



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL Inc.

2005 ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

MELBOURNE CONVENTION CENTRE

30 MAY 2005

SPONSORS:

**Golden Cob
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Budgerigar Rare and Specialist Exhibitors of Australasia (BRASEA)
Crested Budgerigar Club of Australia
Clearwing Budgerigar Society of Australia Inc.
The Pied Budgerigar Society of Australasia**

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL INC.

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Annual Meeting Agenda

Venue: Melbourne Convention Centre

Date: 30 May 2005 from 8.30 A.M.

1. Rollcall of member bodies and introduction of delegates
2. Apologies
3. Opening of the meeting by the host president, Leigh Downey
4. Address by Bruce Chapman of Chapman Rings
5. President's report (Leigh Downey, Vic)
6. President's Report
7. Election of President for 2005/06
8. Election of Secretary for 2005/06
9. Committee
10. Appointment of Public Officer
11. Times for meeting
12. Minutes of previous meeting held at the Opal Cove Resort Coff's Harbour on 24 May 2004.
13. Matters arising from the minutes.
14. Correspondence
15. Financial statement
16. Membership fee
17. Standards Sub-Committee Report
18. National Judges' Report
19. Affiliation: WBO and ABA
20. Historian's report and appointment
21. Report from host on the 2005 Championship Show
22. General business
 - a) Administration
 - b) Other matters
23. Closure

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL
BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL HELD IN MELBOURNE ON 30 MAY 2005**

ITEM 1 - ROLL CALL

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

Victoria (B.C.V. Inc.)	Margaret Bridgeman and Alan Baxter
New South Wales (B.S.N.S.W. Inc.)	Warren Wilson and Bruce Bradford
South Australia (B.C.S.A. Inc.)	Nigel Tonkin and John Mulley
South Queensland (S.Q.B.B.A Inc.)	David Ganzer and Bill Sedgewick
North Queensland (Qld Nth & Central)	Bruce Schuster and Graham Ward
Tasmania (B.C.T. inc.)	Derek Poole and Jim Fletcher
Western Australia (B.C.W.A. Inc)	Rob Hugo and Gina House
Host President	Leigh Downey
Colour and Standards Co-ordinator and Acting National Secretary	Bob Bourke

ITEM 2 - APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ron Hunt and Russell Keane.

Motion from Bob Bourke, seconded Rob Hugo that: *'the apologies be accepted'* – carried.

ITEM 3 – OPENING OF MEETING BY PRESIDENT

The President, Leigh Downey, opened the meeting at 9.05a.m and welcomed delegates. He then introduced Mr Bruce Chapman who was invited to address Council.

ITEM 4 – ADDRESS BY MR BRUCE CHAPMAN

Mr Bruce Chapman of Chapman Rings and Petcare Direct addressed Council as follows:

- Sponsorship - Cash sponsorship of \$750 to continue for National 2006 along with normal product sponsorship.
- Acknowledgement – Bruce highlighted his concern and requested that sponsors be acknowledged on correspondence and programme for the National as they had in the past. Leigh Downey offered an apology on behalf of BCV Inc. for not including acknowledgement of Sponsors on the 2005 brochures. Bruce advised that, in his opinion, Council should consider entering into an agreement with National Sponsors and issue some guidelines to States/Zones hosting the National Competition.
- Bruce provided a report on the ring levy as follows: 2004 – 216,350 rings sold, \$8654 collected in ring levy and remitted to ANBC; and 2005 – 193,345

Rings invoiced as at 23 May 2005, \$7,205 remitted to ANBC with a balance to date of \$524.80 yet to be collected and remitted to ANBC.

- Bruce advised that paint quality was an on going issue, which was being addressed. He further advised that a trial on different paints was underway and Mr Bruce Bradford was involved in the trial. Bruce Chapman answered questions then raised by delegates in relation to product issues.
- Bruce Bradford was invited to make comment on the trial. He advised that he had been approached to take part by Mr Geoff Chapman and that both Geoff Chapman and himself had viewed rings (2002-2005) on live birds of differing species at a local Pet outlet. The paint quality on birds rung with 02 rings was near perfect, 03 fairly good, 04 reasonable with some hard to read and 05 trial ongoing. In relation to the trial Bruce advised that he had received 50 trial rings (25 of each of two paints being trialled) and had commenced to ring birds with these.
- Issue Date for rings. Bruce Chapman advised that he had noted that there was a proposal on the Agenda for Council to consider a change to the ring issue date. In relation to this, Bruce advised that the proposed period is the peak production time for rings for most species however, with staggered ring orders he would be able to meet demand if Council decided to change issue date.

Leigh Downey thanked Bruce Chapman for his continued support in sponsoring the National Competition, collecting the ring levy and for giving freely of his time to address Council.

ITEM 5 - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President, Leigh Downey presented and tabled his report. (A copy is attached to these minutes).

Motion from Nigel Tonkin, seconded by David Ganzer, that: *'The President's Report be accepted and a vote of thanks be extended to Leigh Downey'* – carried unanimously.

ITEM 6 - ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Motion from Nigel Tonkin, seconded by Warren Wilson, that: *'Dave Ganzer is elected as Council President for 2005/2006'* – carried unanimously.

ITEM 7 - ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Motion from Warren Wilson, seconded by Nigel Tonkin, that: *'Bob Bourke be elected as Secretary of the ANBC for 2005/2006 term'* - carried unanimously.

ITEM 8 - COMMITTEE

The ANBC Committee for the 2005/2006 term shall comprise the President Elect (Dave Ganzer), Secretary Elect (Bob Bourke) and a third member to be appointed by Council.

Motion from Nigel Tonkin, seconded by Bruce Bradford, that: ‘Leigh Downey is appointed as the third member of the ANBC Committee for the 2005/2006 term’ - carried unanimously.

ITEM 9 - APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICER

Motion from Jim Fletcher, seconded by Alan Baxter, that: ‘Mr. David Butters remain as Public Officer of the ANBC for the 2005/2006 term’ – carried unanimously.

ITEM 10 - TIMES FOR MEETING

It was resolved that morning tea would be taken at 10.00a.m. and lunch at 12.00 noon.

ITEM 11 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour on 24 May 2004 had been circulated to member bodies and accepted by postal vote.

ITEM 12 - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Ring levy report. Bob Bourke advised that agreed ring levy moneys had been paid to BCV Inc. to assist with funding the 2005 National Competition. Ring levy moneys received for 2005 to date from Bruce Chapman were sufficient to meet agreed payments to S.Q.B.B.A. Inc. for the 2006 National Competition.
- Trophies. Leigh Downey reported on the production of the trophies for 2005. If Council wishes it may resolve to adopt the trophy for the next six ANBC Championship Shows. Following discussion and viewing of further examples provided by BSNSW Inc. It was agreed that the 15mm cut glass with Rosewood Base, laser engraved with the ANBC Logo and Variety would be suitable. Cost details provided by BSNSW (for bulk order, 22 x 6 years) indicated a cost of \$50.40 per trophy.

Motion from Nigel Tonkin, seconded by Jim Fletcher,

that: ‘The A.N.B.C Inc procures 132 trophies being 22 trophies each for the next six National Competitions. These trophies in glass with a rosewood base are to be laser engraved with the ANBC Logo. Cost per trophy not to exceed \$50.40.’ – carried unanimously.

The National Secretary is to follow this up with the NSW supplier and discuss with Committee prior to placing order.

- The classification of birds showing a combination of Opaline and Spangle. This matter is listed in Item 14 of the agenda. Colour and Standards will recommend in the Report at Item 16 that the recommendation made to

Council in 2004 concerning the removal of the Opaline Variety from the Spangle Variety group of combinations be withdrawn.

ITEM 13 - CORRESPONDENCE

Bob Bourke advised that the correspondence had not been listed but the inwards correspondence and some of the outwards was included in a folder available for delegates perusal. Matters covered in correspondence:

- **Rare Budgerigar Club of WA.** Extensive correspondence concerning their desire to participate in the ANBC without affiliation with WABC. Outcome is that they have affiliated with WABC.
- **Rings.** Correspondence was received concerning the quality of rings. Manufacturer is aware of problems with the paint used in the lettering on rings and is taking steps to address this as advised in his earlier address to Council. Other problems seem infrequent. Manufacturer has consistently offered to replace any rings that are faulty in some substantial way.
- **Sponsorship.** Secretary received expression of opinion from member bodies concerning the position of the National Sponsors and arrangements for trade stands at the ANBC Show. Council further discussed the matter.

Motion from Bruce Bradford, seconded by John Mulley,

that: 'The National Secretary draft a Memorandum of Understanding with National Sponsors outlining requirements for the run up to, and during the conduct of the National Competition. The draft is to be circulated for comment to States/Zones and relevant Sponsor for comment before being subjected to a Postal Vote' – carried

- **Fund raising suggestion.**

The main reason for this email is just an idea - has anyone thought of making a calendar with the National winners on it each year? Could be the State that puts it on gets the sales each year - this spreads it around. Just imagine how many would be sold Australia wide, or even overseas - great way to get the fancy around. ***Suggestion from Ann Hand of Canberra Branch, BSNSW.***

Nigel Tonkin suggested that these matters should be referred through a member body. Warren Wilson spoke in support of the suggestion and indicated that we might also attract interest of a major sponsor. Bob Bourke suggested that perhaps we consider producing a financial year calendar with National Winners from the previous year included.

Motion from Nigel Tonkin, seconded by Warren Wilson,

that: 'the ANBC Committee investigate matters concerned with producing a calendar with National Winners on it each year and report finding back to Council' – carried.

- **Colour and Standards.** (*letter from WABC concerning Spangle Opaline recommendation*) Bob Bourke advised that he as Colour and Standards Co-ordinator had also replied to the W.A.B.C. Inc. correspondence and had no difficulty with Council not accepting a recommendation. However, Bob expressed concern that some State/Zone delegates to Colour and Standards and Council Delegates from the same State/Zone had voted differently on the same issue.

Motion by Derek Poole, Seconded by Rob Hugo,

that: *'the correspondence as discussed be noted'* – carried.

ITEM 14 – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statement and Auditor's Report were presented and are attached. Warren Wilson queried the amounts for sponsorship payments. Bob Bourke advised that he had checked the amounts paid to B.C.V. for National Sponsorship and from Ring Levy and that these payments were in order.

Motion by Dave Ganzer, Seconded by Alan Baxter,

that: *'the audited balance sheet as presented be accepted'* – carried.

ITEM 15 – MEMBERSHIP FEE

Motion by Nigel Tonkin, Seconded by Derek Poole,

that: *'that the membership fee for 2005/06 be \$300'* - carried

ITEM 16 – COLOUR AND STANDARDS REPORT

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 Melbourne on the 28th of May 2005. All Zones were represented as follows: - Lloyd Richardson (B.C.V.), Peter Glassenbury (B.C.S.A.), Roy Blair (B.C.T.), Rob Hugo (W.A.B.C.), Henry George (S.Q.B.B.A.), Scott Erikson (QLD N & C Zone), Ron Hunt – (B.S.N.S.W.) Bob Bourke -Coordinator.
- John Smithers, (B.S.N.S.W. Inc), John Mulley, B.C.S.A. and Alan Gamble and New Zealand contingent attended as observers.

Minutes of May 2004 Meeting and Business Arising

The minutes of the May 2004 meeting were confirmed and the following business arose:

- The recommendation regarding the removal of the Opaline Variety from the Spangle Variety Group of Combinations, which was not accepted and deferred by Council in 2004, was discussed. Following discussion this recommendation is withdrawn. (Two States/Zones who previously supported this have now withdrawn their support).
- Discussion points, which were received after the cut-off date for submissions in 2004 and carried over till the 2005 meeting, were held over for discussion and incorporated with other relevant matters and motions to follow.
- Difficulties in obtaining the correct gauge and type of wire for show cages, an issue which was raised last year, was discussed along with problems which arose in some States/Zones through the year with the availability of correct hinges and grub screws. Following discussion it was generally felt that the supply of correct gauge wire and hinges is not a problem as both are currently available however, grub screws are. A longer item is being purchased by cage manufacturers who then center drill it, cut off and/or grind it down and bevel the outer bottom edge. Should supply of this item remain a problem then Colour and Standards recommends approval of a stainless steel item of the correct dimensions which is available through the nominated supplier (UNBRAKO).
- Hard copies of the Protocol for handling Colour and Standards Matters were distributed to Committee members for use by their State/Zone.

Correspondence

- Co-ordinator provided a folder containing correspondence received and sent throughout the year for members to read if they wished. Most of this had previously been circulated by email).

Task List (Including items referred or included on the Council agenda)

- **Motions from B.C.S.A. Inc.** A paper prepared by John Mulley was submitted and John was invited to present Key points through a power point presentation. This matter concerned placement of Yellow Faced Blue in the Matrix. Following the presentation and questions to John there was discussion of the matters raised and a vote of thanks was passed and John was thanked for presenting.
- Roy Blair tabled a further submission in relation to the structure of the Matrix, which had been prepared from a paper by Alistair Home, which he felt that the committee might consider in light of the matters raised by BCSA. It was agreed that matters raised by QLD in relation to this should also be considered.
- It was then agreed, that further discussion of the matters and possible review of the matrix be referred back to the State/Zone Colour and Standards and included on the agenda for 2006. Committee agreed that States/Zones to indicate preference for Genetic or Popular placement for ordering of classes in the Matrix. This advice will be sought and required by 1 Oct 2005.
- Amendments to the Standard. An amendment was made to the notice of motion by B.C.S.A. Inc concerning a moratorium of 2 years on releasing amendments to the Standard. The new motion *that "a moratorium be placed on releasing any amendments to the Standard prior to the ANBC Council Meeting in May 2007"* was carried. (**6 for 1 against**) Colour and Standards recommends this to Council.

- **Discussion of the Violet Factor.** The item raised by B.S.N.S.W. Inc concerning birds modified by the Violet Factor was discussed. The standard Violet coloured bird is the only violet colour described in the Standard. Birds in other colours described in the Standard which are modified by the violet factor are not described and are technically non-standard although widely accepted by some States/Zones and often exhibited at national level. This matter is to be referred back to States/Zone Colour and standards for further discussion and response by 1 Oct 05.
- **Motions/Discussion Points from S.Q.B.B.A. Inc.** Motion concerning consistency with description of spots was carried. Will be corrected for Dominant Pied (Dutch and Clearflighted) when those pages of the Standard are next subjected to amendment action. All other motions from S.Q.B.B.A. with the exception of the one concerning perch size were withdrawn or lapsed for want of a seconder. The motion concerning a proposed increase to perch size was defeated. (2 for, 5 against). Discussion points will be reconsidered by S.Q.B.B.A. in formulating response to possible review of the Matrix.

WBO Update

- Bob Bourke advised that as an update to the WBO Standard colour plates had been agreed and issued. A copy was circulated for information.

Co-ordinators Report

- The Co-ordinator raised his concerns that some States/Zones appear no to accept the majority view following some decisions and some matters decided by majority view (excepting the placement of Yellow faced Blue in the matrix) during the rewrite were again being raised by those States/Zones.
- Bob Bourke thanked members of the current and past committees for the support given to him during the time he has been ANBC Colour and Standards Co-ordinator. Thanks were also extended to members of the Working Group for the re-write of the Standard and to State/Zone Colour and Standards Committees. A vote of thanks was extended to Bob for his efforts as Co-ordinator and in particular for his attention to detail whilst undertaking the Co-ordinators role.

Nomination of Colour and Standards Co-ordinator for 2005-2006

Rob Hugo is nominated and has accepted the nomination as National Co-ordinator for Colour and Standards, subject to Council concurrence, for 2005/2006

Prepared by: Bob Bourke for and on behalf of the National C & S Committee on 29 of May 2005.

In discussion of the report Alan Baxter requested that BCV be provided with detail of manufacturer or suppliers for correct gauge of wire for showcages. Leigh Downey indicated that soft centered Grub screws of the correct dimensions were available from

Other manufacturers in black and undertook to provide details to Colour and Standards Co-ordinator.

Motion by Warren Wilson, Seconded by Derek Poole, that: *‘the Colour and Standard Report as presented be accepted and recommendations endorsed.’* – carried

Motion by Nigel Tonkin, Seconded by Jim Fletcher, that: *‘Rob Hugo is endorsed as the A.N.B.C. Inc Colour and standards Co-ordinator for 2005/2006.’* - carried

ITEM 17 – NATIONAL JUDGES’ REPORT

Nigel Tonkin presented the following report from the A.N.B.C. Judges Panel Annual General Meeting held on the 28th of May 2005 on behalf of the National Judges.

1. Panel

- 1.1. There are now 38 Panel Judges (list attached).
- 1.2. 2 of 2 candidates examined this year passed the examination:
 - John Skoric (Vic)
 - Bob Bourke (NSW)

2. General Meeting

- 2.1. Attendance:
19 people attendance.
- 2.2. Chairman of Judges Panel 2005/2006 Henry George.
- 2.3. Confirmation: Eight judges were re-appointed as per the seven year rule: Henry George, Lynne Miller, Jeff Lloyd, Alan Rowe, Mark Bridgeman, Peter Dodd, Jean Painter, Alan Reid.
- 2.4. Council is advised the following judges will have to be reappointed in 2006 in accordance with the seven-year rule. G Tuthill (TAS), A Baxter, L Richardson (VIC), R Gorman (NSW), E Miller (SQLD), K O’Callaghan (QLD), P Glassenbury (SA).
- 2.5. Council is requested to ask all States & Zones to verify that all Judges on the current A.N.B.C. Judges Panel meet the criteria to remain on the list.

3. Discussion Points

- 3.1. It is the recommendation of the ANBC Judges Panel that the wording in the Bylaws/Rules for the “Conduct of Examinations for A.N.B.C. Accreditation” (to the judges panel) be changed to reflect current related documentation and process.

Attached is a copy of the proposed changes recommended by the Judges Panel.

Note: These changes have been previously advised and circulated to all member bodies, but a final determination has not been advised.

- 3.2. Reimbursement of expenses. The attached receipts are requested to be reimbursed to the Judges Panel Co-ordinator – G A Miller (\$84.15) name bars for judges, and, Chiffley Shoeworx (\$28.00) engraving for name bars.
- 3.3. It is recommended that a review be conducted of the current certificates awarded to Panel Judges, on admission to the Panel, with a view to upgrading the presentation in line with other A.N.B.C. awards and certificates.
- 3.4. An invitation will be extended to the A.N.B.C. Colour & Standards Committee to jointly participate in the Judges Panel Workshop at next years (2006) event. The topic of the workshop to be focused on Variety Markings as per The Standard.

Russell Keane

A.N.B.C. Judges Panel Coordinator

Following discussion of the National Judges Report, the recommended changes to the Rules for the Conduct of Examinations for A.N.B.C. Accreditation were agreed. In relation to the Judges Certificate it was agreed that a new version be adopted along the lines of that presented by S.C.S.A. The National Secretary to refine this and circulate copy to States/Zones for comment by 31 Aug 05. The National Secretary advised that stock of badges for Issue to New National Judges was exhausted and required replenishment.

Motion by Alan Baxter, Seconded by Bruce Schuster

that: *‘the National Judges’ Report as presented be accepted and recommendations endorsed’* – carried

ITEM 18 - AFFILIATIONS

ABA

Motion by John Mulley, Seconded by Dave Ganzer,

Bruce Bradford was asked if he was willing to continue as our Delegate to the ABA. He indicated that he was.

that: *‘the A.N.B.C. Inc. renews it’s affiliation with the ABA and that Bruce Bradford represents as our Delegate’* - Carried

WBO

Affiliation is now due.

Motion by Nigel Tonkin, Seconded by Rob Hugo,

that: *‘the A.N.B.C. renews its affiliation with the WBO’* – carried

Warren Wilson has volunteered to represent the ANBC at the WBO Meeting in Las Vegas in 2005 should Council so agree. The president asked if there were any other ‘volunteers’ as we were entitled to two Delegates. There were none advised.

Motion by Dave Ganzer, Seconded by Gina House,

that: *‘Warren Wilson represent the ANBC at the WBO meeting in Las Vegas in 2005 and that he be required to submit a written report to the National Secretary by 31 December 2005 ‘ – carried.*

ITEM 19 – HISTORIAN’S REPORT AND APPOINTMENT

A copy of the Historian’s Report is attached and was tabled and included in the meeting papers to Delegates. Ron Hunt has indicated a willingness to continue as Historian should Council so wish it. Bob Bourke advised that he had requested an electronic copy of the History from Ron Hunt.

Motion by Margaret Bridgeman, Seconded by Bruce Bradford,

that: *‘Mr Ron Hunt is appointed as Official Historian for the ANBC for the 2005/2006 term’ - carried*

ITEM 20 - REPORT FROM HOST - 2005 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Alan Baxter reported that from the host State, Victoria (B.C.V.) the National Show and associated activities to date had gone well. The use of six Judges for a one-day show had worked extremely well and the venue had proven to be more than adequate. Leigh Downey thanked States/Zones for quick response to replace Len Vinci with Derek Poole and thanked Derek for standing in and accepting to judge at short notice.

ITEM 21 - GENERAL BUSINESS

Administration

Web site

Debbie Ham had indicated that she is not available to manage the ANBC Web site. Although she would continue if a volunteer did not come forward. Both Victoria and South Queensland indicated that they had a person interested in the position. SQLD indicated that their web master was interested however, would be busy this year with them hosting the 2006 National.

Motion by Bill Sedgwick, Seconded by Alan Baxter,

that: *‘Mr Steve Campbell is appointed A.N.B.C. Web master for the 2005/2006 term and that he be offered a fee of up to \$200.’ – carried*

Council offers our sincere thanks to Debbie Ham for the work she has carried out in setting up and maintaining the site.

Hall of Fame

A spreadsheet detailing the Hall of Fame data was included in the Meeting Notes presented to Delegates. Bob Bourke requested that States/Zones check the data and report any anomalies to him.

G & M Tuthill (TAS) and Gary Gazzard (NSW) have achieved the required number of wins and were inducted into the A.N.B.C. Inc Hall of Fame on 30 May 2005. Secretary is to prepare and forward certificates.

A Council ruling is needed on the situation where a partnership is formed from individuals who have won classes previously at the ANBC Championship Show.

It is recommended that:

- **Previous wins should not be aggregated for the purpose of determining eligibility for nomination to the Hall of Fame.**
- **Partnerships be permitted to count the previous wins of *only one* of their members in combination with any later wins in determining eligibility for nomination to the Hall of Fame.**

Council discussed the above recommendation. In consideration of the recommendation Council decided that the criteria established for the Hall of Fame and agreed in 2004 remain unchanged. Therefore, previous wins by any exhibitor entering into a partnership will not count as wins against the partnership. Wins recorded against a partnership will not count as wins against an individual exhibitor(s) if a partnership is dissolved. (I.e. Ex partnership exhibitors revert to number of wins awarded individually prior to the formation of the partnership).

Show Rules

Judges at the ANBC Show

Motion from BCT Inc: Nominated judges for the National Show be advised on appointment in January of the varieties they are to judge allowing them to exhibit in the other classes.

Reasons: Smaller states are finding the loss of a judge can impose a greater effect to the depth of quality in their respective teams. Judges may be more inclined to accept invitations to judge at closer intervals. Larger states could use maximum number of judges from host state without loss of strength to teams. BCT suggests a trial of such concept may be more beneficial to see the pros and cons and then make a decision on this motion.

Motion by Jim Fletcher, Seconded by Rob Hugo,
that: *‘nominated judges for the National Show be advised on appointment in January of the varieties they are to judge allowing them to exhibit in the other classes.’* – Motion defeated (2 for, 5 against).

Motion from BCT Inc: A host state may invite two judges from a state if these judges are in a partnership and ANBC accredited.

Reasons: Although this is not a major problem it does affect a few. We feel it can impose a greater handicap to both exhibitor and state. E.g. A partnership of 2 ANBC judges can each judge twice in 7 years, this means they could possibly only exhibit at 3 shows in 7 years.

Motion by Alan Baxter, Seconded by Bill Sedgewick,

that: ‘A host state may invite two judges from a state if these judges are in a partnership and ANBC accredited’ – carried unanimously

Motion from B.S.N.S.W. (Inc) that: ‘any State, when hosting the A.N.B.C. National Show may appoint one International Judge to adjudicate in any one year, provided that said appointee is recognised by the World Budgerigar Organization’.

Reasons:

- (a) Our own nationally accredited judges (who have been all recognised by the W.B.O.) have been invited to judge National and Major Shows in Europe and New Zealand for many years.
- (b) It is fitting that we in Australia should be able to reciprocate, to encourage International invitations, which will provide great experiences and opportunities for our own A.N.B.C. Judges Panel.

Motion by Warren Wilson, Seconded by Nigel Tonkin,

that: ‘any State, when hosting the A.N.B.C. National Show may appoint one International Judge to adjudicate in any one year, provided that said appointee is recognised by the World Budgerigar Organization.’ – Carried (4 for, 3 against)

Ring Issue

Motion from B.S.N.S.W. (Inc): “the ring issue date be moved forward to Spring each year, and birds be eligible for showing at the National Show in the year following the date shown on the ring, i.e. Birds rung with a 2006 ring issued in Spring 2005 would be eligible to compete at the 2007 National Show”.

Reasons:

- (a) The proposed change would allow breeding to occur in Spring and Autumn which are more natural breeding times for budgerigars. Birds bred in the Spring would have sufficient time to develop and mature which is not always the case with birds bred in the Spring under the current Ring Issue cycle.
- (b) Birds exhibited at the National Competition are required to be at their very best and this is more likely to occur when the birds have reached maturity.
- (c) This proposal maintains the status quo in that birds with a particular year’s ring are limited to compete in one National Show.

Motion by Bruce Bradford, Seconded by Rob Hugo,

that: *‘the ring issue date be moved forward to Spring each year, and birds be eligible for showing at the National Show in the year following the date shown on the ring, i.e. Birds rung with a 2006 ring issued in Spring 2005 would be eligible to compete at the 2007 National Show.’* – Motion defeated (3 for, 4 against).

Matters for Discussion:

Cost of attendance at ANBC Show.

The BCSA propose that States / Zones seriously consider the fancier when costing venues, activities and accommodation for national events.

Reason: A number of fanciers, particularly small hobbyists (who we should be encouraging to attend) are being ‘costed out’ of attending the Nationals.

Warren Wilson spoke on the advantages of conducting a National show out of the major area and outlined some of the benefits B.S.N.S.W. received by taking the 2004 National to a resort in Coffs Harbour. Similar benefits may well be available by holding the show in a resort and with some support from interested fanciers from interstate a State/Zone may consider holding the National out of their area. E.g. Alice Springs. This was concept was discussed and Bob Bourke and Warren Wilson agreed to draft a paper on this concept and circulate it to member bodies.

Sponsorship.

It was generally agreed that guidelines are required for States/Zones to use when dealing with National Sponsors. National Secretary to draft and circulate these.

Bird Keeping Concerns.

Bob Bourke advised that the National Consultative Committee on Animal Welfare had released Draft 3.3 of *Guidelines for the Welfare of Pet Birds* on 7 April 2005. There was a short timeline for response following receipt of a copy. Bob conducted a review and passed comment to Alistair Home, who instructed Bruce Bradford to represent our concerns, which in the main related to restrictive cage and aviary sizes, to the ABA at their Meeting on 21 April 2005.

Bruce Bradford advised that the ABA had represented our concerns to the Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and to date a response had not been received. He further added that most issue raised in relation to the first draft by the late Dr Brian Healy (former Secretary of the ABA) had been incorporated.

Bob further advised that there is a State Representative from each State who sits on the National Consultative Committee on Animal Welfare and it may be advantageous for States/Zones to make contact with these representatives. Copies of the correspondence will be provided to States/Zones.

Discussion Item from B.S.N.S.W

The following item was received as a Motion from B.S.N.S.W after the cut off date for Agenda items. It is included as a discussion item should Council wish to discuss it.

An AOSV Class be admitted to the ANBC competition from 2006 as a promotional Class for 3 years, after which it would be reassessed. This Class would include Dark Eyed Clear, Saddleback, and Suffused Yellow/White.

Delegates discussed the matter and were not in agreement to include an AOSV Class as a Promotional Class (not for points) in the National Competition at this stage. It was suggested that perhaps a display of these varieties at the National could be arranged. Dave Ganzer indicated that SQLD would arrange for this to occur at the 2006 National.

Request by Budgerigar Society of New Zealand

Bob Bourke advised that there had been ongoing discussions with B.S.N.Z. throughout the year with Alistair Home and that he (Bob) had discussions with Alan Gamble prior to arriving in Melbourne. Follow up discussion had occurred over the weekend with the New Zealand Contingent who were invited to attend the Colour and Standards and where appropriate the National Judges' meeting. Delegates advised that these ongoing discussions be welcomed and should continue in order to foster co-operation between A.N.B.C. and BSNZ.

It is likely that New Zealand will request approval to use the A.N.B.C. Pictorial Pages from the Standard in their standard. It was decided that should such a request be forthcoming that the pages (pictorials) would be provided at cost and were to contain the ANBC copy write statement.

It may well follow that they may wish in the future to adopt our Standard and move away from the current use of the UK Colour Standard.

ITEM 22 - CLOSURE

Leigh Downey thanked Alistair Home for his efforts as Secretary and Bob Bourke for stepping in and Acting as Secretary from 1 May 05. Delegates were thanked for their input during the meeting.

Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks to Alistair Home for his efforts as National Secretary was proposed.

Motion by Warren Wilson, Seconded by Rob Hugo,

that: 'a vote of thanks be passed to Alistair Home for his efforts as A.N.B.C. Inc. National Secretary' – carried unanimously

Vote of thanks to BCV

Motion by Jim Fletcher, Seconded, Bill Sedgwick,

That: *‘a vote of thanks is extended to B.C.V for their warm hospitality and to Leigh Downey for chairing the meeting’* – carried unanimously

ANBC Championship Show 2006.

Dave Ganzer advised that the S.Q.B.B.A. would host the 32nd A.N.B.C. National Championship at Caloundra on Queensland's Sunshine Coast in 2006 and invited all delegates and families to attend. Dave requested that where possible mobile phone contact details be provided for Team Carers/Delegates travelling to QLD with State/Zone Teams.

Nigel Tonkin advised that B.C.S.A. Inc. were planning to conduct a two day National Championship in 2007 and requested the release of a set of framed prints (2) for fundraising for A.N.B.C. Inc.

The next meeting will be held on 29 May 2006 at Caloundra, Sunshine Coast, Queensland.

There being no further business the President thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 2.15 p.m.

R.M. (Bob) Bourke
Acting National Secretary

June 2005

Attachments:

1. President's Report
2. Auditor's Report
3. Minutes – Colour and Standards Committee Meeting 2005
4. Minutes – National Judges' Meeting 2005
5. A.N.B.C. Historian's Report

Presidents Report 2004 / 2005.

I have found the past year one of the hardest I have experienced in the Birds.

Firstly I would like to congratulate Warren Wilson for proposing the change in format of the yearly Presidency. It does make a lot more sense in the mode of current year current President. Although in that vein it let him off the hook, as with his huge amount of spare time available I wonder when he would have time to sleep let alone fit it in with his other ever-growing bird commitments.

I also would like to acknowledge Alistair Home for his time as the National Secretary, and thank him for his commitment and work ethic in that area. I am sure you all join with me in wishing him every success in his retirement and a safe and enjoyable holiday overseas.

Bob Bourke who will be ratified here as the incumbent National Secretary for the ensuing year, thank you for picking up the reins from Alistair so smoothly and running with the job efficiently and smoothly.

To the Major Sponsor Golden Cob, with their contracted commitment and support thank you. Brasea, the Variety speciality Clubs, and Chapman Rings for their annual renewable monetary and product support thank you. Also to all the Individual Sponsors, thank you. Without this very valuable support we would struggle to produce a show annually of this calibre. As I said at the start it is very demanding organizing a Show like this, and the single biggest factor to overcome is apathy in the Hobby. People love the Shows, the weekends, but not the work. I think there is a good argument for a National Show to be held at a resort, wherever in whatever Zone, where people from all Zones could commit to time in a National Organizing Committee. Probably end up with more workers than needed, and wouldn't that be nice. Just food for thought.

To all the Victorians who helped to Organize and run the National Show this weekend thank you.

Thank you to all the Zones and Delegates who supported me and my Committee through the unfortunate circumstances that arose in Judges appointments, and the Trophy selection.

Personally I would like to thank everyone for their faith and trust in electing me for my second term as the National President. I consider it an honour and am personally delighted over the nine years between appointments that the competition has grown and progressed into the friendly enjoyable annual event it is today.

I am very proud to have been part of this organization and I take away everlasting memories.

I wish the incumbent President and Councillors every success for the future.

Leigh Downey.