

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL INC.

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Council Chatter - February 2004

1. Standard

1.1 Enclosed is a copy of the review of the Standard by Jean Painter. It has been posted on our web site and is available for use by members. Electronic copies have been circulated to representatives who have provided email addresses.

1.2 Additional copies of the Standard are available. They are packed in boxes of 24 and may be ordered at a cost of \$312 per box. The cost per item will be greater if smaller orders are placed.

2. 2004 Show.

By now your preparation of birds vying for places in the Show will have started. Best of luck to you all.

3. Judges

3.1 I still have no volunteer for the position of Judges Coordinator. Russell Keene is helping with the judges' examination, but it would be good if someone would take up the organisation of the workshops and meeting.

3.2 Examination. Two nominations for the judges' examination have been received. Late nominations can be accepted, but must come from the governing body in each State or Zone. The written test will be based on Pages 19 – 41 of the Standard.

4. Funding

4.1 BRASEA has provided \$1000 in sponsorship for the National Show.

4.2 I have received the first payment of the 2004 Ring Levy and will forward \$4000 to NSW.

5. Annual Meeting of Council

5.1 Council Agenda. Closing date for Agenda items is March 31. As is normal practice, items relating to Standards and Judging will be referred to the two standing committees for advice prior to the ANBC meeting.

6. WBO

6.1 I enclose the notice of the WBO ballot. Please provide me with advice concerning your wishes by Tuesday, March 16. I will post the Australian vote on March 17 to ensure that it arrives by March 28.

6.2 Warren Wilson has indicated that he will try to attend the WBO meeting in Antwerp. Is there anyone else who may be interested? We are entitled to two delegates and I assume additional observers will be able to attend if we find we have more than two able to go.

7. Future Standards matters

As I indicated in the last Chatter, we can expect that there will be a need to re-examine the Standard and amend it from time to time. The Standards Coordinator will be addressing this issue with the National Standards Committee and will present recommendations to Council.

8. Freight Account

I have entered discussions with Virgin Blue Freight and will apply to open an account if members see this as desirable. I intend to do this before May so that the facility is available to members for this Coff's Harbour if it is approved.

9. Representation

I have been advised that we should send all SQBBA correspondence to Bill Sedgwick, 10 Loynes St., Wynnum West.

10. An invitation to the "early pioneers" to attend the National in Coff's Harbour has been prepared. It is to be hoped that there will be a good turn up.

11. The proposed guidelines for the "Hall of Fame" have not been received. If they are presented in time I will call for nominations with the Notice of Meeting and Agenda when they are distributed in early April.

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