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2002 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

WREST POINT HOTEL, HOBART

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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Venue: WREST POINT HOTEL, HOBART

Date: 27 MAY 2002 FROM 8.30 A.M.

1. Roll call of member bodies and introduction of delegates.
2. Apologies
3. Opening of meeting by the host President, Jim Fletcher
4. Address by Bruce Chapman of Chapman Rings
5. Past President's report (Steve Spencer, WABC)
6. Election of President
7. Election of Secretary
8. Times for meeting

9. Motion: *to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held at Trade Winds Motel, Fremantle on 28 May 2001*
10. Motion: *to consider business arising from the previous meeting*
11. Motion: *to consider all printed information and correspondence*
12. Motion: *to accept the audited balance sheet of the Council*
13. Motion: *to set the membership fee for 2002/2003 (currently \$250)*

14. Report from the ANBC Judges Committee (Secretary: Nigel Tonkin)
15. Report from the ANBC Standards Committee (Co-ordinator (Bob Bourke)
16. Report by Ron Hunt on ANBC history

17. General Business

18. Closure of meeting

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**ITEM 1 – ROLL CALL OF MEMBER BODIES
AND INTRODUCTION OF DELEGATES**

South Australia	Peter Glassenbury and Nigel Tonkin
Western Australia	Steve Spencer and Rob Hugo
Tasmania	Roy Blair and Derek Poole
Victoria	Margaret Bridgeman and Leigh Downey
New South Wales	Jean Painter and Bob Bourke
South Queensland	David Ganzer and Peter Lane
North Queensland	Scott Eriksen and Brian Radcliffe
Host President	Jim Fletcher
Judges' Co-ordinator	Nigel Tonkin
Standard Co-ordinator	Bob Bourke

ITEM 2 – APOLOGIES

Ron Hunt and Ghalib Al-Nasser

Motion by M Bridgeman, seconded D Poole: *that the apologies be accepted* – carried

ITEM 3 – OPENING OF MEETING BY HOST PRESIDENT JIM FLETCHER

Address given by Jim Fletcher opening the meeting at 9.10 a.m. and welcoming all delegates. He then introduced Bruce Chapman who wished to address the Council.

ITEM 4 – ADDRESS BY BRUCE CHAPMAN OF CHAPMAN RINGS

Bruce advised the meeting that he would continue his current sponsorship to the ANBC (\$750) and would also provide holding room equipment to the host State / Zone. The 2001 ring issue levy produced \$6,742.65. Current sales indicate approximately \$150 shortfall for the same period as last year. Bruce indicated that in relation to General Business item 5 he would require 12 months notice for manufacturing set-up.

ITEM 5 – PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT BY STEVE SPENCER

Steve Spencer expressed thanks for the hard work carried out by the Standards Committee and the ANBC Secretary. He congratulated the Website Co-ordinator Debbie Ham for the task of setting up our site.

ITEM 6 – ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Motion from L Downey, seconded R Hugo: *that Jim Fletcher be elected as Council President for the year 2002/03* – carried unanimously.

ITEM 7 ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Motion from WABC Inc: *that A Home be elected as ANBC Secretary of the ANBC.*

Motion from BCV Inc: *nominating B Bradford for the position of Secretary of the ANBC for a further 12 months.*

REASON: He has performed the task admirably for some time and is willing to continue in the role.

Motion from BSNSW Inc: *that B Bradford be elected as ANBC Secretary for 2002-2003.*

Motion from QN&CZBC: *that B Bradford be elected as Secretary of the ANBC for the forthcoming year.*

Motion from SQBBA Inc: nomination of Bruce Bradford as ANBC Secretary for 2002/2003.

The BCV motion was seconded by BSNSW and carried by 4 votes for and 3 votes against. The WABC motion was seconded by BCT but lost.

ITEM 8 – FIXING TIMES FOR MEETING

It was resolved that morning tea would be taken at 10.15 a.m. with the meeting resuming at 10.30 a.m. and that lunch would be taken at 12.30 p.m. with the meeting resuming at 1.15 p.m.

ITEM 9 – ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF 2001 COUNCIL MEETING

Motion from S Eriksen, seconded R Hugo: *that the minutes of the previous meeting held in Fremantle be accepted* – carried unanimously.

ITEM 10 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Secretary's report on disbursement of ring levies collected.

<u>2000 ring issue</u>	retained	\$108.35	
<u>2001 ring issue</u>	shortfall	\$266.35	(i.e. receipts of \$6,733.65 less than target of \$7,000)
			Loss over 2 years = \$158.00

The meeting considered the shortfall and decided to monitor this but take no further action.

<u>2002 ring issue</u>			
Paid to BCT on 11/7/01			\$4,000.00
Received from Chapman Rings on 6/2/02	\$4,230.75		
Paid to BCT on 19/2/02			\$3,000.00
Received from Chapman Rings on 10/4/02	\$1,142.10		
Received from Chapman Rings on 23/5/02	\$ 393.45		
	Totals	\$5,766.30	\$7,000.00

2. Confirmation of continuing membership of ABA and representation by Secretary as ANBC delegate.

Membership continues and the Council has been represented at most meetings by its Secretary.

Motion from B Radcliffe, seconded S Spencer: *that the ANBC continue its membership of the ABA and that the Secretary remain as the ANBC delegate* – carried unanimously.

3. Carry over item – 2002 meeting to consider inclusion of Crested variety in the Australian Championship

Motion from R Blair, seconded N Tonkin: *that the Crested variety be included in the 2003 competition for point score allocation* – carried unanimously.

4. Record of Normal Greens/Greygreens and Normal Blues/Greys shown over 3 year period

An unofficial count over the last two years is:

2000 – Light Greens 4, Greygreens 10	2001 – Light Greens 4, Greygreens 10
2000 – Blues 7, Greys 7	2001 – Blues 3, Greys 11

2002

Light Greens 4 (including 1 Dark Green), Greygreens 10
Blues 6 (including 1 Cobalt), Greys 8

5. Secretary's report on sponsorship agreements

We have exactly the same major sponsorship as last year: 30 polo shirts/jerseys for use by officials during the event, 20x 20 kg bags of seed for sale, seeding of cages and raffles, seed samples for the general public and cage stickers.

In return we are to provide the same support: acknowledgement on ANBC correspondence, advertisement in the results booklet, acknowledgement on promotional information, trade stand area available with signage and acknowledgement at presentation dinner with Golden Cob representative presenting some awards.

The mooted 7 year agreement has not been forthcoming with the sponsor preferring to negotiate on a year by year basis.

Chapman Rings and Budgerigar Rare & Specialist Exhibitors of Australasia sponsorships are detailed in financial statements.

The Secretary outlined the Budgerigar Rare and Specialist Exhibitors of Australasia (BRASEA) proposal of \$1,000 each year for 3 years; money to be paid directly to the ANBC prior to the Council forwarding it to the next host State /Zone.

Motion from D Poole, seconded S Eriksen: *that a letter of thanks be sent to Warren Wilson (BRASEA) for his generous support – carried unanimously.*

The Secretary was asked to liaise with Golden Cob in relation to providing suitable sizes for the host State / Zone shirts. Zoe Weisner indicated that similar sponsorship will be available for North Queensland.

6. Report on maintenance of ANBC web site

Set-up was completed by the end of November 2001 and Debbie Ham was paid \$350 for set-up and maintenance. Len Vinci was reimbursed \$160 for web site provider costs. The Secretary has sought sponsorship from business houses and avian veterinarians with 7 vets now providing this form of sponsorship.

The Secretary spoke on Debbie Ham's work on the web site. Some sponsorship has been arranged with avian vets. Corporate support is needed to make it self sufficient. S Spencer advised that Debbie would appreciate input by electronic means to lessen workload.

Motion from S Spencer, seconded P Glassenbury: *that \$200 maintenance fee be paid to Debbie in early June each year – carried unanimously.*

7. Confirmation of incorporation of ANBC in ACT

The ANBC name was registered in the ACT and minor changes to the constitution required for incorporation were identified in the copies circulated to States and Zones on 19 March. Approval will be sought at the Council meeting.

BSNSW's Canberra Branch Chairman agreed to being nominated as Public Officer. Costs of incorporation are \$180 for set-up, \$16 to \$38 annual fee.

Motion from R Bourke, seconded M Bridgeman: *that the Secretary proceed with incorporation as per the presented constitution document, with the inclusion of 5(d) (set out below) after the legality question has been confirmed (that this corporation is covered nationally) – carried unanimously. A solicitor is to be utilized if considered necessary.*

5 (d) Shall maintain two bank accounts on behalf of the ANBC:

1. A cheque account in the name of the Australian National Budgerigar Council for the purpose of the general running costs of the ANBC – refer clause 6 (a).
2. A cheque account titled the Australian National Budgerigar Council Ring Levy Account which is to be fully funded by the revenue raised from the ANBC ring levy – refer clause 2 (j)

These accounts are to have two signatories – the ANBC Secretary and the Secretary or Treasurer of the member body of the State or Zone in which the ANBC Secretary resides.

8. Letter of appreciation to Gary Heather for audit services

Issue of a letter of appreciation to Gary Heather for donation of audit services is confirmed in the list of correspondence.

9. Secretary's report on review of two day show format

All States and Zones were to review the two day show format with SQBBA, BCSA, WABC and BCT passing on their experiences as organisers for an exchange of views by 31 August 2001. Unfortunately, there was no meaningful response to report.

Carried forward to Other Business.

10. Report on postal vote for cyclic introduction of new classes

The motion "*that the six year cycle for the introduction of new classes in the national be recommenced with three varieties not currently included in the national show*" was lost in a postal vote with 2 for and 5 against.

11. Confirmation of WBO membership and any related correspondence

Membership continues and correspondence is listed in the record attached.

The Secretary advised that Ghalib Al-Nasser apologised for not attending the meeting due to his social trip to the Huon Valley. The Secretary spoke on the involvement during the year of the ANBC in relation to Standards and Judging issues which were co-ordinated by the Standards and Judges Co-ordinators. Favourable comments on this input were made by the WBO.

Motion from J Painter, seconded B Radcliffe: *that Leigh Downey and Col Flanagan represent the ANBC at this year's WBO meeting (at no cost to the ANBC) – with liaison between the ANBC Secretary, Judges and Standards Co-ordinators in regard to the WBO agenda – carried unanimously.*

12. Report by Nigel Tonkin on plastic show cage

Nigel has confirmed that he will be able to report further at the delegates' meeting.

A sample cage was provided by Vince Phillips (Australian made). Plastic black and white \$50.55, plastic full white \$30.00. After discussion it was agreed to monitor this item over the next year. The Secretary is to send a letter of thanks to Vince Phillips for his assistance with the sample.

13. Outcomes of review of team transport cages

Airline advice on cage requirements was circulated during the year but there has been no feedback from States / Zones in response to the Council decision that all would review their cage designs and presentation.

Delegates' reports to the meeting:

- BSNSW - cage modified with buffer strips and extra labelling
- BCSA - cage modified with buffer strips and extra labelling
- WABC - cage modified with extra ventilation holes and labelling
- SQBBA - no modifications, planning to purchase an extra cage

(All) airline cargo costs are a concern and the ANBC should investigate seeking a QANTAS cargo account.

14. Report by Nigel Tonkin on production and distribution costs for a national magazine

Nigel has confirmed that he will be able to report further at the delegates' meeting.

No new ideas were raised. Consideration could be given within web site 'news'.

15. Confirmation of advice to Ian Trass

Confirmed in record of correspondence.

16. Changes to Format and Rules for Australian Championship Show (initiated by National Judges)

The motion proposing a number of changes concerning the composition of the panel of judges for the national show was carried in a postal vote with 5 for, 1 against and 1 not casting a vote.

Carried over to Other Business. Details of changes agreed later in the meeting appear in item 4 under Other Business.

ITEM 11 – CORRESPONDENCE

A schedule of all correspondence for the year was attached to the business papers for the meeting.

Motion from N Tonkin, seconded D Poole : *that all printed information and secretarial correspondence be accepted* – carried unanimously.

ITEM 12 – FINANCIAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

Motion from S Spencer, seconded N Tonkin: *that the audited balance sheet of the Council be accepted* – carried unanimously.

The Secretary reported that the Auditor's Report had been provided by Gary Heather NSNSW as a donation to the ANBC. He was requested to write a letter of thanks on behalf of the Council.

The report is attached to these minutes. Assets were recorded as 161 ANBC Standards, 10 ANBC Badges and 7 ANBC Judge Badges.

ITEM 13 – MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 2002-2003

Motion from J Painter, seconded P Lane : *that the membership fee of Council for 2002/2003 be \$300* – carried unanimously. (Payments due at the meeting).

ITEM 14 – REPORT BY JUDGES COMMITTEE

A.N.B.C. JUDGES PANEL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Wrest Point Hotel – Hobart

Sunday 26th May 2002

There are now 36 ANBC Panel Judges after 3 folk resigned / retired during the year, they being:

- Richard Phillips of Western Australia resigned.
- Ray Sparks of Nth & Central Queensland resigned due to ill health
- George Duffield of South Australia retired,
 ... and after 2 of 3 folk examined passed this year's examination, they being:
- Roy Blair of Tasmania and
- Len Vinci of Western Australia.

A welcome was conveyed to Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser from the United Kingdom.

Discussion Points.

- Nigel Tonkin asked: should we consider continuous numbering of the Penalty & Disqualification Clauses for Guidance of ANBC Judges from 1 through to 28 or whatever number these clauses might go to.

Majority not in favour of this suggestion - not recommended.

- Nigel Tonkin asked: should we consider 'grouping' the clauses in their penalty or disqualification categories, that is if it is a colour fault group all of the colour faults numerically then perhaps all of the marking faults etc.

Recommended - Nigel T to action.

- Nigel Tonkin asked: should Clause 9 read '*Lutino/Albino no visible iris **ring** in eye*'. The word **ring** is missing from the current document

Recommended - Nigel T to action

- Northern Section Judges Panel of C&N Qld through Ian Schneider suggest that Clause 11 of Penalties read as follows: *'Re Clearwings, clear ground colour is the optimum as per **the Standard**, the heavier the markings the heavier the penalty'*.

Recommended - Nigel T to action

- Bob Bourke writes:
During the preparation of the draft for the rewrite of **The Standard** it was noted that the Penalty and Disqualification Clauses do not seem to adequately cover faults which occur and are at variance with the ideal for the Crested Variety. It is recommended that consideration be given to including the following additional Penalty Clause:

*'20. Crested- where a bird has multiple (more than one) crests or has a crest or feather disturbance outside of the areas allowed for in **The Standard**'.*

Recommended - Nigel T to action

- Central Section Judges Panel of C&N Qld through Ian Schneider suggest the following: that **The Standard** as written should be followed by all Judges no matter what the variety might be. In the case of Clearwings we would suggest that 60 points be awarded for colour and clarity of markings and 40 points for type. This could also apply to the Blackeyed Self Coloured class.

Not recommended - no action

- Russell Keane agrees that the interpretation of the ANBC Secretary and myself as ANBC Judges Panel Coordinator of the following clause is correct.
Clause 6. Candidates for Examination
(a) Judges sitting for the ANBC National Judges Panel Examination must be an Open / Champion exhibitor and must be a recognised member of their State / Zone Budgerigar Judges Panel for a minimum of 5 (five) years.

The interpretation being a minimum of five years **after qualifying** ie. once appointed to the State / Zone panel without requiring any further 'qualifying' requirements.

This discussion point was by-passed to enable discussion on the following point.

- Nigel Tonkin asked: should not the above clause come under Clause 6 (d)? Applicants must meet the following criteria and read as follows:
 - i. They must be Judges of higher standing from their State / Zone be an Open / Champion exhibitor and be a recognised member of their senior State / Zone Budgerigar judges Panel. (For a minimum of 5 (five) years.
 - ii. Unchanged

The above was amended removing the words in (i) for a minimum of 5 (five) years'. The suggested change was approved. Nigel T to action.

- Nigel Tonkin suggested that Clause 6 (e) should read
*Candidates **are** to be nominated by **their** State/ Zone body.*

Approved, Nigel T to action

If the above suggestions were approved. then Clause 6 [b] would become Clause 6 [a], 6 [c] would become 6[b] etc.

Approved, Nigel T to action

ANBC 2002 Agenda Items - Judging – Discussion/Recommendation only.

- Motion from SQBBA Inc: that the Australian National Show be judged to the National Standard

ANBC Judges Panel suggests this is a redundant proposal.

- *Motion from BSNSW Inc: that the ANBC Judges Panel By-Law section 6 (a) be amended to the following:*

(a) Judges sitting for the ANBC National Judges Panel examination must be an Open/Champion exhibitor and must be a recognised member of their State / Zone Budgerigar Judges Panel, at the most senior level, for a minimum of 5 years.

Advice that this motion withdrawn by BSNSW - not discussed

- Item raised for discussion by SQBBA Inc: *that the Australian Standard be strictly adhered to when judging the National Show. The tiptop bird does not have flights missing, pins and big blood spots or a twisted tail. Or does it?*

Workshops are now addressing these types of issues – Penalty & Disqualification Clauses for guidance of ANBC Judges also covers.

- Item raised for discussion by: SQBBA Inc: the disqualification and penalty clauses should be in a 'Guide to Judging' not in the Standard as the Standard is a Standard of Perfection. The 'Guide to Judging' could be loose leaf or a small booklet that could be altered from time to time when required.

Do not agree - we concur with the C&S Committee recommendation to include.

Any Other Business

- Correspondence from BSNSW Judges Panel (F56) (In)

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE A.N.B. PENALTY & DISQUALIFICATION CLAUSES by
The B.S.N.S.W. Judges Panel

Delete the following clauses:-

- Apart from Opalines, birds showing body colour on wings, back and neck.
- Opalines showing dark feathers in mantle and neck or with bad wing markings.
- If a separate class is provided Dominant Pies showing incorrect markings as defined by the Standard.
- Clearwings with heavy wing markings.

THE REASONS FOR THESE DELETIONS ARE THAT THEY ARE EITHER NOT APPLICABLE ANYMORE OR THEY ARE ALREADY COVERED BY OTHER CLAUSES.

The following clauses should be disqualifications, not penalties:

- Birds of a variety not described in the Standard as having a flesh coloured cere. (Excludes Dominant Pies with all or part of the cere pied out)
- RedEyed Self Colours with markings on the back of the head, back of the neck and wings.(Red Eyes with incorrect cheek patches should remain a penalty)
- Spangle (or any other bird) with a head spot.

The following points should be added to the Penalty Clauses

- Spangles with full spots in the mask.
- Crests with feather disturbance outside of allowed areas. (The more feather disturbance the heavier the penalty)

This document, and any other issues that they or others feel need to be discussed/covered, is to be worked through by H George and J Painter and returned to State/Zones for discussion and recommendation for 2003 meeting

- *Flecking is the next topic for discussion at C&N; Qld and they are to present this workshop*
- *R Keane spoke on his desire for new blood on the examination panel, but withdrew his resignation after members moved that way*
- *Nigel Tonkin to remain as moved by J Fletcher and seconded by S Mow*
- *After the reading of a letter of retirement from George Duffield it was moved that a letter be written to George thanking him for his contribution and accept his retirement with regret - Nigel T to action*

Meeting closed 5.05 p.m. and then proceeded to the **Clearwing Workshop**

Motion from R Blair, seconded S Spencer: *that the Judges Committee report be accepted* – carried unanimously.

ITEM 15 – REPORT BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE

REPORT ON THE ANBC STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH OF MAY 2002

Mr Bob Bourke addressed the Council Meeting as National Colour and Standards Coordinator and presented the following report:

- The Colour and Standards (C&S) Meeting was held at 4.00 PM on the 25th of May 2002. A11 Zones were represented as follows: - Ross Loats (B.CV), Nigel Tonkin (B.C.S.A.), Alistair Home (B.C.T.), Rob Hugo (W.A.B.C.), Henry George (S.Q.B.B.A.), Kevin O'Callaghan (QLD N & C Zone), Ron Hunt (B.S.N.S.W.) and Bob Bourke - Coordinator.
- Bruce Bradford attended as National Secretary and Ghalib Al Nasser, Secretary of the World Budgerigar Organisation attended the first half of the meeting as an invited guest.
- Formal Variety Standard - Clearbody. The formal amendment to the Standard, which was endorsed on the 13th of December 2001, cancelled the Provisional Standard for Clearbody and issued a formal Variety Standard for Clearbody.
- A draft protocol for handling Colour and Standards matters is yet to be finalised. This is not considered to be an issue with Colour and Standards during the rewrite due to extensive use of electronic mail.
- Photo Gallery (on Website) to supplement the Standard. In line with the decision taken by the Colour and Standards Committee last year, a photo gallery on the web site to supplement the Standard is to be developed as a follow on task to the new Standard.

Rewrite of the Standard.

During the year a preliminary draft of the rewrite of the Standard was developed by the Colour and Standards Working Group and circulated initially to State/Zone Colour and Standards representatives/Groups for comment. Following comment by State/Zone Colour and Standards

Representatives, a formal draft was prepared and forwarded to the national Secretary for circulation and formal comment by States/Zones. This comment is required through the national Secretary by the 19th July 2002.

There are some issues being worked through by the Working Group. These will be finalised by the 19th July 2002 and incorporated into the rewrite as will any relevant points (following Colour and Standard consideration) raised in the comments from States/Zones.

Development of the pictorials continues. The profile sketch is now developed and the final comment on the profile (with twist) has been agreed. Work has commenced on the bust of the ideal cock and hen. It is not considered necessary to develop more than one profile of the ideal cock and hen as the bust (with twist) is considered to meet the aim.

As a result, only four artworks are now considered to be appropriate, not the seven previously indicated and approved. Although four have already been paid for it may be considered appropriate to negotiate additional payment to Roy Aplin because of the requirement we imposed on him to make many changes to his preliminary sketches.

Following consideration of outstanding issues for inclusion in the rewrite, advice is requested from Council in relation to the requirement for Purity of Variety or acceptance of the Norm as a statement of policy i.e. True Greywing or Full Body Coloured Greywing.

Other matters decided at our meeting for inclusion in the next draft of the re-write of the Standard were the removal of Greywing Yellow/White and Cinnamonwing Yellow/White from the Variety Standards for Greywing and Cinnamonwing and their inclusion in the Any Other Standard Variety at the back of the Standard.

Adjustment to the Yellow Faced Blue Class in the Matrix. We recommend its movement from Section 12 to immediately above Crested. The result is that all Yellow Faced Blue birds in the Blue Series would be exhibited in the Yellow Faced Blue Class.

Development of the AOSV Section and inclusion in the Standard of Penalty and Disqualification Clauses for the Guidance of Judges and Exhibitors is recommended.

Standard for Pairs, Teams and Collections are recommended for inclusion. Further research is required in relation to the evolution of Colour Varieties for the Spangle and Fallow varieties before the rewrite is finalised.

It is recommended by the Colour and Standards Committee that the Standard is produced in loose-leaf format with distribution by hard copy and/or CD-ROM.

(Many questions and much discussion concerning this point arose in Council. Bob Bourke stated that cost and production options as well as copy protection measures and recommendations would be developed and included with the final draft to the National Secretary. Some suggested options included the central control of the folder and pictorials with free text being reproduced under States/Zones arrangements).

In relation to the production time line it is planned that the final draft of the rewrite will be available by the end of October 2002, with publication prior to Christmas. Bob Bourke requested the support of Delegates to Council in spreading the word in relation to the draft circulating for comment and in giving it wide exposure.

Items referred by Council in the last 12 months and/or contained in the ANBC Agenda

- The following item was referred by Council:
 - WBO - Proposed Colour Standards. Bruce Bradford, on behalf of Council, referred the proposed WBO Colour Standards to the Colour and Standards for comment. Comments were provided by the Colour and Standards Committee on behalf of Council to Mr Ghalib Al Nasser of the WBO and included in discussion of the matter at its meeting in Germany in November 2001. The comment was welcomed and well received resulting in the WBO accepting the description of the Clearwing tail from Australia rather than the UK description.
- Items from the National Council Meeting Agenda which were discussed:

- Item raised for discussion by SQBBA Inc: *the disqualification and penalty clauses should be in a "Guide to Judging" not in the Standard as the Standard is a Standard of Perfection. The "Guide to Judging" could be loose leaf or a small booklet that could be altered from time to time when required.*

Not supported, Colour and Standards recommend its inclusion in the Standard.

- Item raised for discussion by SQBBA Inc: the high cost of producing the Standard. *Could savings not be made in any areas?*

Agree, we are considering all options for the production of the Standard. These include hard copy, CD-ROM and placement on the web site.

- Motion from BSNSW Inc that: *"The Penalty and Disqualification Clauses for the Guidance of ANBC Judges be included in the new Standard"*

Reason: The most logical place for this information is within the Standard publication, and not a separate publication, which may or may not reach all breeders/judges etc.

Agree; recommend that Council support this motion.

- Item raised for discussion by BCV Inc: *If it is intended to include the history of the ANBC as a preamble to the new Standard book we believe that in its present form it is becoming unwieldy, in length and would need to be streamlined if possible, or included elsewhere in the format of the Standard Book*

A one page short history is provided in the draft rewrite in accordance with a previous Council decision. This remains a matter for Council.

- Motion from SQBBA Inc that: *the show cage drinker be moved to the space between the 2nd and 3rd bar from the left of the cage as having it in the present position interferes with the line of the bird and moving it would help prevent birds playing with and sitting on it.*

Reason: Expressed within the motion.

This motion is not supported. It is considered that moving the position of the drinker would not help prevent the playing with or sitting on it. The Colour and Standards Committee would not support the removal of the drinker. Recommend that Council not support this motion.

Other Matters

- a. Pictorials commissioned from Roy Aplin - Colour and Standards recommend to Council that on completion of the rewrite and release of the new Standard Council considers disposal options for the original Roy Aplin artworks. This may include their use to full financial advantage to offset the production costs associated with the new Standard. It is recommended that Council examines options in relation to this matter.
- b. Bob Bourke advised Council that he had acknowledged on behalf of the ANBC the considerable effort which has been undertaken by the members of the Colour and Standards Working Group and the members of State/Zone Colour and Standards Committees/Groups thus far in relation to the rewrite of the Standard.

Nomination of Colour and Standards Coordinator 2002 - 2003.

Bob Bourke advised that he had been nominated and accepted the nomination as National Co-ordinator for Colour and Standards, subject to Council concurrence, for 2002/2003.

Motion from R Blair, seconded N Tonkin: *that the Standards Committee report (attached to these minutes) be accepted* – carried unanimously.

ITEM 16 – REPORT BY RON HUNT ON ANBC HISTORY

In Ron Hunt's absence the Secretary presented a Year 2001 update on the Council's history, prepared by Ron (copy attached to these minutes).

Motion from R Hugo, seconded S Eriksen: *that Ron Hunt be re-elected as Council's Historian* – carried unanimously.

ITEM 17 – GENERAL BUSINESS

Australian Championship Show

1. **Motion from BCV Inc:** *that the Normal Green, Normal Greygreen, Normal Blue and Normal Grey classes be separated due to mounting evidence that entries in both Normal Green and Normal Blue classes are being dominated by Normal Greygreen and Normal Grey exhibits.*

Motion from L Downey, seconded D Poole : *that the Green/Greygreen, Blue/Grey be separated* – voting deferred.

Motion from P Glassenbury, seconded L Downey: *that Council accept the 2000 unofficial figures in the 3 year survey thus allowing the above motion to proceed* – carried unanimously.

The original motion was then put and carried with a vote of 5 for and 2 against.

Motion from R Blair, seconded D Ganzer: *that this motion be implemented in the year 2004 (NSW)* – carried unanimously.

2. **Motion from BCV Inc:** *that in keeping with the spirit of the competition each team be permitted to have a maximum of sixty birds (at present – 3 representatives of each class in the competition) in the holding area for the duration of the competition* – withdrawn.

The meeting agreed that States / Zones abide by the spirit of the Format and Rules.

3. **Motion from BCSA Inc:** *that the motion for a 6 year cycle of three varieties not included in the National Show as agreed by a majority in 2001 be rescinded* – seconded B Radcliffe and carried with 6 votes for and 1 against.
4. **Motion from BCSA Inc:** *that the Clearbody variety become part of the ANBC show as an Exhibition Class for a 3 year period, commencing 2003, with consideration being given in the second year to making it a permanent class at the completion of the third year* – seconded S Eriksen and carried unanimously.
5. **Motion from BSNSW Inc:** *that the ring issue date be moved forward to the beginning of Spring each year, and birds so rung be eligible for showing at the National Show in the year after the year indicated on the ring (e.g. rings for year 2003 would be issued on 1 September 2002 and the birds with 2003 rings would compete at the 2004 National)* – seconded S Spencer and lost with 3 votes for and 4 against.
 - **Item raised for discussion by BCSA Inc:** *that the selection of Young Birds for the ANBC National Show be modified to involve 2nd year rung birds (2 year old birds) only and that the show be renamed "The ANBC second year of age Championship Show"* – lapsed without support.
6. **Item raised for discussion by BCSA Inc: Changes to Show Format**

REASON:

Over recent years the National event has become stagnated and little is happening by the way of progression in the fancy in general.

Some stimulus is required to rejuvenate the event and ensure that the birds presented for showing are the best that is available.

Breeders are experiencing problems Australia wide as to the numbers being bred along with the quality of these birds. Should numbers be down individuals are loath to send the best birds away to the National for fear of losing them through travel and communicable diseases.

The issue of birds being lost in transit last year has long term ramifications and while all possible avenues have been addressed as to travel boxes and labeling, the stigma will remain as it did in Tasmania so many years ago. For those involved at that time there is no need to elaborate but it heightens the fears of breeders when unfortunate instances occur.

A faction has been, for many years, advocating an open show at the Nationals with little support, we hasten to add.

It may now be time to rekindle this type of idea in an endeavour to rejuvenate the premier event for Budgerigars in Australia.

What we would propose for discussion is that birds covered by the past TWO ring seasons be eligible for the event.

We realise there would be many questions and debate on this issue but it is one that must be aired and discussed in a rational manner with the benefit of the fancy being the only goal.

Some benefits that could be envisaged are as follows:

- A better standard of bird would be presented overall given the greater pool of exhibits from which to choose.
- Judging would require a greater level of experience with the bird's closer in quality.
- More breeders would be content to exhibit birds given that they have had a chance to breed with their good young stock and expand their gene pool.
- Breeders would not be restricted to early breeding to have birds available for the National event that are mature enough.
- Older birds that have bred with travel better.
- The bird that is classed as "I left a better one at home after it dropped its tail" would get his/her second chance to be exhibited and displayed.

The list of positives could be expanded but as this is for discussion others can bring up those further benefits.

Those that flatly disagree need to look at the reason as to why we have the event.

Those that will come up with excuses need to similarly look at the reasons for the event.

Is it not to display the best birds available in the fancy we all enjoy?

Someone will ask - What if a bird wins two years in a row? So what! It simply means it was a magnificent Budgerigar as a young bird and no one has bred a better one yet.

Another question - The judge will know some birds? Is it not the Judges task to place the best birds first? Ask any judge if once he has seen a bird would he/she not recognise it again? Of course he/she would but that has no bearing as to where we place the birds in future shows. If it did that person would not be a Judge for too long in the future.

What we ask is that this proposal be given the chance for discussion in a meaningful way and allow both critics and the believers have their say.

The Fancy and its survival rely on a humble few that enjoy the hobby for its merits and the chance to display the results of that hobby to the Australian population.

The reason for submitting both discussion points is to obtain the feelings of all States / Zones on the current system and the two discussion points to gain guidance for the enhancement of the ANBC National Championship Show.

The meeting decided that further discussion is required and noted that the open forum to follow the meeting (Monday evening) may bring more items to the business table.

Judging

- 1. Motion from SQBBA Inc:** *that the Australian National Show be judged to the National Standard – lapsed without a seconder.*
- 2. Motion from BSNSW Inc:** *that the ANBC Judges Panel By-Law section 6 (a) be amended to the following:*
 - (a) Judges sitting for the ANBC National Judges Panel examination must be and Open Champion exhibitor and must be a recognised member of their State / Zone Budgerigar Judges Panel, at the most senior level, for a minimum of 5 years.*

.... withdrawn in writing before the meeting.

3. **Item raised for discussion by SQBBA Inc:** *that the Australian Standard be more strictly adhered to when judging the National Show. The tiptop bird does not have flights missing, pins and big blood spots or a twisted tail. Or does it?*

The Council observed that workshops cover these types of issues and the Disqualification and Penalty document covers the items.

4. **Item raised for discussion by SQBBA Inc:** *the disqualification and penalty clauses should be in a 'Guide to Judging' not in the Standard and the Standard is a Standard of Perfection. The 'Guide to Judging' could be loose leaf or a small booklet that could be altered from time to time when required.*

This has been placed in the draft of the re-write of the Standard.

Administration

1. **Motion from BCV Inc:** *that the ANBC further consider the proposal to publish a National Budgerigar Magazine – withdrawn without discussion.*
2. **Item raised for discussion by SQBBA Inc:** *the fancy needs to look towards the cost of insurance premiums in the not too distant future. What can be done?*

Expectations for substantial increases in cost of insurance were discussed without outcome other than recognition of a need to monitor premiums and conditions. Council noted a trend towards amalgamation of clubs as a means of reducing insurance costs.

3. **Item raised for discussion by SQBBA Inc:** *the high cost of producing the Standard. Could savings not be made in any areas? Withdrawn*
4. **Item raised for discussion by BCSA Inc:** *the BCSA would like to discuss the possibility of putting together a CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE KEEPING, EXHIBITING AND TRANSPORTING OF BUDGERIGARS. It is important that the fancy is seen to be keeping ahead of or up with or at least working with State / Commonwealth law makers.*

Motion from R Blair, seconded P Lane: *that each State / Zone consider the ABA's Code of Ethics, with changes as required, and report back to the 2003 Council meeting for further discussion – carried unanimously.*

Other Matters

1. **Motion from BSNSW Inc:** *that "The Penalty and Disqualification Clauses for the Guidance of ANBC Judges" be included in the new Standard - withdrawn.*
2. **Item raised for discussion by BCV Inc:** *If it is intended to include the history of the ANBC as a preamble to the new Standard book we believe that in its present form it is becoming unwieldy in length and would need to be streamlined, if possible, or included elsewhere in the format of the Standard book - withdrawn.*
3. **Motion from SQBBA Inc:** *that the show cage drinker be moved to the space between the 2nd and 3rd bar from the left of the cage as having it in the present position interferes with the line of the bird and moving it would help prevent birds playing with and sitting on it - withdrawn.*

4. The meeting reviewed the Format and Rules which included the comments of States / Zones' input over the last year.

Motion from L Downey, seconded B Radcliffe: *that the altered items agreed to and noted by the Secretary be approved* – carried unanimously.

Modification to the class section of this document (front page) will require alterations with the finalisation of the Standard.

- Green and Greygreen – Blue and Grey break up (re 2004)
- Delete Normal Wing from Opaline class
- Delete exhibition class from Crested
- Delete Hens and Cocks reference at bottom of page
- Include Clearbody in matrix (exhibition 2003)

5. R Bourke moved a vote of thanks to Victoria for the changing of year dates to allow NSW to hold the 2004 National as part of its 50th year celebrations. He also thanked all States and Zones for their unanimous support in this matter.

ITEM 18 – CLOSURE OF MEETING

The President Jim Fletcher thanked all delegates for their input to healthy debate during the meeting.

Motion from N Tonkin, seconded R Hugo: *that the BCT be thanked for its warm hospitality and hard work in providing visitors with a great time* – carried unanimously.

The meeting closed at 2.20 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS TO 2002 MINUTES FOLLOW