16, and that the engraving on the glass in reference to the variety be deleted and moved to the plaque which is provided by the host State or Zone. Carried Unanimously**

**19b) Hall of Fame.** ANBC Secretary provided an update on the Hall of Fame, it is hoped to have this added to the ANBC Website this year.

**19c) Leg Rings.** There have been no quality control issues, concerning leg rings brought to our attention during the year.

### **19d) Bird Keeping Concerns**

**One concern raised was that Queensland authorities are looking at making changes to Act 1915 in relation to all bird keeping, where studs in excess of 100 must be registered, however, exemptions can be given if they are satisfied the birds are not a biosecurity risk, this act also covers the registration of bird movements.**

**A regulatory impact statement is to be released in Queensland later in 2014.**

### **19e) Freight cost changes to transport birds to ANBC Show**

BCT raised concerns about ongoing cost of getting birds to the National Show, given the changes under way with the airlines. Once more information is obtained it will be distributed to all States & Zones.

### **19f) World Budgerigar Organisation**

**2014 WBO Meeting.** The next WBO meeting is to be held in November in Istanbul, Turkey. **Motion moved by BCSA, seconded BCV that Henry George represent the ANBC at the WBO Meeting**

**Carried, unanimously**

***When more information is received from the WBO concerning the Budgerigar Coloured notice of motion, Henry will be given instruction on how the ANBC wish to vote on the matter.***

### **19g) Bird Model write down**

Motion moved by BSNSW seconded BCSA that the model currently held by the C&S Coordinator be written down to zero dollars, but still be held in trust by C&S Coordinator **Carried, Unanimously**

**19h) Motion moved by BSNSW that the ANBC adopt the International Ring Colour Code, commencement to start with 2015 issue. Seconded BCSA. Carried Unanimously**

**19i) Motion moved BSNSW, Seconded BCV that the plastic show cage be sent around Australia to each State & Zone.** The cage is to be held by the States & Zones for a period of one month for evaluation, starting with NSW. Secretary will send out a roster of where the cage will be sent at the end of the particular State/Zone evaluation time. This will give us valuable information as to how the cage stands up constant handling etc. **Carried, Unanimously**

**ITEM 20 – ANBC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2015**

WABC delegates then invited all delegates and zone representatives to the 2015 event to be held in Mandurah WA.

**ITEM 18**

**Meeting Closed 1445** with a vote of thanks to the BCSA for the running of the 2014 event and the hospitality shown to all who attend.

**Jim Fletcher**

**Attachment 1****ANBC President's Report 2013/2014**

To be the ANBC President in any given year is a privilege and non time consuming.

The ANBC Secretary is the mainstay of the ANBC and possibly this needs to be reviewed to alleviate some of the decision making from whoever holds this position now and into the future.

Jim Fletcher had wanted to retire from the Secretarial position this year but as no nominations were forthcoming I understand he is remaining for one final year. It is sad to see that only one person in Australia sees fit to take on this role. Thank you Jim for your past and continued dedication.

Neale Love is to be thanked as well for his role on the ANBC committee for the last two years, one as President and the other as a committee person. Your contribution is also appreciated.

There have been a number of tasks taken during the period of my Presidency and the one that stands out is the ring supply. Much work was put into this exercise with the assistance of the Committee and Peter Glassenbury – thanks guys and a great end result.

To all of those that contribute in a personal way to the fancy by way of committees, sponsorships etc. your works do not go unnoticed by most. Unfortunately you often become targets for doing good works. It is sad that those that often make these 'noises' are the ones that do not contribute at all.

It is time, I sense, for the fancy to take a deep breath on decision making as the constant changes that seem to present confuse the more dedicated fanciers and certainly baffle those that are just hanging in there for the hobby side of things. My view only.

To the BCSA planning group – an excellent result for the many hours of input from each of those concerned.

Since putting this piece together QANTAS / AAE have advised that freighting of birds as part of the luggage is now changing. A maximum of 4 birds will be the limit for PAX concessions. This change was implemented approx 2 months ago and had some impact on this years event – after consultation they gave some concessions. WA will for example be paying from around \$1000 to \$1600 ONE WAY for their birds travel and a likely similar scenario for N&C QLD. The impact is huge for all in the National scene. All cages are to meet IAFA standards (most should – space requirements may challenge in some areas) thus animal welfare groups potentially will ensure this occurs.

This highlights to me that the national body and each state body need to do a cost analysis on the running of the event factoring in inflationary impacts and inclusive of annual travel of the birds to then assess how this event is best managed into the future without losing the existing States / Zones.

Finally I would like to wish Western Australia well with their planning for the 2015 National Competition and Gina House in her role as the incoming President.

Nigel Tonkin

## **Attachment 2**

### **ANBC SECRETARY'S REPORT 2014**

The past year has been a challenging one for the Executive Committee, mainly due to Chapman Rings deciding in August 2013 to end making bird rings after many years of dedicated service to the ANBC and many other bird clubs in Australia. Once notified of this action, the ANBC Executive Committee immediately begun undertaking an extensive analysis process as to who could be a supplier of rings from 2015 onwards. Unfortunately during this process, I had overseas duties so I asked the C&S Coordinator to join the team in this search.

The Executive conducted exhaustive studies of ring makers throughout the world, on almost all Continents, we collated information from these suppliers and our decision was to go off shore. Important facets in the decision of a future supplier included business guarantee of supply, long term business viability, ring quality, standing within world bird breeder associations, communications and importantly unit pricing.

The decision has been taken by the Executive that rings will be sourced from a German supplier for 2015 and possibly ongoing depending on our experience with this first issue.

The Committee also decided to appoint an ANBC National Ring Registrar to manage the business of ongoing ring supply. We asked for nominations from all States and Zones, two were received. The States and Zones appointed Alistair Home to the position.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee and C&S Coordinator for the many hours of time it took to resolve this issue.

The updating of By-Laws continues, as these are updated they are loaded onto the Website.

Another important task completed in the past year was the updating of the written Standard by Peter Glassenbury. This has been loaded onto the ANBC Website and converted into an electronic version. This makes looking up a specific topic much easier, the user only has to click on the topic in the index and will be taken straight to the page concerned. We hope to be in a position over the next twelve months to include colour photographs of the bird classes that are represented in the Standard. These photos will need to focus on the main varietal feature for all varieties.

We will need to make a decision today about the supply of new trophies for the National Show. Do we purchase seven years supply? If we do I would like the provider to ensure they are sent direct to the State/Zones, thus avoiding the need for the Secretary to store and on forward them.

As with last year, majority of ANBC business today is via the Internet/email. The past twelve months has resulted in over twelve hundred transactions via this method of communication.

One other method of communication over the past twelve months, has been the use of phone hook ups with the Executive Committee and the other working parties, this has enhanced the decision making process, as real time debate can be had with all the participants.

Another task undertaken was the working party looking into bird welfare associated with the National Show. This has now been completed and initial report has circulated to all States and Zones. This is intended as a guide with the main aim being the birds welfare and to assist the breeders along with the Bird Carers at the National Show. Thanks to the hard working team who assisted me with this task, John Mulley, Jan McMahan, Neale Love, Ian Hanington, Bruce Wilson, and Derek Poole.

I must thank the following my two fellow Committee members, Nigel Tonkin as President, Neale Love as Vice President, Peter Glassenbury Colour & Standards, Alistair Home Judge's Coordinator and National Ring Registrar, Steve Campbell Webmaster, David Butters Public Officer, Bruce Bradford ABA Representative and all the State and Zone Secretaries.

I would also like to thank the BCSA for the way they have gone about organizing this year's event, they have kept us all well informed via electronic media.

As we did not receive any nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer, I am prepared to serve one more term in this position, with the concurrence of this meeting today.

In closing I have enjoyed the past year, even though it was difficult at times. I wish one and all the best for the next twelve months.

**Jim Fletcher**

**Attachment 3**ABA REPORT MAY 2014  
QUARANTINE FACILITY- MICKLEHAM VICTORIA UPDATE

Here is a brief run down on what happened at the AQIS PEQ meeting, a lot of stuff we already knew, a brief time line on what's happened with purchase of the property, site and building designs, location, budget.

Peter Moore (facility design/build manager) did the presentation, with Colin Grant doing the introduction and adding comments when needed. This was probably the best meeting I have been to in regards to the facility so far.

The civil earthworks started on the 1st of April, the final designs of the buildings should be finalised in 6-8 weeks.

Leighton Contractors P/L are the managing contractors.

Phase 1- plants, horse, dogs, cats and bees

Phase 2- birds, ruminants and the balance of the dogs and cats

The avian facility will be made up by 5 units,

- 3 commercial poultry hatching/rearing units which will hold about 4000 birds each.

- 2 live bird units which will hold up 300-500 pigeon sized birds. They said each live bird unit is about the size of Spotswood. Hi tech monitoring and surveillance systems which would allow a contractor to view on their phone, computer, tablet, etc. All cages build out of stainless steel.

Planned completion of the avian facility is 12/17, about 1 year of testing, contracting start 12/18.

There is no accommodation available on site, they told us that there are hotels 10 min away.

We were advised that there are provisions for parrot egg imports if need be. They said that there is no parrot protocol, they have told us to contact Tim Chapman from the Animal Division. Craig Jeffery is going to write a letter on behalf of the ABA to request that the parrot protocol be looked at and considered.

They ran over some details about the waste management systems and QC3 rating.

All the information from the meeting will be on their website in about a week or so.

FINAL DOCUMENT.

## Attachment 4

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ANBC COLOUR AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE GRAND CHANCELLOR HOTEL ADELAIDE**

**ON SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2014**

**ITEM 1 - OPENING AND WELCOME**

Meeting to commenced at 3.00pm and the Colour and Standards Co-ordinator, Peter Glassenbury opened the meeting and welcomed representatives and guests. Protocol for any guests in attendance was given.

**ITEM 2 – ATTENDANCE**

The following Zone representatives were in attendance:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|--|
| • Mr. Alan Rowe         | B.C.V               | <a href="mailto:sa.rowie@bigpond.com">sa.rowie@bigpond.com</a>             |
| • Mr. Peter Glassenbury | B.C.S.A             | <a href="mailto:pglassen@bigpond.com">pglassen@bigpond.com</a>             |
| • Mr. Roy Blair         | B.C.T               | <a href="mailto:rblair47@gmail.com">rblair47@gmail.com</a>                 |
| • Mrs Gina House        | W.A.B.C             | <a href="mailto:nubbly05@yahoo.com.au">nubbly05@yahoo.com.au</a>           |
| • Gary Menzies          | S.Q.B.B.A           | <a href="mailto:jgmenz@bigpond.com">jgmenz@bigpond.com</a>                 |
| • Scott Eriksen         | QLD Nth & Cent Zone | <a href="mailto:Scott.A.Eriksen@nab.com.au">Scott.A.Eriksen@nab.com.au</a> |
| • Gary Gazzard          | B.S.N.S.W           | <a href="mailto:ggazzard@graincorp.com.au">ggazzard@graincorp.com.au</a>   |

**ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting in May 2013 meeting were accepted. It was confirmed that all matters had been addressed or carried forward to the 2014 Agenda.

**ITEM 4 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**The following matters arose from the Minutes of the June 2013 meeting:**

***Amendments to The Standard 1/13*** – all matters were attended as required and issued under date of 10/11/2013 in line with current protocols.

***Crested Variety Standard.*** - Held over and addressed at Item 6.

***ANBC Delegates Meeting Decision regarding C & S Matters*** – While there are covenants on matters referred to Delegates it was determined that C & S matters could be referred could be voted upon and passed to ANBC Delegates for action in line with item 15j regarding motions of major significance and said covenants.

**ITEM 5 – CORRESPONDENCE**

General email correspondence for the year is held on file and accepted.

Moved – Tasmania      Seconded – South Queensland      All in favour

**ITEM 6 – TASK LIST (from 2013)**

- ***Amendment to The Standard.*** Amendments 1/2012 completed and issued 10/11/13.
- ***Photographs of the Standard Colours and Varieties for inclusion on the Web Site (2010).***

Ongoing action on this matter in place and refer Item 7.2 of this agenda for proposed changes to material in this matter.

- **Crested Variety Standard Review** – This review has been underway for several years and has now been completed – refer below for new Crest Standard for the official Standard document.

**Proposed changes to the current wording are highlighted in RED and are written in the same written format of The Standard**

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**SCALE OF POINTS**

A GUIDE TO THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF EXHIBITION FEATURES

**TYPE**

**60 points (Refer Note 2 below for Crests)**

GENERAL CONFORMATION, INCLUDING SIZE, BALANCE, DEPARTMENT, CONDITION, HEAD SIZE AND SHAPE AND DEPTH AND WIDTH OF MASK.

(Refer to “Description of Perfection” and “Pictorials, including Crested Pictorials”).

**COLOUR AND MARKINGS**

**40 points (refer Note 2 below for Crests)**

**COLOUR:** QUALITY OF COLOUR IN BODY, GROUND AREAS AND MARKINGS  
**MARKINGS:** PATTERN AND CLEAR DEFINITION OR ABSENCE AS REQUIRED BY VARIETY STANDARDS

**ALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE POINTS FOR COLOUR AND MARKINGS TO BE DETERMINED BY THREE VARIETY GROUPINGS AS LISTED BELOW**

1. Colour and absence of markings are of paramount importance	2. Emphasis on Markings and/or Varietal Features (refer note 2 below)	3. Equal weight given to Colour & Markings or absence of markings
Red Eyed Self Spangle Double Factor Dark Eyed Clear	Opaline Greywing Cinnamonwing Clearbody Lacewing Fallow Spangle Recessive Pied Saddleback Crested	Normal Green Series Normal Blue Series Normal Yellow Faced Blue Series Black Eyed Self Clearwing Dominant Pied Group Darkwing Dilute

NOTE 1: Combination varieties - allowance should be made accordingly.

NOTE 2: Given the Crested is the only Budgerigar with a distinct varietal feature affecting the outline the points for Type, Colour and Markings are to be allocated as follows –

- 30 Points – Prominence, neatness and central positioning of the Crest
- 50 Points – Type
- 20 Points - Colour and Markings

Refer to the written Standard for further expansion on the varieties of Crest along with Penalty clauses

**CRESTED:**

Three forms are recognised – FULL CIRCULAR, HALF CIRCULAR and TUFTED and their ideal forms of this unique varietal feature are as illustrated in this STANDARD.

In every case, the crest should be large in size and complete in feathering so that it is the prominent varietal feature and is to be allocated 30 points. Except for this additional feature affecting the outline, the STANDARD for Crested is as for the Colour and Variety involved with the remaining 70 points allocated for Type, Colour and Markings.

FULL CIRCULAR: Should be a full flat round crest with feathers radiating from the centre of the head. The Crest should fall in a neat circle around the head and be complete in feather.

HALF CIRCULAR: Should be a forward facing half circle of feathers radiating from the centre of the head, falling or raised ideally 8mm in a fringe from above the cere.

TUFTED: Should be an upright crest of feathers ideally 8mm high rising from just above the centre of the cere.

Note: While only these three forms of Crest are recognised the FULL CIRCULAR is seen as the ideal expression of the variety and preferred over HALF CIRCULAR which in turn is preferred over TUFTED. Size, symmetry and central placement of the crest is seen as a paramount feature.

Variety (cont)	<u>Penalty</u> Departure from varietal features as set out in <i>The Standard</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crested – where a bird has an incomplete crest, damaged or untidy crest, multiple crests, crest off centre or has a crest or feather disturbance outside of the areas allowed for in <i>The Standard</i>. Any detectable trimming refer <b>Disqualifications section</b>.</li> </ul>

Motion presented as above – and passed after slight amendment to allocated points that is now inclusive of the written word above.

Move – Tasmania

Seconded - Victoria

Passed - 5 for and 2 abstentions

***Change to the Standard recommended to the ANBC Delegates meeting.***

**ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION POINTS AND MOTION ITEMS REFERRED BY THE ANBC SECRETARY FROM STATES AND ZONES**

**NOTE** – The following motion was passed at the 2013 ANBC Delegates Meeting -

**15j)** Motion: That any proposed motion of major significance (eg Yellowface viz 2012) be put to the member bodies for a minimum 12 month period so that full and proper discussion and understanding of the implications of the motion be made and not just the 2 to 3 month period that currently exists. **Carried 6-1**

**AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS MOTION IT NEEDS TO BE DETERMINED BY ANBC DELEGATES AS TO THE ACTIONS OF MOTIONS TO COLOUR AND STANDARDS IN THIS REGARD.**

*Referred to Delegates meeting -*

**MOTIONS**

**7.0 FROM THE B.S.N.S.W.**

That "Customwood" be removed from the materials (under heading "Plywood") allowed in "Specification of the Standard Showcage for the ANBC".

*Carried –all in favour*

*Referred to Delegates Meeting -*

**7.1 FROM THE B.S.N.S.W.**

**Crested Birds.**

Given previous presentation on this matter motion lapsed.

**7.2 FROM BCV**

That ANBC Standard photos follow The Budgerigar Society 2012 Colour Standards format with photos being representative of the applicable varietal characteristics and not just the full length bird.

An amendment to the motion was put - That ANBC Standard photos follow The Budgerigar Society 2012 Colour Standards format with photos being representative of the applicable varietal characteristics as well as the full length bird.

Amendment Moved – Tasmania

Seconded C & Nth Qld Vote 6/1

New motion put and voted for – all in favour

*Referred to Delegates Meeting along with the fact that expenses need to be addressed in completion of this matter*

**7.3 FROM SQBBA**

That the Standard for the Yellowface variety be reversed back to a former description of the variety –

Yellow Faced Blue:

As for the Normal Blue Series, but with a bright yellow mask and frontal. Secondary and Tertiary tails may carry yellow pigmentation. All other exhibition features as for corresponding non Yellow Faced Blue or White varieties.

General discussion held on this matter in camera and the discussion centred on the fact that the motion was incomplete and required further input to include any rewording of the Yellow Face colour rather than assessing any change that was considered incomplete at this point.

To this end C & S Delegates agreed to lapse the matter for 2014 and carry over as an agenda item in 2015 when all delegates will present individual complete findings on the matter to ensure entire accuracy of any change then presented.

For information the current text in the Standard for Yellow Faced Blue is as follows -

YELLOW FACED BLUE	<p>Two different forms are recognised:</p> <p><b>Australian Goldenfaced</b> (Buttercup Mask - Australian form)  <b>Yellow Faced</b> (Cream Mask - English form)</p> <p>General Body Colour for both is as per the corresponding Normal Blue series with yellow intrusion.</p> <p>Buttercup or cream mask should extend over the frontal and crown with no more than minimal intrusion into the undulations at the back of the head. The frontal and crown should be clear and free from all markings.</p> <p>Markings on cheeks, back of head, neck and wings may have a light flush of yellow visible in the otherwise white areas at the edge of the markings.</p> <p>Deep yellow or cream overlay on the white areas of the secondary tail feathers is permissible.</p>
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Peter Glassenbury  
 Colour and Standards Co-Ordinator  
 20/6/14

Matters will now be referred individually to the ANBC Delegates Meeting on 22/6/14

## Attachment 5

### Minutes: Judges' Panel Meeting June 22, 2014 Nigel Tonkin in the chair.

- Attendance  
 Nineteen judges in attendance, five apologies. List attached.

Nigel Tonkin (Chair)	Alistair Home (Sec)		
Alan Rowe	Ian Schneider	Jim Fletcher	<b>Apologies</b>
Stephen Mowe	Malcolm Loveridge	Jeff LLoyd	Errol Miller
Alan Baxter	Roy Blair	Henry George	Jean Painter
Gary Armstrong	Derek Poole		Allan Reid
Scott Eriksen	Kevin O Callaghan		Mark Bridgeman
Lynn Miller	James Bader		Matt Campbell
Neale Love	Garry Gazzard		

2. Minutes of 2013 meeting . As distributed Approved: S Mow/D Poole  
 3. Matters arising from the minutes

a) Judges Code

Approved with removal of Section 4 Performance evaluation and additional sections covering criteria for selection to judge at the National Show (State and Zone guidelines to be followed) and rules concerning involvement in show activities in the period prior to the National Show.

Sections to be renumbered accordingly.  
 Rowe

S Mowe/ A

- b) Disqualification for dishonest dealing at the show was discussed and the draft protocol was adopted. It was agreed that the provision in the show rules concerning protests should be amended to read: *There shall be no avenue available for delegates, team carers or any other persons to lodge a protest or protests against the judging at A.N.B.C. Championship Shows.*
- c) Major Faults. The Judges Panel did not adopt the concept of the major fault a presented in the document under consideration by the ANBC.
- d) Crest Standard. The coordinator of the Standards Committee reported that a new Standard had been approved and if accepted by Council would be published.

4. Judges examination

The coordinator reported that the practical exam had been conducted during Friday afternoon and that Scott Eriksen had passed. He was welcomed to the judging panel. The test was documented and a written report of his result will be sent to him. (His certificate was presented at the Presentation Dinner.)

5. Matters notified from members

a) Feathers on the feet.

It was agreed that these should be added to the Penalties and Disqualifications document as Penalties under the heading "Feather Disturbances".

b) Features indicative of "Broken Feather"

For birds entered in UBC shows the document is to be amended to read as follows:  
*Disqualification clauses as per adult birds apply plus, pin feathers in the cap, visible adult feathers in the cap, neck, body or wings, solid iris ring where present in the variety coupled with adult coloured cere.*

c) Missing flight feathers.

It was agreed that the Penalties and Disqualification clause concerning "Condition" be amended to state: 1) that disqualification will apply when three or more outside visual flight feathers are missing from one wing or when two outside visual flight feathers are missing from both wings and 2) that a penalty will apply when two outside visual flights are missing in one wing or when one outside visual flight is missing in both wings.

Point of explanation: in the standard ornithological description of bird anatomy the primary flight feathers are identified by numbering distally from the pinion. In the budgerigar there are ten primary flights. Numbers 1-3 are concealed by the secondary flights (although sometimes the tip of flight 3 is visible) and flights 4-10 are visible. The outside flights referred to in this clause are flights 8-10, the longest of the primary flight feathers.

6. General Business.

Gary Armstrong presented a Powerpoint Workshop on the judging of Recessive Pied combinations. It was agreed that the assessment of the varietal features of combinations should take into account the combined effect of the varieties involved. In particular it was noted that the ideal markings of a Recessive Pied Normal may approach 20%, but that the Recessive Pied Spangle will show greatly reduced markings and should not be penalised for this. Similarly, the Recessive Pied Opaline will show greatly reduced markings in an Opaline distribution and greatly increased areas of ground colour on the head, back and wings.

## Attachment 6

### Working Group Report 2014

#### General:

The following notice was sent to the seven State/Zone Representatives:

First, the Council accepted my recommendation that we formalise to some extent the makeup of this group. I recommended that in every state or zone every branch or club should have one person identified as their contact point and that the names of these people be known and listed on the various web sites. Like you, they should not be seen to be representatives of their club or branch. Their job is to make sure that everyone who wishes to has an avenue to contribute to discussion.

I know that some of you already have such a list in place, but I think in some other cases we have not really got the involvement we need.

It is ultimately the responsibility of the various secretaries to implement this, but I think it will really fall back on you to make it happen. I hope to see plenty of input from far and wide this year.

The matters on the table are:

1. The structure of the ANBC Show after 2014.

The ANBC meeting in 2014 must consider the outcome of the 2011-14 trial and determine what should be the plan for the future. There is a need for comprehensive discussion of the matter prior to that meeting as well as ongoing discussion later.

2. The concept of designating certain faults as Major Faults. I have attached two documents re Major Faults that can be used to open up the issue. Note that this is not merely an attempt to crack down on flecking.

3. The proposal that the ANBC should have a set of holding cages and show cages for use at each National Show and that this should be introduced in 2016 in Tasmania.

We have covered most of the ground re the holding cages relating to cost and management. Now we need to hear opinions on whether or not it is worthwhile. I think you all have the documents produced so far on this, but I have attached them just in case you don't have them handy.

You will need to circulate these documents and be quite proactive in seeking comment. Please do not edit anyone's ideas out. You must do everything possible to remain neutral. You can imagine I find that difficult!

Members made genuine attempts to generate discussion from members, but with limited success. One general response was received:

I am over sending things out to clubs and never getting any feed-back back – it's very disillusioning.... I would like to wish you all the best and hope you all keep up the good work, as I have always felt this sort of feedback is vital within any organization.

Response to the issues raised was as follows:

## 1. The future of the ANBC Show

No detailed discussion on the future of the ANBC Show was received. The only comment received was as follows:

It seems the whole hobby is in turmoil at the moment and from where I sit about to fall off its own perch. Maybe not the right time, or maybe the right time, for a revamp and getting back to making it a simple show for the birds and their welfare [budgie weekend] – after all they are the stars.

## 2. Major Faults

It appears some discussion occurred on this topic, but comments were not shared between members of the group. There appeared to be some general view that flecking is a major fault, but the matter was not canvassed in any depth.

The comments from South Australians (**Attachment A**) were circulated, but, as one of our members said of the response he had received, “Not a peep.”

## 3. Holding cages etc

The idea of centralising the National Show in SE Australia was mooted as a possible alternative to freighting the facilities around the country. The only input was from the State in which the matter was raised. It had not received support. It appears no other response was received.

## 4. Review of Standard

It was suggested that there could be a better approach to setting out Colour requirements for various varieties. For example, it was suggested that the colour requirements for Dilute and Greywing could be better addressed with an approach like the one used in Holland:

Dilution

During the development of normally pigmented feathers, melanin producing cells (melanocytes) combine numerous pigment granules that are distributed into neighbouring cells known as keratinocytes. Colour mutations alter normal pigment synthesis or pigment dispersion.

One of the visual effects caused by mutation is pigment dilution, a quantitative altering in pigmentation. The **dil**-locus (dilute) in the Budgerigar is an excellent example of this phenomenon.

Pigment dilution is caused by; reduction of the total amount of melanin, a reduced amount of pigment granules per melanin producing cells, deformed pigment granules or poor pigment dispersion.

In diluted Budgerigars the amount of melanin producing cells in feather barbules is decreased by approximately 80%. In greywing Budgerigars the decrease is about 50%.

This matter was not pursued because at the time it was received there was an expectation that the future of the ANBC Show would take priority.

## 5. Ring Issue Date

This matter was raised as a matter of very great concern in several states, but received very little response. One member of the group expressed the view that this matter had already been determined by Council and did not circulate the issue. This was unfortunate, because this was contrary to the policy of the group that we should not act as editors for the ideas presented nor should we screen out ideas that we found unacceptable.

Alistair Home

**Attachment 7****A.N.B.C. HISTORIAN REPORT NATIONAL COMPETITION****2013. TOOWOOMBA. SOUTH QUEENSLAND.**

South Queensland's turn to decentralise this year for the National competition , to Toowoomba the Garden City. Very pretty City.

The 39<sup>th</sup>. A.N.B.C. Annual Championships staged in the magnificently restored Empire Theatre in the centre of Toowoomba. All social functions were held in the main function areas of the very lavish City Golf Club, also very centrally located and not far from the Theatre.

The Empire theatre had sufficient room areas behind the stage for all the teams holding cages and very secure. A restored church building attached allowed for a very light bright viewing area after Judging. Judging on the theatre stage where very pleasant semicircular seating allowed everyone a great viewing experience as the birds were judged. Most teams took

advantage of the Thursday delivery of the birds to let them settle. Some minor problems with the holding area and also vet availability, but if all the zones followed the guidelines that have been laid down and successful for years these problems would not occur.

This year was the first of the two birds present and on the bench per zone per variety, with an increase in variety classes. In just about everyone's opinion it was a huge backward step in Show spectacle. Also there seemed to be a lack of Interstate exhibitors making their way to the Show. If there was a scratching (and there was 20) in a class the Zone was defiantly penalised and the class looked incomplete. Even with the extra classes the Show was flat. Friday night with all the trade people in attendance were well received. The weekend was Officially opened by the Mayor of Toowoomba with a welcoming speech and a very encouraging message to all to enjoy their lovely City.

Saturday with the front of the Empire Theatre filled with a huge variety of trade stands, plenty of people in attendance for the Judging to get underway. While at the front of the stage the brilliant computer teams did their jobs excellently again including Luke Fletcher and partners live streaming to the World. This is growing into a multi State co operation into the successful running of this Excellent Show. It is a shame that certain elements for what ever reason continually have to mess with a proven formula, instead of enhancing the spectacle of a unique bird show. There was plenty of seating close enough to adequately follow the Judging of the classes. The video streaming in house again proved if the camera is not operated by an experienced bird person it lacks.

Saturday evening dinner at the City Golf Club was a buffet affair. Pleasant but also seemed to suffer from lack of support as stated last year of attendees.

Sunday was a rush and a delay as the lights were not on early enough to allow the birds to eat prior to caging for the show and time had to be allowed. Again not following the protocol. When even number classes Judging began the Judges were rotated as now seems to be the norm.

Victoria was holding a lead after day one. They were never headed and would up eventual winners by 47 points. Congratulation to Victoria a very convincing win.

Final Results:

1. Victoria	537
2. N.S.W	490
3. Sth. Queensland	465
4. Western Australia	339
5. South Australia	323
6. Nth & Central Qld.	310
7. Tasmania	250

Points scores are higher because of the extra classes to 26 in all with one demo class of Dark eyed clears, no points awarded for this by product class of birds.

Multiple winners were again in the mix with Sheppard & Flanagan (Vic) along with Henry George (Sth. Qld) winning 3 classes each. Ian Hunter (Vic) winning 2 classes. With the rest a pretty even spread around the zones. Congratulations to these multi winners and all the other Individual winners. First place by zones were Victoria with 11. Sth. Queensland 8.(including the demo class). Western Australia 4, N.S.W. & Nth. & Central Queensland 2 each. South Australia & Tasmania failed to record a first place.

The Judges for this year's Championships were:

Saturday ; Odd Number Classes.

J. Bader (Vic) X L. Miller (Sth. Qld.)

A. Mc Cauley (N.S.W.) X G. Armstrong (W.A.)  
 Sunday ; Even Number Classes.  
 A.Mc Cauley (N.S.W.) X L. Miller (Sth. Qld.)  
 J. Bader (Vic) X G. Armstrong ( W.A.)

The electronic results were handled by Maureen Bourne ably backed up by Andrew , with Carol Gough doing the Judge's comments, Rod Turnbull Photo's all managing to transfer this wealth of information to Luke Fletcher for the Live streaming. A great job thank you to all again, as it is eagerly awaited around the country and the world. We hope the continual ever-changing and tinkering of the organisation leave this cohesive section of the organization alone. As it works very well.

The Auction on the Sunday afternoon at the completion of the Show is now an exciting integral part of the weekend as well as a good fund raiser for the host zone. There was plenty of interest ably handled by Peter Schellbach the local Auctioneer.

Next year is the second trial year of two birds present and two on the bench only and I am sure we are all hoping for a positive result and participation improves in the weekend. I find it hard to fathom who thinks up these schemes which manages to limit a lot of exhibitors getting a bird in their zone national team. Hence they do not go to the National Show.

Also the changing of the well proven date has also alienated quite a lot of people as there is still no respectable reason why this has occurred either. Moving the Show to the depths of winter in the middle of the school holidays, (more expensive accommodation) and putting the Zones selection weekend on a public holiday weekend. This also is a reason why people do not bother to attend their zone selection as they are compelled to attend family functions on that weekend. Sunday nights, Presentation Dinner at the City Golf Club another buffet event. All presentations were achieved. We had the pleasure of the company of Gerd Bleicher (Germany) the W.B.O. President for his presentation to Warren Wilson for winning the W.B.O. Gould Award for his lifetime contribution to the Hobby. Congratulations Warren.

The Delegates met on the Monday and not a lot of business needed to be discussed. Main issue is the ring issue being changed back to their original distribution date 1<sup>st</sup>. January.

All other business is in the secretary's report.

On a sadder note Bob Bourke has been posthumously inducted into the A.N.B.C. Hall of fame for services to the Hobby. But a very nice gesture.

We are now in the process of looking for a new ring supplier for 2015 onwards.

South Australia is the Venue for the Show in 2014 in the heart of Adelaide on another date weekend change. Everything will be held in the one Hotel complex where we look forward to resuming healthy competition again.

**Leigh A. Downey.**  
**A.N.B.C. Historian.**

**Attachment 8****BCSA Report on 2014 Event**

Planning started for the event well over two years ago with a small group assessing venues that might be suitable for the overall activities required in this ever expanding annual event. Once that venue was decided upon a small management committee of six persons was established to plan activities and split event functions into smaller splinter groups to report back to the overall management committee on actions and progress.

This small management committee took the brunt of the workload in it's stride and actioned the many requirements needed to get the show and function to the point where the activities actually started on the weekend of the show. The hope was at this point was that all the hours of planning would then actually work.

A key element to the planning of this event is experience and knowledge of the requirements of patrons and the ANBC and learning from past events.

Financially this event has a huge impact on the smaller states and sponsorship was a key pre-planning activity which had not been high on the agenda in the past. One aspect of this financial aspect, and I would suggest all states in future be mindful of this, is the cost of electronics for the event. This activity is like a bottomless pit when it comes to expenditure and states should fully cost this area as a priority to understanding their limitations in funding requirements.

This was also the first time South Australia was able to present a one stop event with all activities other than tours at the patron's finger tips. The entry to the building was an impression the BCSA wanted to extend to the entire weekend and we feel our thoughts were felt by many.

Overall the event ran smoothly with a flow and friendliness that we felt was evident to all patrons. Food was abundant and extremely well presented by the venue operators who we have nothing but praise and admiration for in their "anything is possible" and their final delivery.

One failing noted was the need to cancel the Cruise on the Port River and we apologize for that but even a well-oiled planning committee has no control over the weather. Refunds will be forthcoming to patrons.

We wish Western Australia all the best with their planning and activity profiles for 2015 and would also voice our concerns as to where we can gather a staunch and dedicated group to run our event in 7 years' time when most current active members will not likely be capable of the physical and mental strains of these requirements.

If anyone has a golden apple on how to get younger people involved in this wonderful hobby South Australia would be all ears.

Thanks to all visitors and guests for making this a very friendly and happy event and we hope you were as impressed with our efforts as we finally were when the curtain fell on Sunday night.

**BCSA Management Committee**

**22/6/2014**

**Attachment 9****Report - Ring Registrar**

The ANBC Executive Committee acted on behalf of the ANBC in selecting a preferred supplier for the 2015 ring issue when advised that Chapman Rings would not be providing this service after 2014.

**General considerations**

The approach by the executive for this year is cautious and conservative. We hope you will understand that the first priority has been to ensure the delivery of rings to all member bodies is as smooth and seamless as possible and that everyone who has ordered rings receives them in time for use if required on January 1, 2015.

First we have allowed sufficient time to remedy any hitch that may occur. Our ring order is very large, possibly one of the largest in the world, and we require the rings to reach all purchasers in mid December ready for use in January. This means that the production of the rings must be carried out in a very short period.

The executive have selected a supplier who, we believe, is able to meet this very strict requirement alongside all the other orders the company is processing for the beginning of 2015. To ensure that this will be achieved a long lead time is being adopted. We would expect that in later years orders may be processed over a shorter period, but for this first order we have allowed for the possibility of delays at any stage.

Timing of a second bulk order is not yet determined. I know one will be required by NSW and, perhaps by some other member bodies. In addition to this I may be able to make smaller adjustments if they are required. For example, the length of the lead in time means that it may be necessary to make a small adjusting order for delivery in early 2015 and a second adjusting order in mid 2015. These will not be bulk orders and will be based solely on special needs that may arise.

We are aware that there is anxiety because we are not planning to include coded rings for individual breeders or clubs in this year's order. The only coding will be identifying the ANBC and the State or Zone. We expect that each State or Zone order will include provision in their order for supply to breeders outside the ones who have placed orders. New members will expect to be able to purchase rings and inevitably there will be circumstances that prevent some people from getting their order in by the due date. Limiting the coding this year maximises the flexibility of the ring order because rings can be transferred readily through you.

I will be carefully examining all processes needed to implement individual and Club coding for 2016. I will be giving particular attention to the costings involved. I will consult with you throughout that process to ensure the needs and wishes of your members are met. I have already begun investigation of the import duty and GST issues and other aspects of the pricing. I will provide you with a detailed briefing on this as soon as possible.

The price of rings will be \$A 0.46 per ring. This figure includes the purchase cost from the supplier, conversion of this cost to \$A, freight and postage, import duty, GST, the ANBC Ring levy and 3 cents per ring to allow for a possible decline in the exchange rate of the \$A against the Euro during this year. If the 3 cent buffer is not needed, it will be carried over to provide a buffer in succeeding years to allow adjustment to the price of rings.

### Ring format for 2015

#### Format One – three sections:

A                      B                                      C

**A15                      BCT 43 210**

A = ANBC Symbol and year, B = State/Zone Code, C = Ring Number

1. This format is to be used for the issue of rings to be used in 2015. The total number of rings required is estimated to be a minimum of 130000, but possibly as many as 177800.
2. The designated colour is red for 2015.
3. Seven (or possibly eight) different three or four character State/Zone codes will be used, one for each member body. The number of rings issued will vary significantly. For example, it is expected that the Tasmanian (BCT) requirement will not be more than 6000, whereas Victoria (BCV) will require 50000 and NSW could require 60000 in two separate orders.
4. The last three digits in the number are shown in larger font to make them easier to read.
5. It is expected that this format will also be used in succeeding years, but not for the full ring issue. In each year the total number of rings in this general format may be in excess of 10000.

**Ring format for 2016**  
**Format Two – four sections**

A	B	C	D
<b>*A16</b>	<b>BCT</b>	<b>HH12</b>	<b>3210</b>

A = ANBC symbol and year, B = State/Zone Code, C = Individual/club code, D = Ring Number

1. This will be an additional format for rings from 2016 and later.
2. Each coding for member bodies (in the illustration, BCT) will be followed by its own set of three or four digit codes (in the illustration, HH12) for individuals or clubs.
3. Each coding will be followed by a set of numbers that will be specified (eg 1-100 or 6001-6200).
4. It is anticipated that there could be more than one thousand different codings requiring varying numbers of rings. The coded ring order will be in excess of 100000 rings in total.
5. Coded rings will cost approximately 4.5 cents more than club rings.

**Considerations for the future**

**Formalisation of the business relationship**

The time available to select the alternative ring supplier did not allow a full tendering process and nor has there been any formal agreement concerning supply of rings. The quality of the sample rings from Vogelringe.net was most satisfactory and it has been agreed that payment of invoices to the supplier is conditional on the rings meeting this standard. It is possible to formalise this arrangement through the ANBC's Bank.

The technical specification for the rings is as set out by the WBO. For later ring issues a tendering process should be adopted that could lead to a formal agreement for, say, a five year period. Other reputable suppliers have indicated a wish to participate in such a tendering process and the possibility of an Australian supplier being found has not been discounted.

**Import Duty (5%) and GST (10%)**

These taxes apply to import consignments in excess of A\$1000 in total value, that is, including purchase price, freight cost, insurance and any other costs that may arise. The liability is determined when the goods arrive in Australia and the calculation used applies the exchange rate set for the date of arrival. It may be that aluminium rings used for identification of birds are not subject to import duty, but GST will apply to the ring order for 2015.

A consignment is defined legally as goods being sent by a single consignor to a single consignee regardless of whether the goods are destined for a number of people or arrive in Australia in more than one delivery.

If the rings are ordered in batches valued at less than \$1000 and those batches are delivered by Post direct to clubs or individuals Import Duty and GST will not apply. The batches will be subject to inspection on arrival by Post into Australia and will be forwarded without any delay.

The procedures required should be easy to implement. We can expect that there will be about 80 batches, depending on the cost and actual batch size. Of course, if any member body does not want to order in batches they will be able to place a larger order and make their own arrangements to meet the import requirements.

**Alistair Home**