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2008 ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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AGENDA FOR THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL Inc. TO BE HELD AT THE BAYVIEW GEOGRAPHE RESORT, BUSSELTON, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, ON 26 MAY 2008 COMMENCING AT 9.00A.M.

- Item 1: Roll call of member bodies and introduction of delegates.
- Item 2: Apologies.
- Item 3: Opening of the meeting by the ANBC President, Gina House.
- Item 4: Address by Bruce Chapman of Chapman Rings.
- Item 5: President's Report (Gina House).
- Item 6: Secretary's Report.
- Item 7: Fixing Times for Meeting.
- Item 8: Election of Office Bearers for 2008/09
 - President
 - Secretary
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 - Public Officer
 - Historian
 - Web-master
- Item 9: Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 28 May 2007 at Glenelg, S.A.
- Item 10: Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
- Item 11: Correspondence.
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- Item 13: Membership Fee for 2008/2009.
- Item 14: Affiliations. (WBO and ABA).
- Item 15: Special Resolution – Amendment to the Constitution.
- Item 16: Report from the ANBC Colour and Standards Committee. (Co-ordinator Rob Hugo).
- Item 17: Report from the ANBC National Judges' (Co-ordinator Peter Glassenbury)
- Item 18: Report by Leigh Downey on ANBC History update.
- Item 19: Report by host Zone (W.A.B.C. Inc.) on the 2008 Championship Show.
- Item 20: General Business.
 - Leg Rings
 - Conduct of Australian Championship Show
 - Sponsorship and Fundraising
 - Bird Keeping Concerns
 - Status Standardisation in Australia
 - WBO
 - Web-site
- Item 21: ANBC Championship Show 2009 & 2010.
- Item 22: Closure of Meeting.

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

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

Victoria (B.C.V. Inc.)	Rod Turnbull and Brian Reynolds
New South Wales (B.S.N.S.W. Inc.)	Warren Wilson and Bruce Bradford
South Australia (B.C.S.A. Inc.)	John Mulley and Peter Glassenbury
South Queensland (S.Q.B.B.A Inc.)	Dave Ganzer and Clint Ault
North Queensland (Qld Nth & Central)	Bruce Schuster and Scott Erikson
Tasmania (B.C.T. inc.)	Derek Poole and Jim Fletcher
Western Australia (B.C.W.A. Inc)	Hans Sibum and Bernie Van Dyk
A.N.B.C. President	Gina House
Colour and Standards Co-ordinator	Rob Hugo
National Judges' Co-ordinator	Peter Glassenbury
National Secretary	Bob Bourke
Historian	Leigh Downey

ITEM 2 - APOLOGIES

2. There were no apologies.

ITEM 3 – OPENING OF MEETING BY ANBC PRESIDENT, GINA HOUSE

3. The President, Gina House, opened the meeting at 9.06 a.m. and welcomed delegates.

ITEM 4 – ADDRESS BY MR BRUCE CHAPMAN OF CHAPMAN RINGS

4. Mr Bruce Chapman was not in attendance, offered his apologies and submitted a written report. A copy of the report was provided to the Delegates and is attached to these minutes.

ITEM 5 – PRESIDENT’S REPORT

5. Council President, Gina House presented and tabled her report. (A copy is attached to these minutes).

Motion Moved: Dave Ganzer

Seconded by Jim Fletcher

that: *‘The President’s report be received and a vote of thanks be extended to Gina House’* – carried unanimously

ITEM 6 – SECRETARY’S REPORT

6. Council Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Bourke presented and tabled his report. (A copy is attached to these minutes). Discussion followed the report and concerned the suggestion by Bob that it may now be appropriate if we were to consider adopting a symbol such as an A.N.B.C. Tie/Scarf. Gina House suggested that it may be appropriate to discuss merchandising in general

and discussion of this occurred. It was generally agreed that merchandising in general would be a difficult task to achieve but a tie /scarf should be further investigated.

Motion Moved: Jim Fletcher **Seconded by** John Mulley

that: *“The Secretary’s report be received”* – carried unanimously.

Motion Moved: Peter Glassenbury **Seconded by** Bruce Schuster

that: *“The A.N.B.C. Secretary investigate a suitable logo for use on an A.N.B.C. tie/scarf”* – carried unanimously.

ITEM 7 – FIXING TIMES FOR MEETING

7. It was resolved that morning tea would be taken at 10.30 a.m. and lunch at 12.30 p.m .

ITEM 8 – ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2008/09

8. **ANBC President.**

Motion Moved: Dave Ganzer **Seconded by** Warren Wilson

that: *“Jim Fletcher, B.C.T. Inc is nominated for the position of ANBC President for the period 2008/09”* – carried unanimously.

9. **ANBC Secretary.**

Motion From B.S.N.S.W. **Seconded by** Rod Turnbull

that: *“Bob Bourke is nominated for the position of ANBC Secretary for the period 2008/09”* – carried unanimously.

Motion From B.C.V.

that: *“Bob Bourke is nominated for the position of ANBC Secretary for the period 2008/09”* – withdrawn as a redundant motion.

10. **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).

Motion Moved: Rod Turnbull **Seconded by** John Mulley,

that: *“Gina House is nominated as the third member of the ANBC Committee for the period 2008/09”*. – carried unanimously.

11. **Public Officer.**

Motion from B.S.N.S.W. **Seconded by** Dave Ganzer,

that: *“David Butters is nominated for the position of Public Officer of the ANBC for the period 2008/09”* – carried unanimously.

12. **Historian.**

Motion from B.C.V.

Seconded by John Mulley,

that: *“Leigh Downey is nominated for the position of ANBC Historian for the period 2008/09”*. – carried unanimously.

13. **Web-master.**

Motion from B.C.V.

Seconded by Bruce Schuster ,

that: *“Steve Campbell is nominated for the position of ANBC Web-master for the period 2008/09”*. – carried unanimously.

ITEM 9 – MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

14. Minutes of the 2007 meeting were circulated with the agenda. The Chairperson asked if Delegates had read these and were agreeable to proceed.

Motion Moved: Jim Fletcher

Seconded by Bruce Bradford,

that: *“the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated are a true and accurate record of that meeting”*. – carried unanimously.

ITEM 10 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

15. The following points of business arising were discussed:

- **National Trophies** – Qty 22 have been provided to W.A.B.C. for 2008 and written off. Three years remain (Qty 66 – 3x22). The Secretary advised that consideration of a suitable trophy for the seven year cycle post 2011 will be required in 2009.
- **Memorandum of Understanding** – With National Sponsors and Guidelines to States/Zones for use when dealing with National Sponsors is a task in progress and ongoing. Secretary advised that there were some difficulties with this and that the matter would be dealt with and progressed by the Committee during this year.
- **Calendar of National Winners** – Task in progress and still ongoing.
- **Hall of Fame** – In response to the request from the National Secretary at the 2006 and 2007 meetings, three member bodies had responded and advised of deceased members contained on the listing. An updated spreadsheet was provided to the Delegates by the Secretary. Two New members were inducted into the Hall of Fame as a result of Class wins in 2008. These were Bob Smith (South Queensland) having achieved the required seven wins and Wayne Cusack (N.S.W.) having achieved four wins in a single class.
- **Draft Paper** – Concept of holding National out of Host State/Zone area, was discussion point which was referred to States/Zones for consideration and comment. The Secretary advised that three comments/suggestions were received. One each addressing/suggesting amendment to the two papers presented and one indicating that this should be considered as a State/Zone matter. Following discussion this matter is held in abeyance. In relation to the draft policy on Bio-security, following discussion it was agreed that this was a State/Zone matter.

- **Leg Ring Trial** - Mr Bruce Bradford was requested to provide a report on the continuing trial of leg rings. Bruce provided the following report:

ANBC RING TRIAL 2007 ISSUE REVIEW

In my report to the 2007 ANBC meeting I spoke on the 2006 gold ring in which some improvement had been noticed compared to the 2005 purple ring. In 2006 the manufacturer had been trialling two types of paint, and I was involved in this task. However some concerns were still being found in numbers such as 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9.

As advised last year, Bob Bourke, ANBC Secretary, agreed with Geoff Chapman to trial 30 rings manufactured using the a new process which involves the placing of a clear finish over the ring following completion of the application of the paint to the numbering/lettering.

Chapmans replaced the last 30 rings in his ring issue for 2007 rings. These were all used and the following results are noted: The surface of the baked on clear finish is hard and difficult to scratch and only one ring still shows some imperfection where the finish does not extend to the rim. It is apparent, with the passage of time, that the finish stands up very well to normal wear and tear. The lettering/numbering on these used rings has maintained its initial quality and remain far superior to those not involved with this additional process. This results indicates that the ring manufacturer has improved processes to produce a better quality and more satisfactory product.

Budgerigar, Finch, Lovebird and Parrot rings were issued on 1st January, 2007, therefore this application was not on those rings. However follow up rings during the year had this new process added, and Canary ring issued on 1st June, 2007 had this new finish included. On a survey of Canary variety fanciers they advised me that they were pleased with the rings.

In regard to the majority of 2007 green rings, the problem with some numbers and paint deterioration still was a concern (samples available). The 2008 black rings have this new treatment. I would like to advise that the German rings I used on split Fallows in August, 2006 are as good as when I placed them on the birds.

I and others still believe that the engraving is not cut deep enough, although this new process indicates a marked improvement by the Ring Manufacturer.

Bruce Bradford spoke to the report and indicated that since writing the report that he had two black rings which had been used and that there had been some paint loss in the numbers. These were circulated to the Delegates and further discussion occurred. Clint Ault advised that he had experienced similar problems with the 2009 rings. It was agreed that we continue to trial and monitor the rings. Peter Glassenbury suggested that a trial involving deeper stamping to a selected group of rings from a single club, with limited lettering on the ring, may well be arranged and further advised that he had a particular club in mind. Peter undertook to advise the A.N.B.C. Secretary should the club concerned agree.

Motion Moved: Peter Glassenbury **Seconded by** Derek Poole,

that: *“subject to agreeance by the club (North East Budgerigar Society, S.A.) approval be granted to change the stamping process for the club rings for 2009.”* – carried unanimously.

- **Standards Matters** – Secretary reported that due to technical difficulties encountered to protect the graphics and load the Standard to the web-site and receipt of the following Notice of Motion from B.S.N.S.W. Inc that this had not been possible. Clint Ault asked

why the hard copies of the Standard had not been distributed to States/Zones in accordance with the previous decision. Following discussion of this matter, it was agreed that the motion from last year be amended so that only the written word from The Standard is loaded. A reference to where the Pictorials and Drawings are available from is to be included.

Motion Moved: Clint Ault

Seconded by Derek Poole,

that: *“the motion to load the Standard to the web site passed in 2007 be amended from: An electronic version of the Standard be loaded to the A.N.B.C. web site and the pictorials and drawings be barred from down loading to: An electronic version of the Standard be loaded to the A.N.B.C. web site and the pictorials and drawings not be included”* – carried (6 for, 1 against).

Motion from B.S.N.S.W. (Inc). This Motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

that: *“the ANBC Standard NOT be loaded onto the ANBC website, and the decision taken for the distribution of the remaining hard copies be reconsidered.”*

Reason:

This Society would strongly recommend that the decision taken to make this document freely available be reconsidered and in view of the considerable value of stock held by the ANBC we further believe this decision to have been detrimental to the interests of the ANBC, and that any action in his regard be put on hold until the unsold stock has been sold off.

At this point, the meeting adjourned for 30 minutes to take Morning Tea.

- ***Review of Related Documents to the Constitution*** - The secretary report results of the review and provided an overview of the structure and format planned to incorporate the many associated documents currently contained in the many Rules, Protocols and Guidelines into By-laws contained in a single document with a common format. The Secretary advised that a group consisting of Jim Fletcher, Bruce Bradford, Clint Ault and himself (assisted by the Judges' and Standards Co-ordinators were necessary) had met and agreed to complete this project and that it was intended to circulate a draft to the A.N.B.C. Committee and States and Zones prior to the Christmas break in 2008 for comment and fine tuning. These documents will not materially change and the intent will be maintained, necessary and already agreed updates will be included. Where the team considers that there is a deficiency or outdated information is included then a change or inclusion will be recommended. Following discussion there was general agreement that this task as outlined should be progressed.

ITEM 11 – CORRESPONDENCE

17. A folder containing formal correspondence for the year was circulated to the meeting. The Secretary highlighted major items and advised that all but one item had been actioned. The outstanding item was an annual application from B.S.N.Z Inc. to re-affiliate for 2008/2009 and that this matter required decision by Council. This matter was held over to Item 13.

Motion Moved: Bruce Bradford

Seconded by Dave Ganzer,

that: *“the correspondence be accepted and Council endorse the action taken by the Secretary”* – carried unanimously.

ITEM 12 – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

18. A Financial Report, Balance Sheet and Auditors Report for 2007/08 was provided to the Delegates. Mr. Gary Heather accepted the invitation to conduct an audit of the 2007/2008 accounts, free of charge, and has provided an audit report. The Secretary advised that he had formally thanked Gary for his continued generous support. It was agreed that Gary Heather be invited to audit the 2008/09 ANBC accounts.

19. Bob Bourke spoke to the reports and advised that the \$5,000 from the ring account has been invested in a Term Deposit as decided by Council in 2007. He further advised that funds are accumulating in the General Account mainly generated from Sale/Auction of Prints which are used to fund the National Trophies. Bob recommended to Council that these surplus funds should be considered for a Term Investment (until required) in order to attract a more suitable return from interest.

Motion Moved: John Mulley **Seconded by** Hans Sibum ,

that: *“the Secretary/Treasurer be empowered to source a suitable investment option to invest surplus funds from the General Account”* – carried unanimously.

Motion Moved: Clint Ault **Seconded by** Derek Poole ,

that: *“the financial report and audit report be accepted”* - carried unanimously.

ITEM 13 - MEMBERSHIP FEE

20. The Membership Fee is currently \$300 for Member Bodies and \$150 for Affiliated Organizations. The re-application for affiliation by B.S.N.Z. was held over for consideration with this item. 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: John Mulley **Seconded by** Derek Poole,

that: *“the application for re-affiliation for 2008/2009 submitted by B.S.N.Z. is approved and the ANBC Membership Fee for Member Bodies is set at \$300 and \$150 for Affiliated Organizations (B.S.N.Z. Inc.)”* – carried unanimously

ITEM 14 – AFFILIATIONS

21. **WBO.** Membership is currently sponsored by ‘Golden Cob’. Due April, Secretary/Treasurer sought Council approval to renew in April 2009 and advised that there had been an increase in from 150 pounds sterling to 180 pounds in 2008.

Motion Moved by: Rod Turnbull **Seconded by** Dave Ganzer,

that: *“payment of the WBO Membership Fee for 2009 be made by the Secretary when due (April 2009)”* - carried unanimously.

22. **ABA.** Bruce Bradford presented the following report:

The Exotic Birds Advisory Group EBAG held a Stakeholders Meeting on 2nd October, 2007 in Canberra.

- *EBAG has finished tasks.*
- *There is no legislative regulation to enforce this scheme – aviculturists are being “encouraged” to comply by using MTR’S*
- *3 Classes of non-indigenous birds (Exotic species).*
- *There is no license fee payable.*
- *They are targeting smugglers not Johnny Jones with a pet parrot.*
- *Industry is being “asked” to support the scheme.*
- *The new scheme requires Movement Transaction Records (MTRs) to be kept on all class 1 exotic bird species.*
- *A consultant has been hired to provide a detailed report of the scheme at the end of the first 12 month period.*

ABA ENDORSED VOLUNTARY CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BIRD SALES

has been prepared, with notations that some State issues would apply.

Draft copy now available and will be placed on the agenda for the ABA Inc. 2008 AGM

The issue of the Sale of Birds and Animals in pet shops appeared to have settled down, but no doubt not completely gone away.

Peter Nobbs from Pet Industry Association of Australia (PIAA) stated that he believed the matter was not over, but that in the original form it would not be presented to Parliament. He did not rule out modifications to the original papers and an attempt to backdoor the introduction of the bill might be on. His Organisation and everyone should stay watchful and alert in case this should happen.

Ethanol Fuel *The Land Newspaper summarized it in 2007 and it appears that the Governments State wide will be legislating that all fuels will have a 10% ethanol content and that plants will be strategically built in grain and crop areas to allow for processing and development of the fuel - this will mean that priority to the Sugar Cane farmers is already being given and more crops are already being planted in Queensland.*

Other grain crops including bird seed crops and land which was used for birdseed production will be used to grow ethanol producing products and NOT be made available to the food market, both human and animal, in our case birds seed. This will mean the supply will be less and prices can expect to be high all the time. A recommendation is feed pellets which of course will go up too, but maybe not as much as seed will. The Land Newspaper stated that the plants producing this fuel will have a fall out in the atmosphere which could make grain areas around them unsuitable for human and animal consumption. These crops would also be genetically modified, as it will not be a consumption issue for people, but a production issue for the fuel suppliers. These areas would then become unsuitable to grow seed for birds anyway one way or the other, hence less supply and higher process again.

Australia and New Zealand

We have opened up communication since the Nov 2007 Election.

AQIS has indicated that in principal they have no real issue with cross Tasman traffic under proper protocols, particularly whilst NZ is closed to outside importation. Further dialogue will take place shortly, during which we will be informed on the best way to pursue this matter and with whom to contact next in the department who, hopefully will then take the matter forward on behalf of the ABA.

Council Concerns *The Blue Mountains Council (NSW) sought advice from the ABA after a bird keeping issue came before them. They had no policy or guidelines and were more than pleased with the assistance from the ABA and Secretary, Barbara Devnie.*

It was suggested that the Secretary assist in opening up, with the help of the BMC, avenues to meet with other councils perhaps through the Local Government Annual Meeting

Cowra Poultry Club *Re The Trustees of Cowra Showground Racecourse and Paceway.*

The Secretary, Barbara Devnie was asked to intervene on behalf of the Club when they were advised by the Trustees that they would not be allowed to conduct sales and shows in the Poultry Pavilion at the Cowra Showground,

This matter necessitated in 2 visits by the Secretary to Cowra and numerous emails, letters and phone calls. It is anticipated that hopefully the matter will be resolved by the end of the month. (Please note that the Club paid for the train fare and accommodation).

Any information on problems with Trustees would be welcome.

The Turquoise Parrot *The Associated Birdkeepers of Australia and Canary & Cage Bird Federation have been campaigning for some years to have the mutations of Turquoise Parrot removed from the reporting lists of the National Parks and Wildlife Service as has happened to many other Australian parrots - whilst leaving the wild original on the list. This now seems to have gained momentum and it would appear that through the NAKCC Committee a recommendation **may be** supported by National Parks and Wildlife, with the assistance of Dr Miranda Gott (NPWS) following her visit as a guest speaker to the recent ABA meeting. This will ensure protection for the native species and leave aviculture to monitor the mutations aviculture will produce, similar to how it has been achieved with budgerigars and many other Australian species.*

23. Bruce Bradford spoke to the issues raised in the report and highlighted the ongoing Issues. A copy of the Draft Code of Practice for Bird Sales was provided to the Delegates with the Meeting Papers, comment if any through Bob Bourke please. Bob Bourke addressed the meeting and advised that any issues needed to be address through him and passed to Bruce Bradford for ABA consideration where appropriate as the ABA was proactive in dealing with a wide range of issues. Bruce Bradford was thanked for providing a detailed report.

Motion Moved: Jim Fletcher

Seconded by Dave Ganzer,

that: *“Bruce Bradford is thanked for representing the A.N.B.C. and presenting his report and the ANBC renews its membership of the ABA for 2008/09 and renews its Insurance (Limited Liability) through ABA”* – carried unanimously

Motion Moved: Warren Wilson

Seconded by Bruce Schuster,

that: *“Mr Bruce Bradford is nominated as ANBC Delegate and represents the ANBC at ABA Meetings in 2008/09”* - carried unanimously.

ITEM 15 – SPECIAL RESOLUTION - AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

24. Advice of an intended Notice of Motion to accept a new and updated ANBC constitution was circulated by B.C.S.A. Inc on 3 January 2008 for initial consideration by Member Bodies.

The Notice of Motion for a Special Resolution was seconded and discussed.

Motion from B.C.S.A.

Seconded By Bruce Schuster,

that: *“ this document (attached) be accepted as the new and updated ANBC Constitution.*
“ - not carried (2 for, 5 against).

25. B.C.S.A. were thanked for producing a detailed document however, it was agreed that the current Constitution is adequate and that the review of the associated documents would highlight and amalgamate the supporting documents to the constitution.

ITEM 16 - REPORT FROM THE COLOUR AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

26. The following Colour and Standards report was presented by Rob Hugo, the Colour and Standards Co-ordinator.

a. Attendance

- The Colour and Standards meeting was held at Busselton on Saturday 24th May 2008. All states and zones were represented. Those present were:
Lloyd Richardson B.C.V. – Peter Glassenbury B.C.S.A. – Roy Blair TAS.-
Rob Hugo W.A. – Henry George S.Q.B.B.A. – Scott Erikson Qld N&C
Zone - Bob Bourke B.S.N.S.W. – Rob Hugo - Co-ordinator.
- Observers: Dave Ganzer. Bob Smith.

b. Minutes of May 2007 Meeting - Business Arising.

- The minutes of the meeting were read and confirmed.
- **The following business arose from the minutes of the previous meeting:**
 - Moulded Plastic Show Cages were a task set and the matter is still in progress. The matter is to be held over until 2009.
 - WBO updated Ideal (2007 Version). This was not recommended by C&S.
 - **Powder Coated Cage Fronts - Discussion Point from SQBBA in 2006 and Motion in 2007. (see 4/07.)**
 - Discussion Point (2006) – consideration be given to allow powder coated chrome show cage fronts. A presentation was given of three different show cages with powder coated fronts attached by Dave Ganzer. It was decided that Dave gather more information as to the suggested cost and a standardised colour code for the proposed use of the show cage fronts.

This information is to be sent to the Co-ordinator for distribution to the states and zone to gather home state information on the use of for 2007 C & S meeting. After discussion a motion was put.

Motion 4/07 by SQBBA, Henry George, seconded by Qld Nth & Central Zone, Scott Erickson,

that: *“Powder coating be accepted as an alternative cage front finish as per the information supplied by Dave Ganzer.*

Colour: - Precious Silver Pearl Gloss Level Satin

Brand: - Dulux

Line No- :- 272

Shade No- 57225” - This was recommended in Colour & Standards 6-1 and not endorsed by Council (1 for, 6 against)

Again in 2008, the fronts the subject of a Notice of Motion.

(See Motion 4/08).

- **Task List - Items Referred by Council in the Last 12 Months and/or Contained in the ANBC C&S Agenda**

- **Postal Vote** – Recommended change to Scale of Points. The SQBBA motion that the scale of points be changed to 50 for type, 25 for Markings and 25 for

Colour was referred to States/Zones for a Postal Vote by 30 October 2007. Results were: Motion lost in C&S (4 for, 3 against)

- **Exhibition/Demonstration Class.** A decision in relation to the future of this class was requested from, but not provided by, Council in 2007.
- **Standard for all Varieties:** Roy Blair requested that a Standard be formulated for all varieties and this be included in the ANBC Standard but not necessarily in the matrix. Following discussion this request was not progressed.
- Previous updates to the STANDARD Approved for action after the 2007 Council Meeting. These are yet to be included as a formal amendment to the Standard.

c. Correspondence

- Co-ordinator provided a folder for circulation to the meeting which contained work in progress documents and a correspondence list of incoming and outgoing mail.

d. Notice of Motions

- **Notices of Motion and/or Discussion points - 2008:**

01/08 - MOTION FROM S.Q.B.B.A Inc. Moved Henry George 2nd Scott Erikson QLD Nth & Cen Zone. Mr. Bob Smith (SQLD) was invited to address the meeting.

that: *“The current show cage perch should be increased from 12mm to 16mm diameter dowel.”* Not recommended in C&S. (Lost 3 for, 4 against)

It was suggested and is recommended that further testing of the suggested new perch size be trialed by all states and the trial be presented back to C&S in 2009. The terms of the trial to be set by the Coordinator and the ANBC Secretary.

02/08 - MOTION FROM QLD Nth & Cen Zone Inc.

that: *“5/8th (16mm) dowel be used in show cages, crossed at the front to fit in wire so it doesn't move.”* Redundant motion - withdrawn by Old Nth & Central zone.

03/08 - Motion FROM B.C.V Inc. Moved Lloyd Richardson 2nd Roy Blair Tas.

that: *“Opaline be accepted in the suffused Yellow & suffused white varieties.”* Not recommended in C&S. (Lost 2 for, 5 against)

04/08 - MOTION FROM S.Q.B.B.A Inc. Moved Henry George 2nd Roy Blair Tas.

that: *“That powder coated cage fronts be permitted to be used on the national show cage.”* Motion recommended in C&S (6 for, 1 against)

05/08 - MOTION B.S.N.S.W. Moved Bob Bourke 2nd Henry George SQBBA

that: “ the Scale of Points (Page 23 of The Standard) be revised, reversing Markings and Colour in both placement and points allocation.

From: Type	60 points	To: Type	60 points
Colour	25 points	To: Markings	25 points
Markings	15 points	To: Colour	15 points “

Not Recommended In C&S. (4 for, 3 against)

It was recommended by C&S that further investigation of the allocation of points was needed. Roy Blair and Peter Glassenbury to carry this task out and report to C&S in Burnie, TAS in 2009.

e. Co-ordinators Report.

- Rob Hugo thanked the states and zones for their participation through the year.

f. Nomination of Colour and Standards Coordinator for 2008-2009.

- Rob Hugo is nominated (unanimously by Colour and Standards Committee) and has accepted the nomination as National Coordinator for Colour and Standards, subject to Council Concurrence, for 2008 – 2009.

Prepared by: Rob Hugo for and on behalf of the National C & S Committee on 24th May 2008.

27. The report was discussed. Peter Glassenbury advised that the National Judges’ meeting had also discussed the perch issue and included a recommendation in his report which follows. It was generally agreed that the trial should proceed. Dave Ganzer spoke in support of the proposed trial of 16mm perches and the recommendation to adopt Powder Coated Cage fronts. Warren Wilson spoke against the recommendation. Rob Hugo was thanked for presenting the Colour and Standards report.

Motion Moved: Dave Ganzer

Seconded by Derek Poole,

that: “the Colour and Standards Report be accepted and Rob Hugo is endorsed as ANBC Colour and Standards Co-ordinator for 2008/09” – carried (6 for, 1 against).

ITEM 17 – NATIONAL JUDGES’ REPORT

28 The following Judges’ Panel report was presented by Peter Glassenbury the National Judges’ Co-ordinator.

Report on ANBC Judges Meeting Held at Bayview Geographe Resort on Sunday 25 May 2008.

- General meeting procedures and criteria were observed.
- Some affirmative action sought from Council on the future of the AOSV class at National level.
- All judges agreed that 16mm notched perch be considered for introduction and recommends this to Council.

- Concerns were raised by Judges regarding issues that emerged in 2007 in relation to bird tampering and resolved that a recommendation be submitted to Council on this and the fact that the Council agenda includes motions which indicate that the right of protest to Judges decisions at National Judges level be included. This change was not accepted by Judges and it was further resolved that a change to show rules be recommended to council reviewing these issues. Appendix marked “A” is attached. This recommendation was unanimous from all judges present at the meeting.
- Penalty and Disqualification Clauses have been reviewed and are submitted / recommended to council for an amendment in the Standard. Appendix marked “B” is attached.
- Discussions also occurred in relation to the National Judges examination practices in particular, the workload from past States / Zones, where there was only one candidate.
- Judges panel does not support WBO Pictorial (2008 version)
- Next years workshop in Tasmania will be Normal Variety Birds.
- Peter Glassenbury was elected and is nominated to Council as A.N.B.C. National Judges’ Co-ordinator for 2008-2009.

Appendix A to Item 17

It is recommended that the **Show Rules** within the **Format and Rules** be appropriately amended to include:




“If there is any evidence of trimming (other than spots), dying or bleaching of feathers or any other practice that is deemed to be not sporting in relation to the removal or inserting of feathers or any other activity, this shall cause reason for the disqualification of that exhibit.

*A bird shall be disqualified if it is exhibited with a ring that has been tampered with. Note: other reasons for disqualifications relating to rings appear in para 2 of **Format** at the commencement of this document (Format and Rules).*

The judges of any exhibit may initiate disqualification if in their opinion a breach as per the above or as per the ANBC Penalty and Disqualification clauses has occurred. This disqualification will be announced after consultation and agreement by the majority of at least 4 of the officiating judges to ensure absolute support for each of them. (Note: in some shows there may be more than two pair of judges officiating).

There shall be no avenue available for delegates, team carers or any other persons to lodge a protest or protests against the exhibits or the judging thereof at A.N.B.C. Championship Shows. On the question of merit, the judges' decisions are absolute and final. On the question of eligibility, if there is some doubt, all of the judges officiating on the day shall adjudicate and their decision shall be absolute and final.”

A.N.B.C. PENALTY AND DISQUALIFICATION CLUSES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF JUDGES AND EXHIBITORS

<p>Symptoms of Illness</p>	<p><u>Disqualification</u> Ruffled, huddled in appearance, sometimes with vomiting and/or diarrhea (often described as ‘dirty’ vent but not to be confused with nervous wet vent) Remove from the bench</p>
<p>Presence of Mites</p> 	<p><u>Disqualification</u> Scaly face - Encrustations visible on one or more of the cere, beak, legs, eyes and vent. Feather mite - Ragged black or brown markings on feathers, particularly on the side toward the vent area Remove from the bench</p>
<p>Presence of Lice</p>  	<p><u>Disqualification</u> Visible usually on face, mask or neck as black ‘dots’ or fly shaped - flat & fast moving. Each disappear into the feather when disturbed Remove from the bench</p>
<p>Deformity or Injury</p>	<p><u>Disqualification</u> Undershot beak, evidence of feather plucking, dislocated joints, obvious French moult, three or more toes ‘permanently’ facing forward, inability to grip the perch, missing toe/s or part thereof - not toe nails, more than two primary tail feathers, substantial bleeding <u>Penalty</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twisted primary tail feather/s • Broken or missing or twisted toe nails [not toes]
<p>Condition</p>	<p><u>Disqualification</u> Adult Birds - Cere colour not relating to the sex of the bird, i.e. hormonal change. Both primary tail feathers missing or neither below the secondary tail feathers Broken Nest Feather – Disqualification clauses as per adult birds apply plus solid iris ring where present in the variety coupled with adult coloured cere, pin feathers in the cap, visible adult feathers in cap, neck, body or wing <u>Penalty</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence of pin feathers in adult birds • Missing flight feathers • Missing one primary tail feather • Broken feathers. <p>The worse the condition the greater the penalty</p>
<p>Variety</p>	<p><u>Disqualification</u> Birds entered in the wrong class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes birds showing characteristics other than those described in <i>The Standard</i> for the variety they represent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Combination of Cinnamon with Clearwing and Greywing. ○ Blackeyed Selves with grey cheek patches ○ Entries in the Dominant Pied Class with ground colour spot only on back of head or other part of the body <p>Eyes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varieties without a clearly visible iris ring where required in <i>The Standard</i> • Varieties with a visible iris ring where the absence of an iris ring is required in <i>The Standard</i>

<p>Variety (cont)</p>	<p><u>Penalty</u></p> <p>Birds of any variety with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Flecking - The heavier the flecking, the greater the penalty • Incorrect coloured cheek patches, other than birds entered in the wrong class • Ground colour spot on back of head or other part of the body other than as permitted in <i>The Standard</i> • Incorrect iris ring colour – not white • Incorrect cere colour as required in <i>The Standard</i> • Cleft, shallow or narrow masks • Missing (or extra) spots where <i>The Standard</i> requires six. Spots where <i>The Standard</i> requires none. Spots incorrectly presented as required in <i>The Standard</i> • Feather disturbances – ruffle in neck or chest area • Wing colour and/or markings not as described in <i>The Standard</i> • Long flighted and/or heavy secondary flight feather characteristics • Incorrect tail feather or tail quill colour within the parameters of the variety other than the Disqualifiable characteristics • Length of primary tail feathers not in proportion to the bird <p>Departure from varietal features as set out in <i>The Standard</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red eyed self colours with markings on the head, back of neck and wings - the heavier the markings, the heavier the penalty • Clearwings that do not have clear & pure ground colour on wings with absence of markings as described in <i>The Standard</i> - the heavier the markings the greater the penalty • Greywings that have body colour and wing markings varying from that required in <i>The Standard</i> - the greater the departure the greater the penalty • Self coloured birds, Spangle Double Factor and Lacewings with body colour suffusion • Opalines not showing a clear ‘V’ effect in mantle or with inadequate wing markings • Apart from Opalines, birds showing body colour on wings, back or neck • Dominant Pies showing incorrect markings as defined in <i>The Standard</i> for that variety of Pied. • Danish Recessive Pies with barring above the cere and / or wing markings greater or less than that as required in <i>The Standard</i> - the greater the departure the greater the penalty • Crested – where a bird has multiple crests, crest off centre or has a crest or feather disturbance outside of the areas allowed for in <i>The Standard</i> • Suffused that have body colour and wing markings greater or less than that required in <i>The Standard</i> – the greater the departure the greater the penalty
<p>Inappropriate or Illegal act by an exhibitor or team carer/s. Also refer Format & Rules for the ANBC Annual Championship Shows</p>	<p><u>Disqualification</u></p> <p>Any evidence of trimming (other than spots) or of dying or bleaching of feathers. Any practice that is deemed to be unfair including the tampering with rings. Double ringing be it plastic or metal. Rings other than the correct coloured ring marked with the year & ANBC Secretary’s nominated symbol.</p>

Prepared by: Peter Glassenbury for and on behalf of the National Judges’ Panel on 25th May 2008.

29. Discussion of the report occurred. In relation to the future of the AOSV Class, raised both by Colour and Standards and the National Judges, it was agreed following discussion that this class would not be considered for inclusion at this time in the Annual Championship Show. Rather than a Promotional Class (not for points) as was included in 2007, it was agreed that B.C.T. is requested to provide a display of birds from varieties in Section 17 (of The Standard) in 2009. It was agreed that the proposed inclusion to the Show Rules be held over and considered in Item 30 when Procedural Matters concerned with the Format and Rules for the A.N.B.C. Annual Championship Show are considered.

Motion Moved: Derek Poole

Seconded by Scott Erikson,

that: *“the National Judges’ Report, other than the item held over to Item 30, be accepted and Peter Glassenbury is endorsed as ANBC National Judges Co-ordinator for 2008/09”* – carried (6 for, 1 against).

ITEM 18 – REPORT BY HISTORIAN

30. Mr Leigh Downey was invited to provide a Historian’s report for 2007/08. Leigh presented his report to Council; a copy is attached to these minutes.

Motion Moved: Rod Turnbull

Seconded by Peter Glassenbury,

that: *“the report tabled by the ANBC Historian, Leigh Downey, be received and Leigh Downey thanked for presenting his report”*. – carried unanimously.

31. Clint Ault requested his leave from the meeting and departed.

ITEM 19 – REPORT BY HOST ZONE ON 2008 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

32. Hans Sibum presented a report on the 2008 ANBC Championship Show on behalf of W.A.B.C. Inc. A copy of the report is attached.

Motion Moved: Derek Poole

Seconded by Bruce Schuster,

that: *“the report by W.A.B.C. Inc be accepted and that they be congratulated on conducting a successful National Show.”* – carried unanimously

ITEM 20 – GENERAL BUSINESS

32. The following items of General Business were discussed:

a. **Leg Rings.**

- Ring Issue Date

Motion from B.S.N.S.W. (Inc),

Seconded by Rod Turnbull,

that: *“the ring issue date be moved forward to the 1st September each year, and birds be eligible for showing at the National Show in the year following the date shown on the ring, ie. Birds rung with a 2010 ring issued on the 1st September 2009 would be eligible to compete at the 2011 National Show”.* Carried (6 for, 1 against)

MOTION from B.C.V Inc.

that: *“the Ring Issue Date henceforth be the 1st. September each year.”* - Withdrawn, as redundant motion.

MOTION from QLD Nth and Cen Zone Inc.

that: *“ the ring issue date be the 1st of September each year.”* - Withdrawn, as redundant motion.

Discussion Point from B.S.N.S.W. (Inc).

Following the BSNSW Motion regarding the change of the Ring issue date to 1st September to commence in 2010, it may be appropriate that the 2009 initial ring issue date be brought forward to mid December 2008.

Following discussion of this item the following motion was proposed, seconded and put to the meeting:

MOTION moved by Bruce Bradford **Seconded by** Dave Ganzer,

that: *“ the 2009 ring initial ring issue date be brought forward to 15 December 2008.”*
Carried (6 for, 1 abstention).

Nominated Ring Supplier

34. The ANBC Contract with Chapman Rings as the nominated leg ring supplier dated 23rd of June 2006 expires with the supply of 2009 leg rings. Following discussion the following motion resulted:

Motion Moved: Dave Ganzer **Seconded by** Scott Erikson,

that: *“the National Secretary be empowered to negotiate a new 3 yr ring contract -one year with two further one year options from 2010 with Chapman rings Pty Ltd as the nominated ring supplier”* – carried unanimously.

Conduct of the Australian Championship Show.

Discussion Point from B.C.T. Inc.

B.C.T. requests that the management and conduct of the National Show be discussed with particular attention to the cost of the show, the welfare of the birds and access to the show for the average fancier.

Reasons:

a. The cost of freight of birds to the show is becoming a problem. Are there ways of alleviating these costs or subsidising the cost for member bodies whose birds have to be freighted the greatest distance? Could light weight carrying boxes be designed and produced?

- b. Quarantine barriers may put the birds at risk. If they cannot have seed in the carrying cage what happens if there is a delay or an error in the freight arrangements. On one occasion, the Tasmanian birds were wrongly delivered to Sydney and had to be dispatched from there after a considerable delay. This would have been a disaster if the birds had no access to food.
- c. The cost of participation in the show weekend is becoming a barrier for some fanciers. Is it not possible to arrange for access to low cost accommodation or even billets?

35. This matter was addressed by B.C.T. Delegate, Jim Fletcher who spoke to the matter of escalating costs associated with the national. Discussion of these matters occurred and it was generally agreed that rising costs were of concern however, the importance of organizing and conducting a quality national was stressed.

MOTION FROM WABC Inc. Motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

It was considered that existing guidelines cover this and that liaison with the National Secretary and the provision of a draft program for clearance by the A.N.B.C. Secretary is all that is required.

that: *"The ANBC, in conjunction with the State Zones, provide 3 or 4 optional programs, for the ANBC National Show, from which the host Zone can select one that will most suit their needs. The programs should take into consideration ALL the requirements as set down by the ANBC for hosting a National Show e.g. ANBC meetings and the rule where no function/meeting is to overlap when a two day show is held."*

Motion from B.C.V. Inc. Seconded by Jim Fletcher,

that: *"the competition be expanded to allow for up to three birds in each class to be benched by each state with the two highest placed birds being awarded points for the team competition."* – Following discussion the motion was Not carried (2 for, 5 against)

Venue

Discussion Point from B.C.V. Inc.

36. In recent years it would seem that venues are being chosen more for their appeal as a holidaying, sightseeing venue for those fortunate enough to be able to remain in the area for an extended time, than for the ease of actually transporting the birds there and back by those unable to extend their stay. It should be remembered that many of the members seemingly having their wishes to holiday accommodated by the choice of venue do not contribute birds to the competition and many no longer breed birds.

Whilst this is a legitimate offshoot to the competition it should remain as just that, an offshoot and the choice of venue should firstly accommodate the following criteria:

- a. The welfare of every bird. It must be guaranteed that birds will not be subject to undue stress through double handling etc.
- b. Checked thoroughly to ensure, as far as is possible, that birds will be permitted on the premises.
- c. Ease of transporting the team, both in to and out from the venue.
- d. All State requirements regarding crossing state boundaries need to be checked out prior to the venue being selected. E.G. The demands of the Department of Primary Industries re incoming seed etc.
- e. Whilst we congratulate the Organising Committee in Western Australia for applying themselves to the task of solving the many problems thrown up at them as their preparations

moved along, it would be wise for upcoming hosts to consider all the issues W.A. met, at the time of selecting / booking the venue.

37. In discussion of this item it was agreed that the welfare of the birds is paramount. It was further agreed that the foreshadowed problems with quarantine were solved after this item was submitted for the agenda. It was further agreed that there were some economies and benefits to be gained by hosting the event outside of Capital Cities provided that the selected locations were easily accessible by air.

Developments with Transport of Livestock

38. *From the A.N.B.C. Secretary.* Advice has been received that there are new Passenger Aircraft being phased in by both Qantas and Virgin Airlines in the next 3 – 5 years and that Virgin Blue Freight has been sold to Toll Priority. These Aircraft will be similar to those used by JetStar and will not have pressurized cargo or luggage bays and therefore, unable to take livestock. In anticipation of this, further advice is that Livestock, including birds, will no longer be able to be shipped on passenger carrying aircraft and, that this will be phased in.

39. Warren Wilson and Dave Ganzer spoke to this matter. It was agreed that if the only means of transporting livestock was as freight then there would be considerable on costs. The A.N.B.C. Secretary requested that he be kept informed of any developments which come to hand.

Procedural Matters. Format and Rules for the A.N.B.C. Annual Championship Show

40. In consideration of the recommendations concerning disqualifications made by the Committee as shown below, the National Judges' Meeting (held over from Item 17) and the Notice of Motion from B.S.N.S.W. the President advised that this matter would be discussed.

An anomaly has been identified following circumstances at our 2007 event whereby there are no provisions within the Format and Rules or within the Penalty and Disqualification Clauses in the Standard to cover allegations of tampering with birds or leg rings. In consideration of this matter the Committee recommends to Council that consideration be given to a motion which would include the following in the Show Rules:

“Any faking, trimming, dying of feathers or tampering with closed leg rings or any other show practice considered to be improper by the A.N.B.C. shall not be allowed. Any team found to have done so may have that entry or all entries disqualified for the show.

The judges of any exhibit may initiate disqualification if in their opinion it is in breach of the above. Notice in writing, signed by the officiating judges, must specify the reason and be passed to the Host State/Zone Show Manager before the completion of judging for the class. The Show Manager or authorised official shall confer with the Show Committee or other authorised officials of the host State and ANBC and examine the exhibit (s) to determine whether further action needs to be taken.

In circumstances where the judges' decision is upheld, notice in writing to a nominated Team Representative of the team involved is to be provided by the Show Manager within (15 minutes?). The team should be presumed to be innocent unless proven otherwise and should be given the opportunity to examine all evidence and answer the charge within such a reasonable time as the ANBC may direct.”

41. Bob Bourke and Peter Glassenbury spoke to the recommendations by the Committee and Judges' Meeting. In consideration of the recommendations by the Committee and by the Judges' Meeting, Warren Wilson advised that B.S.N.S.W. Delegates had not been instructed on how to vote on a recommended motion from the Judges' Meeting with regard to this matter and that it should not be decided without referral back to States/Zones.

Motion from Peter Glassenbury

Seconded by Jim Fletcher,

that: *“the recommendation from the Judges' Meeting to amend the Format and Rules to include the detail shown in Appendix A to the Judges' Report at Item 17 above be circulated to State/Zones by the A.N.B.C. Secretary for decision.”* – carried (4 for, 3 abstentions)

Motion from B.S.N.S.W. (Inc). Lapsed for want of a seconder.

(with regard to the Format and Rules for the ANBC Annual Championship Show is varied)

that: *“Paragraph 3 (of the Show Rules) be deleted in total and replaced by:-*

- 1) At the completion of the judging of any class, an appointed Team Carer, Delegate or other person charged with similar responsibilities from each State/Zone concerned, where a bird has been disqualified have the right to lodge a protest in writing to the Show Manager or other authorised official.*
- 2) The Show Manager or authorised official shall confer with the Show Committee or other authorised officials of the host State to determine whether further action needs to be taken.*
- 3) A notice of intent to protest shall be lodged verbally to the host State/Zone Show Manager or authorised official within fifteen (15) minutes from finalization of the class being judged, and must be followed within thirty (30) minutes of the class being judged, with the protest in writing signed by the protestor, specifying the reasons for such protest.*
- 4) The Show Manager or authorised official must inform the Judges of the protest, and request that they discuss the matter fully and make a decision on the outcome of such protest (both Teams of Judges are to be involved in this discussion).*
- 5) The Judges shall advise their findings to the host State/Zone Show Committee or authorised officials, and following consideration of the protest, the decision of the host State Show Committee or authorised officials will be final, and such decision shall be publicly announced by the Show Manager or MC.”*

Note from Secretary: Current rule is: – “There shall be no avenue available for delegates, team carers or any other persons to lodge a protest or protests against the exhibits or the judging thereof at A.N.B.C. Championship Shows. On the question of merit, the judges' decisions are absolute and final. On the question of eligibility, if there is some doubt, all of the judges officiating on the day shall adjudicate and their decision shall be absolute and final.”

MOTION from B.C.S.A. Inc. Lapsed for want of a seconder.

that: *“a defeated or passed motion shall not be resubmitted for a period of three years.’*

Sponsorship and Fundraising

42. The Secretary provided an update of sponsorship. A summary of the National sponsorship and Ring Levy Support payments provided to WABC in hosting the 2008 event was provided to Delegates.

43. In relation to National Trophies (funded by the sale of prints), it was advised that there are three sets of trophies remaining in stock (2009, 2010 and 2011). A new trophy, for a seven year cycle commencing 2012, needs to be decided no later than 2010.

44. The Secretary provided an update on the sale of prints including those auctioned at the Presentation Dinner last night and thanked the States/Zones for continuing to promote these and to B.S.B N.S.W. and W.A.B.C. for purchasing some for prizes. In relation to Pictorial Prints and, following discussion it was decided that the remaining copies in the number series 11 to 20 are to be retained for A.N.B.C. fundraising activities. Copies in the number series 21 to 50 would remain available for sale at \$100 per print. Copies in the number series 51 to 100 (currently not for sale), would be available for \$100 each. States/Zones, where they require pictorials for specific prizes awarded by Member Bodies, are now able to purchase prints in the number series 51 to 100 for \$50 per print.

Bird Keeping Concerns

45. These were mainly raised in and following the ABA report in Item 14 above. Delegates provided updates as follows: B.C.T. – 1 Case, B.S.N.S.W – Cases as outlined by Bruce Bradford, B.C.V. – Nil, QLD Nth and Cen Zone – Nil, B.C.S.A. – Nil, QLD – Nil and W.A.B.C. – 1 case. The Secretary reminded the Delegates that the ABA had an excellent track record in relation to addressing and representing these issues and that it would be advantageous to report these difficulties through him to Bruce Bradford without delay. Copies of letters written in regard to some specific issues are also available on request.

Status Standardisation for Australia

Discussion Point from B.C.S.A. Inc. for the 2008 ANBC Delegates meeting is: ‘Status standardisation for Australia is seen as being a positive for the fancy’

Reason:

Australia should be promoting standardisation in this and other areas to ensure that fanciers who move interstate or show interstate are not ‘challenged’ by the fact that there is no standardisation. A continued improvement policy should be embraced to try and keep fanciers ‘in the fancy’ by minimising difficulties.

46. This item was discussed by Council but not progressed.

WBO.

- **WBO Rosettes.** WBO provides 4 x Rosettes to Affiliated Societies each year. In the case of Australia this is to the A.N.B.C.. Since joining the WBO these have been provided to the ANBC Member Body who is hosting the National in the year that they are to be awarded. i.e. W.A.B.C. in 2008. These have been awarded and reported to the Secretary and WBO along with suitable photographs for posting to the WBO Website. IAW the guideline containing ANBC and WBO requirements. 4 x Rosettes will be provided to B.C.T. Inc in 2009.
- **Proposed Change to the WBO Constitution.** The current WBO Constitution (Item 4.iii.) states that: *(4.iii) Delegates must reside in the country, which they represent.* It is proposed that the following word changes to read: *(4.iii) A member country can appoint a member of its society to represent them at WBO meetings, irrespective of their place of residence.* Advice of the ANBC vote is required by **1 June 2008.** It was

decided by Council that the A.N.B.C. supports this proposed change and the A.N.B.C. Secretary notifies the WBO of our decision by 1 June 2008.

- **Proposed WBO Pictorial Ideal.** Following the last WBO meeting, some alterations from the previous versions were made. WBO Member Bodies are required to indicate their agreement or otherwise with the updated Proposed WBO Pictorial Ideal (Feb 08 version). This has been referred to the Colour and Standards Committee and National Judge' Meeting for inclusion on their agenda and for consideration and recommendation to Council. *Advice of the ANBC vote is required by 1 June 2008.* It was decided by Council that the A.N.B.C. agrees with the Colour and Standards and National Judges' Meeting 2008 recommendations and therefore, does not support the proposed WBO Pictorial Ideal (2008 version) or support the WBO adopting it as the international Standard. The A.N.B.C. Secretary is required to notify the WBO of our decision by 1 June 2008.
- **WBO 2008 Meeting.** Then 2008 WBO Meeting is scheduled to be held on 3 October 2008 in Monchengladbach, Germany and will be held in conjunction with the DVD Budgerigar Championship Show on 3 – 4 October. Mr Warren Wilson had advised that he was planning to attend the weekend activities and was willing to represent Australia (at no cost to the ANBC) , in person, at the WBO Meeting. He advised the Delegates that he is now not travelling overseas. B.C.V. Delegates advised that they may have members attending. The A.N.B.C. Secretary requested details of any members from Member Bodies who may attend and be available to represent the ANBC as delegates? Ideally it would be good to provide two, who following liaison between the ANBC Secretary, Judges' and Standards Co-ordinators in regard to the WBO Agenda, were able to represent us and provide a detailed report after the meeting.

Web-Site.

47. The Web-master, Steve Campbell has provided the following report through the Secretary:

- ***Internet Service Provider (ISP)***

The website has had no problems with the Internet Service Provider maintaining a very good service (High download speeds and no Bugs). The website must be in perfect condition as I have had no criticisms or offers to take over and do a better job.

- ***ANBC Symbol***

I would like confirmation of the ANBC symbol. On the website the symbol is of two upper parts of budgies facing each other. This is on all correspondence from the council secretary. However on most documentation for the nationals and on the Standard binder front page is a pictorial representation of ideal green budgie within a halo and above a scroll. All documentation that represents the ANBC or is sent representing council must be uniform.

- ***The Standard***

As the website is the representation of the controlling body and the authority that sets the standard for Australian budgerigars I would like to put the Standard onto the web. The Standard is what all budgie breeders should be referencing and have easy access too. The internet provides a reference for all types of information and the younger people today are more inclined to access the internet for budgie stuff than go to a library. I would like to have the written description of each variety and a coloured pictorial image representing that description as well.

The varieties that are in the National show would form the core of the reference with the lesser varieties added as interest. Any alterations to the Standard could be made at the one central point and not reliant on trying to obtain update pages.

48. In consideration of the above report:

a. The Official A.N.B.C. Symbol was agreed by Council as being the one used since the formation of the A.N.B.C. , that is the two birds (Bust profile) facing each other. This is to be used on all Official Correspondence. The Standard Pictorial displayed in an arch with a scroll underneath is used on the cover of the Standard and by Host States/Zones to promote the National. It is not approved for use on the A.N.B.C. Web-site or on State Zone Web-sites.

b. The Standard and necessary approved amendment is to be loaded (minus the drawings and Pictorials) to the site in 2008. The Secretary advised that in accordance with an outstanding task from the task list for Colour and Standards, a photo gallery of actual birds representing varieties (National Winners where possible from Classes represented) will be provided to the Web-master through the National Secretary in consultation with the Standards and Judges' Co-ordinators for loading to the Standards page of the site. These will identify and acknowledge the Variety, Breeder and Photographer and contain a disclaimer that they are photographs of actual birds selected to represent the variety but do not necessarily represent the ideal as depicted in the Standard.

MOTION moved by Rod Turnbull, Seconded by John Mulley,

that: “the report provided by the web-master be accepted.” – carried unanimously.

ITEM 21 – ANBC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2009 AND 2010

49. **2009 National.**

- Jim Fletcher provided an overview of the venue and 2009 National to be held as a two day show in Burnie, Tasmania and hosted by the B.C.T. Inc. Information packages were provided to Delegates. Advice was requested from the Secretary in relation to Class order for each day. Advice is that classes for each day in a two day format is to be on an odds and evens system in accordance with the Format and Rules (see Format, paragraph 3).
- Electronic initiatives were being explored.
- Accommodation locations were suitable and located in close proximity to the venue.
- Burnie is easily accessible by air with flights to Wynyard (through Melbourne), Burnie (through Melbourne) and Launceston (through Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane). Ferry service (Spirit of Tasmania) operates from Melbourne to Devonport.
- National 2009 web-site set up at <http://www.national2009.com>.
 - Booking agent engaged – Tasmanian Travel Centre- Toll Free 1800 641 556, Email: travel@burnie.net.
- Invitation to attend National and stay on for visit to Tasmania in 2009 issued.
- Display of varieties discussed. – will arrange with A.N.B.C. Secretary.

50. **2010 Hosted by QN&CZ.** QN&CZ have formally advised that they are planning to conduct a two day National Championship Competition event at Rockhampton, QLD in 2010.

ITEM 22 – CLOSURE OF MEETING

51. The President asked if there were any other matters for consideration by Council before she closed the meeting. The following points were raised:

- Hall of Fame. Bruce Bradford raised a point that the A.N.B.C. had established a Hall of Fame in 2003 with an inaugural division of “Breeder Excellence” which is now well established. Bruce suggested that perhaps it may be time to consider a further division of ‘Service’. Following discussion it was agreed that Bruce, in conjunction with the A.N.B.C. Committee, develop a proposal for the inclusion of a ‘Service’ division into the Hall of Fame.
- Records/Photographic History. Bruce Bradford advised that he and Nola had accumulated substantial document and Photographic History of the A.N.B.C. and that he was willing to bequeath the collection to the A.N.B.C. The history contains many photographs (slides) including winning birds from 1979 to the present. Bruce was thanked for his generous gesture and his offer accepted.
- Bruce Bradford advised that the B.S.N.S.W. Inc are planning to host the 2011 A.N.B.C. Annual Championship Show as a two day show in Canberra. It was further advised that there is a possibility that a request may be forthcoming for the A.N.B.C. to consider inviting the WBO to consider the possibility of holding their 2011 meeting in conjunction with the A.N.B.C. 2011 event. It was agreed that if a request was forthcoming that it would be considered and if supported by the A.N.B.C. an invitation to consider the proposal forwarded to the WBO by the A.N.B.C. Secretary.
- The A.N.B.C. Secretary advised the meeting that Nigel Tonkin will finish his two year period on the Committee at the end of June and thanked Nigel for his support to the A.N.B.C. during that period. Gina House advised that she was appreciative of the support which Nigel had provided to her and W.A.B.C. and in particular with the seed and quarantine arrangements.

MOTION moved by Dave Ganzer, Seconded by Derek Poole,

that: “ A vote of thanks be extended to Nigel Tonkin for his time on the A.N.B.C. committee.
– carried unanimously.

MOTION moved by Bruce Bradford, Seconded by Bruce Schuster,

that: “ A vote of thanks be extended to Gina House for her efforts as A.N.B.C. President and for the manner in which she conducted this Council meeting.”. – carried unanimously.

52. The next meeting of Council will be held in Burnie, TAS on 25 May 2009.

53. There being no further business, the President thanked the Delegates and Office Bearers for their attendance and contribution to the meeting then declared the meeting closed at 3.35 p.m.

Bob Bourke
Secretary

24 June 2008

Attachments:

1. Ring Report – Bruce Chapman
2. Presidents' Report.
3. Secretary' Report.
4. Minutes – Colour and Standards Committee.
5. Minutes – National Judges' Meeting.
6. A.N.B.C. Historians' Report.
7. Report by W.A.B.C., Host State/Zone 2008.
8. Auditors Report & Statement of Affairs

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Dear Bob,

Re: A.N.B.C. Meeting 26 May 2008

It is with regret I am unable to attend the A.N.B.C. Championship Show in Busselton this year. I would be appreciative if the following points and attachments could be tabled at the A.N.B.C. meeting on my behalf.

1. A.N.B.C. Sponsorship 2009

We will continue our current level of sponsorship (cash & product) for the 2009 show in Devonport, Tasmania. I look forward to being at that event.

2. Bird Ring Prices for 2009

As advised in my letter dated 27 March 2008, the prices for 2009 rings are as follows:

Uncoded Rings :	\$36.75 per 100 (incl. GST)
Coded Rings :	\$38.75 per 100 (incl. GST)

Additional charges for orders up to 100 rings - \$1.00 extra. This charge applies to orders for uncoded rings or individual member coded rings.

The A.N.B.C. ring levy (currently 4 cents per ring) will be added to the above prices and be collected by Chapman Rings Pty Ltd on behalf of the A.N.B.C. as per current arrangements.

3. A.N.B.C. Ring Levy

We are happy to continue collecting the ring levy on behalf of the A.N.B.C. The attached schedules detail the payments made to the A.N.B.C. for the years 2006, 2007, and 2008.

4. Ring Issue Date

If the A.N.B.C. resolves to change the issue date at this Council meeting, we will use our best endeavours to work to that new date. But we would have to insist on the following targets being met:

Firstly, if the ring issue date changes to 1st September of each year we would require ring orders to be placed with us no later than 1st April for rings to be issued on 1st September.

This is required so that we can supply all ring orders across the whole spectrum of aviculture. Bringing forward the issue date to 1st September for budgerigar rings means a massive increase in the number of rings required to be manufactured in the April to September period for all aviculture bodies (finch, canary, budgie, parrot, pigeon — for Clubs and private breeders). In order to be able to supply rings for all aviculturists, we will request that all Clubs submit ring orders to us a little earlier than in previous years. If these deadlines are not met than we cannot guarantee the supply of rings by the various ring issues dates throughout Australia and New Zealand.

We would hope that all Clubs can appreciate our position in this matter. Please also bear in mind that States/Zones can order more rings at a later date throughout the year if required.

Secondly, if , the ring issue date stays at 1st January we would require ring orders to be placed with us no later than 1st September of the previous year for rings required to be issued on 1st January. Again States/Zones can order more rings at a later date throughout the year if required.

Thirdly, if all States/Zones can meet the above deadlines under either issue date option we can guarantee the supply of rings.

5. Ring Quality

Some feedback on ring quality would be appreciated, having regard to the implementation last year of an additional process involving placing a clear finish over the ring.



Bruce Chapman

ANBC Presidents Report 2008

Firstly I have to say that it's been an honor to be the first lady President of the ANBC. It's certainly been an interesting and enlightening year for me, being a relative newcomer to the hobby.

The workload on the ANBC front has been reasonably quiet apart from some more recent e-mail traffic on different issues leading up to this years meeting. I have to say that I am extremely grateful of this as the demands of working a full time traveling job combined with the enormity of helping to organize, what is effectively a major conference, with a very small pool of helpers, is an extremely demanding task.

Whilst on the topic of the Nationals, I would like to wholeheartedly thank, on behalf of the WABC, all those who have offered their help, support, advise and positive encouragement – your generosity has been overwhelming. A special thanks to Nigel Tonkin for making it possible for state teams to travel into WA without having to remove seed at the airport. And thanks to everyone who has fielded the many questions from myself and other WA organizers.

Of course, an enormous “thank you” to the sponsors of this event. Without your support events such as these, often, would not be possible. For those of us supporting the ANBC and enjoying the Nationals, it is important to remember that we also need to show support to our sponsors by purchasing their products when and where possible and encouraging others in the hobby to do so as well.

On the ANBC front, its wonderful to see NZ now an associate member of the ANBC, and hopefully in the next couple of years we will see a number of NZ candidates sitting the judges exam too.

There really is not much more for me to say other than to thank the other members of the ANBC committee, Bob Bourke and Nigel Tonkin – it has been a pleasure to work with you both. Also a big thanks to Leigh Downey for his continued role as Historian, David Butters as Public Officer, Steve Campbell as ANBC Web Master, Rob Hugo as Standards Committee Coordinator and Peter Glassenbury as Judges Coordinator.

In finishing, I have to say that the ANBC really is an organization to be proud of. It is a true representation of the affiliated zones and should always remain as such, allowing for the membership of the hobby as a whole to make democratic decisions affecting the future of their hobby. I trust that during the meeting today we are all cognizant that decisions made, are made on behalf of our wider membership and that they are made in the spirit of improving and advancing the hobby as a whole.

Sincerely

Gina House

A.N.B.C. SECRETARY'S REPORT

This past year has not been as busy as have been some previous years for the A.N.B.C. However, it has none the less presented some challenges.

The A.N.B.C. was built on a spirit of goodwill, mutual trust and co-operation. Unfortunately, during this year there were occurrences which have had potential to undermine and erode the great work by our forebears in establishing protocols for the conduct of our truly wonderful annual event. As a result, inclusion of additional clauses, in the Format and Rules for the A.N.B.C. Annual Championship Shows, are recommended by the Committee.

My thanks are extended to my fellow member on the A.N.B.C. Committee, Gina House and Nigel Tonkin and to the other Office Bearers, Peter Glassenbury, Rob Hugo, Leigh Downey, Steve Campbell and David Butters for their co-operation and support over the year.

Thanks are also extended to State/Zone Secretary's for their patience and prompt responses to me when required. Of special note in 2007/2008 is the first class effort put in by Jan McMahan, Secretary of this years host state/zone, W.A.B.C. Inc. Her dedication and untiring "can do" attitude greatly assisted myself, and I am sure, all of those associated with the planning and conduct of the 2008 national.

We have progressed and grow as an organization and it may now be appropriate if we were to consider adopting a symbol (other than our badge) such as, an A.N.B.C. Tie/Scarf.

Finally, I look forward to a good year leading up to the 2009 national hosted by B.C.T. Inc in Burnie, Tasmania and look forward to working with the planning team for both 2009 and 2010.

Regards,

Bob



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANBC COLOUR AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD AT BAYVIEW GEOGRAPHE RESORT BUSSELTON WESTERN AUSTRALIA ON SATURDAY 24th OF MAY 2008

Item 1 - Attendance

The Colour and Standards Co-ordinator, Rob Hugo declared the meeting opened at 2.30 p.m. and welcomed the attendees including visitors. It was agreed that Rob Hugo chair the meeting and take the minutes.

The following Zone representatives attended:

- Mr. Lloyd Richardson - B.C.V
- Mr. Peter Glassenbury - B.C.S.A
- Mr. Roy Blair - B.C.T
- Mr. Rob Hugo - W.A.B.C
- Mr. Henry George - S.Q.B.B.A
- Mr. Scott Erikson - QLD N & C Zone
- Mr. Bob Bourke - B.S.N.S.W
- Mr. Rob Hugo - Co-ordinator

Visitors to the meeting included: Dave Ganzer, Bob Smith.

Item 2 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved: Tas Roy Blair

Seconded: Peter Glassenbury B.S.S.A.

That: *“The minutes of the previous meeting are a true and accurate record of that meeting.”*
Carried.

Item 3: The following business arose from the minutes of the previous meeting.

- Moulded Plastic Show Cages were a task set and the matter is still in progress. The matter is to be held over until 2009.
- WBO updated Ideal. This was not recommended in C&S
- Powder Coated Cage Fronts
- Discussion Point from SQBBA 2007
 - Discussion Point – consideration be given to allow powder coated chrome show cage fronts. A presentation was given of three different show cages with powder coated fronts attached by Dave Ganzer. It was decided that Dave gather more information as to the suggested cost and a standardised colour code for the proposed use of the show cage fronts. This information is to be sent to the Coordinator for distribution to the states and zone to gather home state information on the use of for 2007 C & S meeting. After discussion a motion was put.

Motion by SQBBA, Henry George, Seconded by Qld Nth & Central Zone, Scott Erickson

That: “Powder coating be accepted as an alternative cage front finish as per the information supplied by Dave Ganzer.

Colour :- Precious Silver Pearl Gloss Level Satin

Brand :- Dulux

Line No- :- 272

Shade No- 57225” - This was recommended in colour & Standards 6-1.

Again in 2008 the fronts were a discussion item and the updated information was presented By Dave Ganzer. See Motion 04/08

Item 4 - Correspondence

- The Coordinator provided a folder containing correspondence and work in progress documents along with a correspondence list of incoming and outgoing mail.

Adopted by Scott Erikson Qld N & C Zone Seconded by Lloyd Richardson

Item 5 - Task List

Items Referred by Council in the Last 12 Months and/or Contained in the ANBC C&S Agenda

- Postal Vote – Recommended change to Scale of Points. The SQBBA motion that the scale of points be changed to 50 for type, 25 for Markings and 25 for Colour was referred to States/Zones for a Postal Vote by 30 October 2007. Results were:

BCV	unanimously oppose any change to the points system.	NO
BCSA	We understand the attempt to save the variety bird	YES
BCT		YES
WABC	Tied vote leave as is	NO
SQBBA		YES
QLD N & C Zone		NO
BSNSW	We consider more emphasis should be placed on type, i.e. more than 50%	NO

Motion Not Adopted in C&S; LOST 4 – 3

- **Exhibition/Demonstration Class.** A decision in relation to the future of this class was not provided by Council.
- **Standard for all varieties:** - be formed to be included in the ANBC Standard but not necessarily in the matrix. Previous updates to the STANDARD approved for after the 2007 Council meeting. No decision on this item was made.
- **WBO updated Ideal.** This was not recommended in C&S
Peter Glassenbury B.S.S.A moved that C&S not accept the supplied pictorials,
2nd Scott Erikson A.I.F. 7 - 0

Item 6 - Notice of Motions.

The following Notices of Motion and/or Discussion points have been received:

01/08 MOTION FROM S.Q.B.B.A Inc. By Henry George Seconded by Qld N & C Zone Scott Erikson

That: *“The current show cage perch should be increased from 12mm to 16mm diameter dowel.”*

Reason:

It is evident that the Europe/British show cages have 16mm perches that support the bigger birds. Over many years we have continued to increase the size of the bird through the standard however, we have not altered the size of the perch. At last years National there was a number of comments by the judges that a few of the birds seemed to be having trouble gripping the perches. In addition to this discussion with other fanciers from SQ and other zones seems to have a consistent view that we should have larger perches.

Some modern budgerigar, while able to support itself on the smaller diameter they do tend to tense up and pull themselves in rather than displaying their full potential.

Not Adopted in C&S; Lost 3 – 4

(It was suggested that further testing of the suggested new perch size be trialled by all states and the trial be presented back to C&S in 2009. The terms of the trial to be set by the Coordinator and the ANBC secretary)

02/08 MOTION FROM QLD Nth & Cen Zone Inc.

That: *“5/8th (16mm) dowel be used in show cages, crossed at the front to fit in wire so it doesn't move.”*

WITHDRAWN

Reason:

As our birds are getting bigger, the perches at the present are not big enough for the birds to grip the perch successfully. Hence birds are not showing themselves to the best as they are having trouble gripping the (perch) hence they are not steady in the show cases. Also it gives the appearance that they have a trouble gripping the perch, when they don't actually, it is that the perch is too small for them.

Also by having the dowel crossed at front to fit into the wire this will make it more secure and hence makes it better for the perch to grip and it won't make the bird look any bigger than it would have on the current perches, because the perch will still be at the same height.

03/08 Motion FROM B.C.V Inc. Lloyd Richardson Seconded by Roy Blair Tas.

That: *“Opaline be accepted in the suffused Yellow & suffused white varieties.”*

Reason:

There are some very strong Opaline suffused birds that are not getting the chance to show on equal terms with the normal suffused birds. The Opaline does not detract from this variety, but enhances the appearance, as it is not a winged variety as in Clearwing or Greywing. Suffused normal and Opaline is accepted in most other varieties.

Not Adopted in C&S; Lost 2 - 5

04/08 MOTION FROM S.Q.B.B.A Inc. by Henry George Seconded By Roy Blair Tas
That: “Powder coated cage fronts be permitted to be used on the national show cage.”

Reasons:

1. The cost of powder coating is cheaper than chroming.
2. Powder coating lasts longer than chrome. Because a hardener is used during powder coating it protects the surface from chipping. Powder coating has been used by the parrot society for a long time and is now being used by the Budgerigar Society in England.
3. Lighting does not reflect any glare from the powder coated fronts thereby making easier judging.
4. A phase in period [e.g. 7 years] could be implemented in the following way:
 - a. New cages would be fitted with powder coated fronts.
 - b. Cages requiring new front- these could be replaced with powder coated front.
5. Powder coated fronts were assessed and approved by the ANBC Colour & Standards Committee (Adelaide 2007).
6. The use of powder coated cage fronts is strongly supported by manufactures within Sth Queensland as per reasons 1 & 2.

Adopted in C&S; 6 – 1

Motion 05/08. B.S.N.S.W. Bob Bourke Seconded by Henry George S.Q.B.B.A. moves that “the Scale of Points (Page 23 of The Standard) be revised, reversing Markings and Colour in both placement and points allocation.

From:	Type	60 points	To:	Type	60 points
	Colour	25 points	To:	Markings	25 points
	Markings	15 points	To:	Colour	15 points

Reason: This subject continues to raise concerns and numerous similar suggestions have been raised in the past, including the most recent postal vote item.

NB. In the written word, we describe markings to explain and depict the different standard varieties. For Example, it is the depictions of the markings that differentiate say an Opaline from a Normal. Therefore, more emphasis should be put on these markings (or absence as the case may be) than on colour.

Not Adopted in C&S Lost 3 - 4

(It was recommended by C&S that further investigation of the allocation of points was needed. Roy Blair and Peter Glassenbury to carry this task out and report to C&S in Bernie 2009)

Co coordinators Report.

- Rob Hugo thanked the states and zones for their participation through the year.

Nomination of Colour and Standards Coordinator for 2007-2008.

- Rob Hugo is nominated and has accepted the nomination as National Coordinator for Colour and Standards, subject to Council Concurrence, for 2008 – 2009.

Prepared by: Rob Hugo for and on behalf of the National C & S Committee on 24th May 2008.

A.N.B.C. JUDGES MEETING
Bayview Geographe Resort
Busselton Western Australia
Sunday 25th May 2008

Commenced 3:15pm

MINUTES

1. Elected Chair Person – Henry George was elected as the Chairperson for the meeting.
2. Invited visitors were addressed on the meeting protocol and requested input only when and if called upon by the Chairperson.
3. Roll Call attended and members present were – Henry George, Peter Glassenbury, Bob Bourke, Alan Rowe, Steven Mow, Derek Poole, John Skoric, Jeff Lloyd, Alistair Home, Malcolm Loveridge, Bernie O’Connell, Alan McCauley, Matt Campbell, Ian Schneider, Neville Spencer, Roy Blair, Neil Love and Alan Baxter. A total of 18 members present. Invited guests were Linda Patten from New Zealand and UK visitors Gerd Bliecher, Janice and Galib Al-Nasser and Harry Michael. Bob Smith from South Queensland was also invited to give a practical presentation on perch size increase.
4. Apologies were received from – Lyn Miller, Errol Miller, Peter Dodd, Shiralee Reardon, Nigel Tonkin, Jean Painter, Mark Bridgeman, Kevin O’Callaghan, Bob Gorman, on Hunt and Alan Reid.
5. A nominated candidate withdrew from the Judges testing process on 19/5/2008 and thus no applicants were tested in 2008.
6. 2007 Minutes accepted as read. Moved S Mow & seconded D Poole – carried unanimously.
7. Bob Smith addressed the meeting regarding increased perch sizes to 16mm and gave a practical demonstration with two optional designs. One being a notch design and the other a slope design. After much discussion and explanation to the approach to how the perches would be supported all present agreed that the notched design should be recommended to Council for consideration including a testing period. Moved Alan Rowe and seconded I Schneider – all in favor. Bob Smith then left the meeting.
8. Business Arising
 - a. Penalty and Disqualification Clauses have been reviewed by the 2007 elected committee and other selected judges and an updated document was presented to the meeting for viewing and acceptance if approved. *Reviewed document accepted with one nominal amendment and is submitted as appendix marked ‘B’ inclusive of that change* for review and is recommended to Council. Moved Alistair Home and seconded by Jim Fletcher – all in favor.
 - b. Power Point on P & D Clauses was distributed to member bodies for viewing during the year. This presentation is available from Nigel Tonkin if required and the presentation is to proceed with collation.
 - c. Again confirmed that any disqualified birds in ANBC shows are not to be eligible for point allocation. Noted by all present.

9. Correspondence for the year accepted and all items held in correspondence booklet in paper based copy format.
- a. Judges agreed that relative states should be requested to review their Judges Ethics and ensure they are inclusive of articles which forbid any state judge from displaying any negativity in respect to all judging decisions at club and state show level inclusive of judging at National show level.
10. Notified Business
- a. Acknowledgement received under seven year rule that A Home of Tasmania (email A Geddes Tasmanian Secretary 22/1/2008) and R Hunt of New South Wales email BSNSW via their Secretary 14/5/2008) be retained on the current National Judges List. Judges records updated accordingly. All in favor
 - b. Current National Judge Bob Gorman of New South Wales has been granted a leave of absence from judging in that state and all National Judges agreed that a similar leave of absence be granted at National level. All in favor.
 - c. AOSV Class – raised in 2007 minutes by C & S yet no decision by Council is recorded. National Judges agreed that should this class again be incorporated as a demonstration class at the National event that a two year window be incorporated to allow discussion at National Judges Meeting the prior year to ensure any intricacies of the respective class/variety and judging requirement are able to be discussed. This would also give further lead in time for exhibitors to breed to variety thus increasing exhibit numbers and quality. All in favor.
 - d. Past increase in bird dimensions to 240mm – General discussion held on this matter and on the dimensions relative to the current Standard Bird. Although resolved at Council it would appear that no consideration was given to the overall integrity of the show cage. This matter needs to be included as part of any perch increase final proposal as forward problems will lay with the overall show cage and not just the perch.
 - e. National Judges Examinations – over the last two years only single applications has been received for elevation to National level and the work involved by the host state is extensive. While National Judges agreed the workload was extensive for one candidate they generally agreed that the current rules are acceptable.
 - f. Changes to Show Rules – two motions are included in the 2008 Delegates Meeting Agenda that are viewed with concern by the National Judges as to creditability in their decision making at events. The motion regarding trimming requires expansion as within the letter of this written law, acceptance would negate spotting birds thus disqualifying almost all birds benched. The second relates to the Right of Protest and is not one which National Judges agree upon. While it is agreed changes are required to cover events and actions in 2007 the motions as submitted are not acceptable to the National Judges in general. A combined amended motion was presented to Judges and all agreed that the first four paragraphs be presented to delegates meeting. Appendix marked ‘A’ is presented for consideration and is recommended for acceptance by Council. Moved Steven Mow and seconded by Derek Poole. All in attendance were in favor of amended document.
 - g. WBO Pictorial was discussed in detail including discussion with WBO representative and is not acceptable in current design. All bar one were in favor that this design does not reach Australian Ideal. Moved Steven Mow and seconded Ian Schneider.
 - h. Russell Keane has submitted his resignation from the Judges list and this has been reluctantly accepted by members present. A letter of thanks to be addressed by ANBC secretary.
11. General Business –

- a. Judges Workshop for 2009 will be Normal Varieties and elected Coordinator is Alistair Home.
- b. Discussion was undertaken regarding Judges Theory Exams and agreed that these exams could be held on a set single date prior to the National weekend providing appropriate testers could be co-ordinated / arranged. Coordinator would distribute to state testers as required. Amendment to Judges Rules may be required. All in favor.
- c. A recommendation from the floor was presented regarding attending to a 'General Business Protocol for ANBC Judges'. Alistair Home has agreed to draft a protocol in this direction and submit for review in 2009. All in favor.
- d. Election of Panel Coordinator – Peter Glassenbury was elected for a further 1 year term (2008-9).

12. Meeting Closed at 5.15pm.

Members and visitors then proceeded with the Judges workshop on Recessive Pieds run by Jeff Lloyd of Western Australia.

This was an informative and interactive workshop and was well received by participating judges and observers.

At conclusion Jeff was thanked for his contribution.

Attachments:

- A. Proposed amendment to the A.N.B.C. Show Rules
- B. Proposed Revised Penalty and Disqualification Clauses

It is moved that the **Show Rules** within the **Format and Rules** be appropriately amended to include:




“If there is any evidence of trimming (other than spots), dying or bleaching of feathers or any other practice that is deemed to be not sporting in relation to the removal or inserting of feathers or any other activity, this shall cause reason for the disqualification of that exhibit.

*A bird shall be disqualified if it is exhibited with a ring that has been tampered with. Note: other reasons for disqualifications relating to rings appear in para 2 of **Format** at the commencement of this document (Format and Rules).*

The judges of any exhibit may initiate disqualification if in their opinion a breach as per the above or as per the ANBC Penalty and Disqualification clauses has occurred. This disqualification will be announced after consultation and agreement by the majority of at least 4 of the officiating judges to ensure absolute support for each of them. (Note: in some shows there may be more than two pair of judges officiating).

There shall be no avenue available for delegates, team carers or any other persons to lodge a protest or protests against the exhibits or the judging thereof at A.N.B.C. Championship Shows. On the question of merit, the judges' decisions are absolute and final. On the question of eligibility, if there is some doubt, all of the judges officiating on the day shall adjudicate and their decision shall be absolute and final.”

**A.N.B.C. PENALTY AND DISQUALIFICATION CLAUSES
FOR THE GUIDANCE OF JUDGES AND EXHIBITORS**

<p>Symptoms of Illness</p>	<p><u>Disqualification</u> Ruffled, huddled in appearance, sometimes with vomiting and/or diarrhoea (often described as ‘dirty’ vent but not to be confused with nervous wet vent) Remove from the bench</p>
<p>Presence of Mites</p> 	<p><u>Disqualification</u> Scaly face - Encrustations visible on one or more of the cere, beak, legs, eyes and vent. Feather mite - Ragged black or brown markings on feathers, particularly on the side toward the vent area Remove from the bench</p>
<p>Presence of Lice</p>  	<p><u>Disqualification</u> Visible usually on face, mask or neck as black ‘dots’ or fly shaped - flat & fast moving. Each disappear into the feather when disturbed Remove from the bench</p>
<p>Deformity or Injury</p>	<p><u>Disqualification</u> Undershot beak, evidence of feather plucking, dislocated joints, obvious French moult, three or more toes ‘permanently’ facing forward, inability to grip the perch, missing toe/s or part thereof - not toe nails, more than two primary tail feathers, substantial bleeding <u>Penalty</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twisted primary tail feather/s • Broken or missing or twisted toe nails [not toes]
<p>Condition</p>	<p><u>Disqualification</u> Adult Birds - Cere colour not relating to the sex of the bird, i.e. hormonal change. Both primary tail feathers missing or neither below the secondary tail feathers Broken Nest Feather – Disqualification clauses as per adult birds apply plus solid iris ring where present in the variety coupled with adult coloured cere, pin feathers in the cap, visible adult feathers in cap, neck, body or wing <u>Penalty</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence of pin feathers in adult birds • Missing flight feathers • Missing one primary tail feather • Broken feathers. <p>The worse the condition the greater the penalty</p>
<p>Variety</p>	<p><u>Disqualification</u> Birds entered in the wrong class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes birds showing characteristics other than those described in <i>The Standard</i> for the variety they represent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Combination of Cinnamon with Clearwing and Greywing. ○ Blackeyed Selves with grey cheek patches ○ Entries in the Dominant Pied Class with ground colour spot only on back of head or other part of the body <p>Eyes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varieties without a clearly visible iris ring where required in <i>The Standard</i> • Varieties with a visible iris ring where the absence of an iris ring is required in <i>The Standard</i>

<p>Variety (cont)</p>	<p><u>Penalty</u></p> <p>Birds of any variety with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Flecking - The heavier the flecking, the greater the penalty • Incorrect coloured cheek patches, other than birds entered in the wrong class • Ground colour spot on back of head or other part of the body other than as permitted in <i>The Standard</i> • Incorrect iris ring colour – not white • Incorrect cere colour as required in <i>The Standard</i> • Cleft, shallow or narrow masks • Missing (or extra) spots where <i>The Standard</i> requires six. Spots where <i>The Standard</i> requires none. Spots incorrectly presented as required in <i>The Standard</i> • Feather disturbances – ruffle in neck or chest area • Wing colour and/or markings not as described in <i>The Standard</i> • Long flighted and/or heavy secondary flight feather characteristics • Incorrect tail feather or tail quill colour within the parameters of the variety other than the Disqualifiable characteristics • Length of primary tail feathers not in proportion to the bird <p>Departure from varietal features as set out in <i>The Standard</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red eyed self colours with markings on the head, back of neck and wings - the heavier the markings, the heavier the penalty • Clearwings that do not have clear & pure ground colour on wings with absence of markings as described in <i>The Standard</i> - the heavier the markings the greater the penalty • Greywings that have body colour and wing markings varying from that required in <i>The Standard</i> - the greater the departure the greater the penalty • Self coloured birds, Spangle Double Factor and Lacewings with body colour suffusion • Opalines not showing a clear ‘V’ effect in mantle or with inadequate wing markings • Apart from Opalines, birds showing body colour on wings, back or neck • Dominant Pies showing incorrect markings as defined in <i>The Standard</i> for that variety of Pied. • Danish Recessive Pies with barring above the cere and / or wing markings greater or less than that as required in <i>The Standard</i> - the greater the departure the greater the penalty • Crested – where a bird has multiple crests, crest off centre or has a crest or feather disturbance outside of the areas allowed for in <i>The Standard</i> • Suffused that have body colour and wing markings greater or less than that required in <i>The Standard</i> – the greater the departure the greater the penalty
<p>Inappropriate or Illegal act by an exhibitor or team carer/s. Also refer Format & Rules for the ANBC Annual Championship Shows</p>	<p><u>Disqualification</u></p> <p>Any evidence of trimming (other than spots) or of dying or bleaching of feathers. Any practice that is deemed to be unfair including the tampering with rings. Double ringing be it plastic or metal. Rings other than the correct coloured ring marked with the year & ANBC Secretary’s nominated symbol.</p>

ANBC HISTORY 2007

The Championships, this year were hosted by the South Australian Budgerigar Council at their very reliable Venue. Allan Scott Park, more commonly known as the Morphettville Race Course. A very easy find ample parking most accommodating auditorium. Plenty of space to view the birds with the added advantage of their in house television net work, enabling people to view the judging from any area. The Sunday night presentation dinner with an excellent menu, at the same venue shows the true worth of working with well organized professional entities.

It was unfortunate that some of the other social arrangements did not meet peoples desired expectations, and cast a minor cloud over the whole proceedings. However we are all there for the Birds, the Competition, the Friendships, with all like minded people and the chance to view the best of the best the Budgerigar fraternity has to offer Nationally.

The Championships were strongly supported from all zones of Australia, as we go from strength to strength.

The A.N.B.C. Elections were held at the Delegates meeting on the Monday with the following results:

PRESIDENT	Gina House.	WA
SECRETARY	Bob Bourke.	NSW
PUBLIC OFFICIER	David Butters.	ACT
HISTORIAN	Leigh Downey.	VIC
WEB MASTER	Steve Campbell.	VIC

Nigel Tonkin (S.A.) is the third person on the Executive for the ensuing year.
Gina House is our first ever Lady President, congratulations Gina.

Bruce Bradford (N.S.W.) remains as the A.B.A. Delegate.

Rob Hugo (W.A.) remains also as the Colour & Standards Co-Ordinator.

Peter Glassenbury (S.A.) is the new National Judges Co-Ordinator taking over from Russell Keane (N.S.W.) We thank Russell for his time and commitment to this important position.

The main issue at the Delegates meeting was the Affiliation of the Budgerigar Society of New Zealand to the A.N.B.C. Finally sanity prevailed and they were accepted. The affiliation annual fee set, and the way was paved for New Zealand to adopt our Written Standard of the Budgerigar, and allow two candidates to sit the National Judges Exam on 2008.

Welcome New Zealand.

Secondly the ring issue date is to remain at January the 1st.

We are moving more to the era of Electronics as has been seen by the excess of emails the Secretary has had to endure. One wonders the relevance of that quantity of correspondence required in our hobby.

The weekend of Birds, Lectures, and Forums, was well defined and well spaced with ease of viewing of the Judging, the Judged Classes, and the Lectures.

The show was well supported by the trade stands with something for everyone.

The new concept continued with a second International Judge Officiating as one of the panel.

Marcel Buhler from Switzerland stepped into judge at obviously a very different format to his usual. He also provided two power point lectures, which were well received.

The teams of Officiating Judges were Mark Bridgeman (Vic) with Marcel Buhler (Swd)

Nigel Tonkin (S.A) with Kevin O'Callaghan (Nth.&Ctl.Qld).

The show will be remembered more for the unfortunates, than the successes as it had the highest disqualifications in any National Show. Very technical Judgements adhering to the relevant clauses in the Standard. Not totally accepted by some exhibitors present.

Of the twenty two classes, and the exhibition class (non point scoring) all were won by different exhibitors representing their respective zones. A great result congratulations all.

We were also entertained as part of the weekend program by a Panel night which included Marcel Buhler, his bird partner Ron Pierce (UK), Rick Watts (UK), Alan Gamble (NZ) and Warren Wilson (N.S.W), M.C. Nigel Tonkin (S.A)

The format was well received and the knowledge imparted by all especially the Northern Hemisphere contingent made for a very informative enjoyable evening of entertainment.

Victoria was judged the winners coming out on top ending a winning streak of three years by N.S.W. It was a very close result.

Congratulations Victoria.

Final Results.

1.	Victoria	433.
2.	New South Wales	428.
3.	South Queensland	381.
4.	Western Australia	304.
5.	South Australia	302.
6.	Tasmania	265.
7.	North & Central Queensland	185.

The controversial judging will be remembered for quite a while, but one hope is that this does not effect the continuing harmonious growth of this wonderful annual event, and the National now International friendships that are forged from it and the wonderful little bird that makes it all happen.

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

Judges 2007 A.N.B.C. Inc. National Competition - South Australia



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Left to right: Kevin O'Callaghan, Qld Nth & Cen Zone, Mark Bridgeman, Vic, Nigel Tonkin, S.A. and Marcel Buhler, Switzerland.

Report by host Zone (W.A.B.C. Inc.) on the 2008 Championship Show.

Thank you Madam President, for allowing me to table this report on behalf of the Host Zone.

The three clubs in W.A., (S.W.B.C., M.B.C. and The Rares Club of W.A.), can be truly proud of their efforts in hosting these championships. Not only was all our initial hard work and planning thrown into chaos when our first choice venue (The Atrium, Mandurah), was sold out from under us, but we found it extremely difficult to source a suitable venue in Metropolitan Perth, that would allow live animals to be housed and moved on their premises.

This left us with no other option than to search further afield with the end result being The Bayview Resort, Busselton.

In hindsight this has proved to be a blessing in disguise. I am sure you will all agree that, although not perfect, this venue has proven to be very suitable, and the feedback I have received has very positive and encouraging.

In my opinion the National Budgerigar Championships for 2008 have been a huge success. A great deal of hard work and planning goes in to host the Nationals, especially for a host Zone that has a relatively small number of active fanciers, who are willing to share in the workload.

For this very reason I have been asked to request that the national body considers drawing up a number of templates for Host Zones, so that each Zone doesn't have to re-invent the wheel (so to speak) each year again. If there are any drawbacks in Hosting an event such as this, (and I have to say there aren't too many, thankfully), the biggest negative is the inordinate amount of work the Zone Secretary has to encounter. An events template would help a great deal.

Having said all of that, I again thank you all and wish each and everyone of you all the best for the future. I would like to declare Nationals 2008 a huge success.

Thank you

On Behalf of the host Zone W.A.B.C.Inc.

Hans Sibum