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2009 ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

BURNIE CIVIC CENTRE, BURNIE

TASMANIA

25 MAY 2009

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AGENDA FOR THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL Inc. TO BE HELD AT THE BURNIE CIVIC CENTRE, BURNIE, TASMANIA, ON 25 MAY 2009 COMMENCING AT 9.00 A.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, Jim Fletcher.
- Item 4: Address by Bruce Chapman of Chapman Rings.
- Item 5: President's Report (Jim Fletcher).
- Item 6: Secretary's Report.
- Item 7: Fixing Times for Meeting.
- Item 8: Election of Office Bearers for 2009/10
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Committee Member
 - Public Officer
 - Historian
 - Web-master
- Item 9: Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 26 May 2008 at Busselton, W.A.
- Item 10: Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
- Item 11: Correspondence.
- Item 12: Financial Statement and Audit Report.
- Item 13: Membership Fee for 2009/2010.
- Item 14: Affiliations. (WBO and ABA).
- Item 15: Reports
 - ANBC Colour and Standards Committee. (Co-ordinator Rob Hugo).
 - ANBC National Judges' (Co-ordinator Peter Glassenbury).
 - Historian - Report by Leigh Downey on ANBC History update.
 - Web Master, Steve Campbell
 - Host State (B.C.T. Inc.) on the 2009 Championship Show.
- Item 16: Conduct of Australian Championship Show
- Item 17: General Business.
 - Leg Rings
 - Sponsorship and Fundraising
 - Bird Keeping Concerns
 - WBO
- Item 18: ANBC Championship Show 2010 & 2011.
- Item 19: Closure of Meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL
BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL HELD IN BURNIE ON 25 MAY 2009**

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.)	Alan Baxter and Rod Turnbull
New South Wales (B.S.N.S.W. Inc.)	Bruce Bradford and Jean Painter
South Australia (B.C.S.A. Inc.)	Peter Glassenbury
South Queensland (S.Q.B.B.A Inc.)	Neale Love and Dave Ganzer
North Queensland (Qld Nth & Central)	Brian Lewandowski
Tasmania (B.C.T. inc.)	Derek Poole
Western Australia (B.C.W.A. Inc)	Fran McLauchlan and John McLauchlan
A.N.B.C. President	Jim Fletcher
Colour and Standards Co-ordinator	Rob Hugo
National Judges' Co-ordinator	Peter Glassenbury
A.N.B.C. Committee Member	Gina House
National Secretary/Treasurer	Bob Bourke

ITEM 2 - APOLOGIES

2. Apologies were received from Phillip Charlesworth, B.C.T. Inc and Gavin Milton, QLD Nth and Cen Zone.

ITEM 3 – OPENING OF MEETING BY ANBC PRESIDENT, JIM FLETCHER

3. The President, Jim Fletcher, opened the meeting at 9.10 a.m. and welcomed delegates. A minute silence was observed to mark the passing of A.N.B.C. Founding Fathers Mr Stan Watson, OAM and Mr Amon Murdoch and National Judge Mr Robert (Bob) Gorman.

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 read and distributed to the Delegates.

ITEM 5 – PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5. Council President, Jim Fletcher presented and tabled his report. (A copy is attached to these minutes).

Motion Moved: Derek Poole, **Seconded by** Dave Ganzer.

that: *'The President's report be received and a vote of thanks be extended to Jim Fletcher'* – 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.

Motion Moved: Derek Poole **Seconded by** Dave Ganzer

that: *"The Secretary's report be received"* – 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 2009/10

8. **ANBC President.**

Motion From QLD NTH & CEN Zone. Seconded by Dave Ganzer

That: *"Brian Lewandowsky is nominated for the position of ANBC President for the period 2009/10"* - Carried unanimously

9. **ANBC Secretary.**

Motion From B.S.N.S.W. Seconded by Brian Lewandowski

That: *"Bob Bourke is nominated for the position of ANBC Secretary for the period 2009/10"* - Carried unanimously

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 From B.C.T. Seconded by Peter Glassenbury

That: *"Jim Fletcher is nominated as the third member of the ANBC Committee for the period 2009/10"* - Carried unanimously

11. **Public Officer.**

Motion From B.S.N.S.W.

Seconded by Brian Lewandowski

That: *“David Butters is nominated for the position of Public Officer of the ANBC for the period 2009/10.”* - Carried unanimously

12. Historian.

Motion From B.C.V. Seconded by Bruce Bradford

That: *“Leigh Downey is nominated for the position of ANBC Historian for the period 2009/10.”* - Carried unanimously

13. Web-master.

Motion From B.C.V. Seconded by Derek Poole

That: *“Steve Campbell is nominated for the position of ANBC Web-master for the period 2009/10.”* - Carried unanimously

ITEM 9 – MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

14. Minutes of the 2008 meeting were circulated with the agenda. The Chairperson asked if Delegates had read these and were agreeable to proceed.

Motion Moved: Bruce Bradford, **Seconded by** Rod Turnbull

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 matters of business arising were discussed:

- ***National Trophies*** – Qty 22 have been provided to B.C.T. for 2009 and written off. Stock for two years remain (QTY 44 – 2 X 22). Consideration of a suitable trophy for the seven-year cycle post 2011 is required. Following discussion it was agreed that a sample of the suggested replacement be presented to Council for decision in 2010.
- ***Calendar of National Winners*** – This has not progressed although considered to be an excellent idea. Jim Fletcher suggested that information technology developments might now overtake this project.
- ***Hall of Fame*** – The Hall of Fame spreadsheet has been updated to include 2008 and 2009 Class winners. Detail of 2008 inductees (Bob Smith and Wayne Cusack) has been added to the Hall of Fame page of the web site. Secretary provided a draft of suggested Guidelines for consideration of the introduction of a

“Service” Division to delegates in the meeting papers. This matter is held over and will be dealt with in Item 17.

- **Leg Rings.** Change of Ring Issue Date to 1 Sep commences with 2010 leg rings (to be issued on or after 1 Sep 2009). A new three (3) year contract (one year with two further one year options) from 2010 was negotiated and signed with Chapman Rings Pty Ltd. A copy of the new contract was provided to State/Zone Secretary’s. Report by Mr Bruce Bradford on the ongoing Ring Trial will be presented at Item 16.
- **Standards Matters** – Secretary and Standards Co-ordinator reported on Standards Matters resulting from the 2008 Council Meeting. In particular, the December 2008 amendment to the Standard (1/2008), the loading of the Standard (less graphics) to the web-site, the distribution of Hard Copies of the Standard and the 16mm Perch trial. Bob Bourke advised that Nigel Tonkin had allowed the ANBC to use his account with AAE for the freighting of the hard copies of the Standard and that this resulted in significant savings to the ANBC and Member Bodies for which we are most appreciative.
- **Review of Related Documents to the Constitution (By-laws)** - The President and Secretary advised of the progress with this task, which is ongoing.
- **WBO** – WBO has accepted the ANBC invitation and agreed in principal to hold their 2011 Meeting in Australia in May 2011.

ITEM 11 – CORRESPONDENCE

16. 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 2009/2010 and that this matter required decision by Council. This matter was held over to Item 13.

Motion Moved: Peter Glassenbury

Seconded by Dave Ganzer

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

ITEM 12 – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

17. A Financial Report, Balance Sheet and Auditors Report for 2008/09 were provided to the Delegates. Mr. Gary Heather accepted the invitation to conduct an audit of the 2008/2009 accounts, free of charge, and has provided an audit report. A copy is attached to these minutes. 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 2009/2010 ANBC accounts.

18. Bob Bourke spoke to the reports and advised that the \$5,000 from the ring account invested in a Term Deposit as decided by Council in 2007 had matured on 5 May 2008 and has been recredited to the Ring Account along with \$142.50 in interest. The investment of surplus funds (\$10,000) from the General Account which was approved by Council in 2008 was made with NAB (for 11 months and 29 days at 8% interest) and matures on 10 June 2009 with interest due of \$795.62. Bob advised that he would again seek to reinvestment surplus funds in a term deposit all be it at a reduced interest rate.

Motion Moved: Derek Poole,

Seconded by Dave Ganzer,

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

ITEM 13 - MEMBERSHIP FEE

19. 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: Derek Poole,

Seconded by Neale Love,

that: *“the application for re-affiliation for 2009/2010 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

20. **WBO.** Membership is currently sponsored by ‘Golden Cob’. Due April, Secretary/Treasurer sought Council approval to renew in April 2010.

Motion Moved by Neale Love **Seconded by** Peter Glassenbury,

that: *“payment of the WBO Membership Fee for 2010 be made by the Secretary when due (April 2010)”* – carried unanimously

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

- ***The Exotic Birds Advisory Group EBAG*** (Renamed Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts) ***DEWHA***. A consultant had been hired to provide a detailed report of the scheme at the end of the first 12-month period. DEWHA will hold a Stakeholders Meeting on 19th May 2009 in Canberra. Barbara Devnie (ABA Secretary) will attend this meeting to discuss the findings of the report and the future of the scheme.
- ***ABA ENDORSED VOLUNTARY CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BIRD SALES*** has been prepared (with notations that some State issues would apply).

Clubs and Societies have been adhering to this over the last 12 months and it all appears to be working well. Ross Burton, (NSW Department of Primary Industries) Director of Animal Welfare, Orange addressed a meeting on Sunday, 8th March 2009 at the Auburn RSL in relation to cage sizes for Bird Sales and Pet Shops. Ross Burton stated that he was reasonably happy with the Code of Ethics displayed at the Orange Sale the day before and the manner in which it was organised and policed. In summary he stated that he would like to see a uniform Suite of Control Measures in place for Bird Sales i.e. Avicultural Code of Practice and would consider exemptions from the Code (in the NSW

DPI Animal Welfare Code of Practice Animals in Pet Shops). Shows were not covered /affected by this Code and would fall under the domain of the Exhibitors Animal Act (Commercial operations). Hobby exhibitions are of no concern.

Reference

– *New documentation tabled from N SW Dept of Primary Industries - Animal Welfare Code of Practice (Animals in Pet Shops): Author, Ross Burton - Cage sizes determined will affect Sale Days. (Check Web Site www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animal-welfare).*

Pet Industry Association of Australia Ltd. *New National Code of Practice 2008. (Web Site www.piaa.net.au).*

- **Responsible bird keeping** *On Wednesday, 4th February two bird shows for Sunday, 8th February were cancelled due to expected extreme hot weather conditions. I reported to the March ABA meeting that this was an example of responsible bird keeping by the Shoalhaven and Hunter Branches of The BSNSW Inc.*
- **Importation Australia and New Zealand, / other countries** *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. No further action on import or export, due to the lack of interest from members. Only written support received was from the Far North Queensland Bird Breeders Club Inc, plus verbal support from Warren Wilson regarding the movement of birds between New Zealand and Australia. No news on the movement of birds between Australia and New Zealand. Appears to be a stand off from both Countries.*
- **Councils** *Central Highlands Emerald Shire Council has a 20-bird limit in place. Members of recognized Bird Clubs/Societies with a Code of Ethics can seek exemption. Redlands City Council (SQLD) seeking ban on pet birds to quell noise complaints. This became a big issue in the media, and the ABA with other organizations came down hard on this with a back down from Council.*
- **Ethanol Fuel** *No update to the previous report.*
- **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). 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.*

- **Public Liability Insurance (GIO - ABA)** This has become an issue in recent weeks with the inclusions of what and who are covered at our ANBC National Show and all our associated activities/events. This item has been followed up to the best of our efforts, and by all accounts the ANBC National in Burnie is covered.

22. Bruce Bradford spoke to the issues raised in the report and highlighted the ongoing Issues. Jim Fletcher outlined some recent instances in relation to movement of birds (mainly parrots) into TAS. Bob Bourke addressed the meeting in relation to insurance issues then 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.

23. In discussion of the report, Peter Glassenbury advised of the BCSA heat policy, Alan Baxter spoke in relation to the extreme heat conditions and fires in VIC in early Feb 09 and thanked the ANBC and Member Bodies for the support offered to BCV and QLD Nth and Cen Zone during that period. Bruce Bradford advised that B.S.N.S.W. Inc were visited by the RSPCA during their Annual Show in January.

Motion Moved: Peter Glassenbury, **Seconded by** Brian Lewandowski,

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 2009/10 and renews its Insurance (Limited Liability) through ABA subject to advice of acceptable exclusions”* – Carried unanimously

Motion Moved: Brian Lewandowski **Seconded by** Dave Ganzer,

that: *“Mr Bruce Bradford is nominated as ANBC Delegate and represents the ANBC at ABA Meetings in 2009/10”* - carried unanimously.

ITEM 15 – REPORTS

24. COLOUR AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT. Rob Hugo, the Colour and Standards Co-ordinator presented the following Colour and Standards report.

a. Attendance.

- The Colour and Standards meeting was held at Burnie on Saturday 23rd May 2009. All states and zones were present. Those present were: -
Bruce Wilson B.C.V. – Peter Glassenbury B.C.S.A. – Roy Blair TAS.
Gary Armstrong W.A. – Henry George S.Q.B.B.A. – Scott Erikson Qld N&C Zone - John Carter B.S.N.S.W. – Rob Hugo - coordinator.
Observers: - Bob Bourke – Alistair Home

b. Minutes of May 2008 Meeting - Business Arising

- The minutes of the 2008 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 2010. The Victorian delegate in charge of the progress on the matter asked if the time could be extended for another three months for initial report. The committee agreed to this time line. Now 30th September 2009.
 - The Scale of Points be revised, for Markings and Colour in both placement and points allocation. (It was recommended by C&S 2008 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). A report was tabled from Peter Glassenbury with comment from Roy Blair. It was agreed that the matter requires further consideration in relation to the break-up/allocation of the 40 points on page 23.
 - After seeking leave to address the meeting, Alistair suggested that Page 23 of the current standard could be altered, and expanded on, with careful selection of what may be needed. John Carter advised that the standard does this suggesting as an example the description for Opaline. John has agreed on behalf of BSNSW C&S committee to take the task back to his working committee and present updates to the coordinator and committee members through the year and to come up with a recommendation by the 30th September 2009.

c. A.N.B.C. Inc. -16mm Perch Trial Survey Questionnaire.

- All state bodies were asked to have the survey and questionnaire returned by 31st March 2009 to the C&S Coordinator. One state replied on time (BSNSW) and one directly to the ANBC Secretary (BCSA). All other states replied on the day of the meeting. Not all states supplied the requirements of the survey in full. Following discussion, the proposal to recommend the adoption of a 16mm Perch was carried - **4 for and 3 against**. C&S recommends that Council adopt the proposed 16mm perch size with the additional changes (increase in length of 2mm with increase in length of cut out to 6mm). It is further recommended that this change be effective from the ANBC Annual Championship Show in 2011 with a five-year phase out of 12mm perches from that date.

d. Recommendations in Relation to the Perch Size.

- C&S recommends that Council adopt the proposed 16mm perch size with the additional changes (increase in length of 2mm with increase in length of cut out to 6mm) to be level with the outer edge of the front board of the cage. It is further recommended that this change be effective from the ANBC Annual Championship Show in 2011 with a five-year phase out of 12mm perches from that date. Subject to Council agreeing to the recommended change, Peter Glassenbury and Rob Hugo are to draft an amendment to the Standard for endorsement by the ANBC Secretary.

The motions pertaining to the adoption of the new perch size were now considered to be redundant and withdrawn.

e. General Business.

- **AOSV Class.** John Carter asked if consideration could be made to the removal of the Suffused Yellow/White from the AOSV Class to allow the encouragement of the other varieties to compete. The suffused Yellow/White is now considered to be strong enough to stand-alone and compete as such. This will be carried over to 2010.

f. Nomination of Colour and Standards Coordinator for 2009-2010.

- Rob Hugo is nominated (unanimously) and has accepted the nomination as National Coordinator for Colour and Standards, subject to Council Concurrence, for 2009 – 2010.

Prepared by: Rob Hugo for and on behalf of the National C & S Committee on 23rd May 2009.

25. The report was discussed. Rob Hugo was thanked for presenting the Colour and Standards report. Peter Glassenbury advised that he had a contact for Powder Coating and was able to have chromed cage front's powder coated for \$1.50 each in lots of 100. He further advised that he was happy to receive these in lots of 100 for Powder Coating.

Motion Moved: Dave Ganzer, **Seconded by** Peter Glassenbury,

that: *“the Colour and Standards Report be accepted and Rob Hugo is endorsed as ANBC Colour and Standards Co-ordinator for 2009/10”* – carried 5 for, 2 against.

26. NATIONAL JUDGES' REPORT. Peter Glassenbury, the National Judges' Co-ordinator, presented the following Judges' Panel report.

a. **Meeting.** The ANBC Judges Meeting was held on 24 May 2009 and commenced at 3.45 p.m. Neale Love was elected to chair the meeting.

b. **Attendance.** 20 National Judges were in attendance and 9 apologies were received. Gary Armstrong was in attendance and was welcomed to the ANBC Judges' Panel.

c. **Minutes – 2008 Meeting.** The minutes of the 2008 Meeting were accepted and confirmed. All matters listed for business in the 2008 minutes were actioned. South Qld advised that although they voted “No” in the Postal Vote re the change to the Format and Rules they reaffirm their support for the change and support the amended Penalty and Disqualification Clauses.

d. **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was discussed and dealt with:

- **B.C.T. re Judges Selection Process.** Alistair Home was requested to prepare a paper for review of process and gain consensus to allow for presentation at 2010 Meeting.
- **B.C.T. Discussion Paper re Suffused Yellow/Suffused White.** Recommend to Council that Colour and Standards review the wording in the Standard for the Suffused

Variety to correct confusion and that the wording in the WBO Standard be used as a starting point.

- **Peter Glassenbury – Discussion paper re Black Eyed Self Colour.** Recommend that the paper presented be passed to Colour and Standards Committee for assessment.
- **Peter Glassenbury – Discussion paper re Scale of Points.** Withdrawn, matter under consideration by Colour and Standards Committee.

d. Notified Business.

- **Reconfirmations.** Judges who required reconfirmation have been confirmed by the relevant States/Zones.
- **Resignation.** The resignation from the panel submitted by Tim Tasi was accepted with regret. ANBC Secretary to acknowledge resignation with a letter of appreciation to Tim for service to the A.N.B.C.
- **Judges Examining Panel.** Three new Judges appointed to the Examining Panel. They are Roy Blair (TAS), Gary Gazzard (N.S.W.) and Ian Schneider (Nth Qld). Appointment is for period 2010 to 2013 inclusive. Retiring Examining Panel Judges (Nigel Tonkin, Lyn Miller and Derek Poole) were thanked for their input and action.
- **Vale – Bob Gorman.** The passing of Bob Gorman on 16 June 2008 was sympathetically acknowledged by all.
- **National Judges’ Accreditation Exam.** Three Judges sat the National exam. Gary Armstrong, W.A. Was successful. Others sitting and passing the theory element were invited to resit the practical elements. B.S.N.Z. continue to hold two positions for nomination of candidates to sit the examination.
- **WBO International Panel.** The recent advice from the WBO regarding the application of the 5-year term prior to acceptance on the International Panel was discussed. Recommend that the ANBC Secretary continue to address this anomaly on behalf of Australian Judges.
- **Workshop 2010.** The A.N.B.C. National Judges’ Workshop for 2010 is to be on Opaline (all Varieties) and will be co coordinated through Ian Schneider.
- **Coordinator.** Peter Glassenbury is nominated and has accepted the nomination as Coordinator for the A.N.B.C. National Judges’ Panel, subject to Council concurrence, for 2009 – 2010.

f. **2009 Workshop.** The meeting was followed by a successful interactive Workshop led by Alistair Home on the Normal Variety.

Prepared by: Peter Glassenbury for and on behalf of the A.N.B.C. National Judges’ Panel on 24th of^{May} 2009.

27. Discussion of the report occurred.

Motion Moved: Jean Painter, **Seconded by** Neale Love,

that: “the National Judges’ Report be accepted and Peter Glassenbury is endorsed as ANBC National Judges Co-ordinator for 2009/10” – Carried unanimously

28. REPORT BY ANBC HISTORIAN. Mr Leigh Downey was not in attendance but provided a written Historian's report for 2008/09. Copies were provided to the Delegates in the Meeting Papers and a copy is attached to these minutes.

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

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

29. REPORT ON THE WEB SITE. The Web-master, Steve Campbell was not in attendance. Bob Bourke spoke on the web site and advised that he is working with the Standards and National Judges Coordinators on a Photo Gallery representing selected National Winners, which were considered to best represent the varieties from Classes in the National. These would be linked to The Standard and acknowledge the win, breeder, and photographer and include a disclaimer. Bob requested that Member Bodies continually monitor the site and forward him any suggested changes. Jim Fletcher advised that he would ask the B.C.T. Web master, Luke Fletcher to review the site and provide comment in relation to recommended changes.

30. REPORT BY B.C.T. Inc ON 2009 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW. Jim Fletcher presented a Host State report on the 2009 ANBC Annual Championship Show. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. Jim was thanked for presenting the report.

ITEM 16 – CONDUCT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

31. The following Motions and Discussion Point were dealt with in relation to the Australian Championship Show:

Motion From S.Q.B.B.A., Seconded by Derek Poole

That: *“the use of an international judge be limited to once in 4 years. After an international judge has officiated at any ANBC show the following 4 years be locked out from another being asked to judge. I.e. If an international judge was used in Burnie 2009 then the next year that an international would be in SA in 2014. If SA did not want to invite a judge then WA would be eligible to in 2015 and so on and so forth until such time a zone decides to use one and then the 4 year block would happens again.”*

It was noted that the Years in the example were incorrect and should have indicated 2013 and 2014. These were corrected with approval of the Delegates from SQLD and the Secunder. The motion was discussed for and against, and then put. It was carried. (5 for, 2 against). The secretary advised that this would now require a change to the Format and Rules.

Moved by Dave Ganzer, **Seconded by** Derek Poole

That: “ *the Format and Rules be amended to incorporate the change concerning the use of an International Judge (Limited to once in four years). The change is to take effect following the next appointment of an International Judge*” – carried unanimously.

Motion From B.C.V. Seconded by Bruce Bradford

That: “ *each State or Zone be afforded the option of benching two or all three birds which have been selected to represent their State or Zone in each class in the National Competition, with points being awarded to the two highest placed birds in each Class and that the third bird be recognised with an award of a sash, rosette or other suitable acknowledgement at the discretion of the Host State.*” B.C.V, B.S.N.S.W, and B.C.T.

spoke for the Motion, SQBBA, B.C.S.A, W.A.B.C and QLD Nth and Cen Zone spoke against the motion. The motion was put and not carried. (3 for, 4 against).

Motion From B.C.V. Seconded, Derek Poole

That: “ *the A.N.B.C. Introduce a class for the A.O.S.V. Budgerigar to encourage improvement of the Variety as depicted in the Standard.*”

This motion was discussed, it was generally felt that only the Suffused Yellow/Suffused White, including the Grey Yellow/Grey White, from the AOSV Class was the only variety, which should be considered at this time. An amendmend motion was proposed:

Motion moved by Peter Glassenbury, **Seconded**

That: “ *the A.N.B.C. Introduce a Variable Class to be decided each year for benching two years hence*”. *Lapsed for want of a Seconder.*

The original Motion was withdrawn by the Mover and Seconder and a further Motion proposed:

Motion From Alan Baxter **Seconded,** Derek Poole

That: “ *the A.N.B.C. Introduce a class for the Suffused Yellow/Suffused White, (including Grey Yellow/Grey White) in the A.N.B.C. Annual Championship Show from and including 2011 and that this matter be referred to Member Bodies for decision by Postal Vote by 1 November 2009.*” - Carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION POINT FROM B.C.S.A.

National events to be held at Airport friendly and reasonably accessible locations.

32. This point was discussed and it was agreed that Host State/Zone should plan for these exigencies and ensure that they can logistically cater for the requirements when planning, selecting and making bookings for venues.

ITEM 17 – GENERAL BUSINESS

33. The following items of General Business were discussed:

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

During March, 2007 ANBC Secretary, Bob Bourke advised State Secretaries about a new process that Chapman Rings were trial ling. This new process involved the placing of a clear finish over the ring following the completion of the application of the paint numbering/lettering. Bob agreed to trial 30 of these rings.

The 2008 black rings were issued with this new treatment. The surface of the baked-on clear finish is hard and difficult to scratch and only a few of my rings showed some imperfection where the finish did not extend to the rim. It appeared at that stage that it would stand up to normal wear and tear. These rings have been on our birds for some 16 months now and are standing up to our satisfaction.

The 2009 Red rings have been used since mid December and they are also satisfactory. I have been told by some fanciers that this new application finish can be removed when using Dettol on the bird's legs.

I have had a few complaints regarding some of the internal surface of the ring being partly obstructed by paint or metal burring.

Like many of us Budgerigar breeders, Canary, Finch and Lovebird fanciers still have some concerns with numbers such as 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9. 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.

- **Sponsorship and Fundraising.** The Secretary provided an update of sponsorship. A summary of the National sponsorship and Ring Levy Support payments provided to BCT in hosting the 2009 event was provided to Delegates. The following Sponsorship and Fund raising matters were addressed by Bob Bourke:
 - **Golden Cob - Current agreement expires in 2010.** A draft proposal for sponsorship 2011 to 2017 has been prepared by the Committee and forwarded to MARS Birdcare Australia for consideration. Secretary to follow up this proposal.
 - **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).** The Committee has completed the outstanding task and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been finalised with Bruce Chapman (Chapman Rings/Petcare Direct) in relation to National Sponsorship. Bob Bourke will provide a copy to States/Zones. MOU's will be drafted and progressed with other Major and Minor National Sponsors.

- **Additional Sponsors.** Bob advised that the A.N.B.C. Committee was in negotiation with additional potential minor sponsors and that MOU's would be raised with any new Sponsors keeping in mind the requirements of our Major Sponsors. Bob acknowledged

The additional late cash sponsorship of \$250 from Elenbee Bird Supplies (NSW) in support of the 2009 National, which had been passed on to, and gratefully received by, B.C.T.

- **Pictorial Prints.** Sales have been slow this year. The Auction of two at the Presentation Dinner on the Sunday night continues to be a good source of revenue. Delegates were requested to remind Member Bodies of the discounted rate of Prints for them in the 51 to 100 series (half price - \$50 per print) if used for prizes. Secretary will re circulate the Order Form.
- **ANBC Badges.** These remain slow sellers however; some are sold during the National Weekend (Five sold last weekend).
- **Freighting of Teams.** Bob Bourke highlighted this as a significant issue for the A.N.B.C. and its Member Bodies and thanked Dave Ganzer for his contribution and assistance with this for 2009. Following discussion of this matter it was agreed that a Working Party be formed which would include Dave Ganzer, Bob Bourke and other invited individuals to examine possible options in relation to freighting birds including sponsorship and the feasibility of opening and operating a national account.
- **Hall of Fame.** The Secretary addressed the following in relation to the Hall of Fame:
 - **2009.** There were no new inductees in 2009. Six new exhibitors had recorded first wins in 2009. Spreadsheet has been updated for 2009 wins and will be circulated to State/Zones in due course. Web site will be updated to include 2009 wins. A copy of the photograph arranged by the Secretary and taken of Hall of Famer's attending the 2009 National will also be loaded to the site.
 - **New Division** – A draft of a paper concerning the proposed new division (Honour Roll – for service) prepared by the Committee and Mr Bruce Bradford was provided to Delegates. Following discussion of this draft it was agreed that it be circulated to Member Bodies for decision.

Motion moved by Jean Painter, Seconded by Peter Glassenbury

That: *“The draft Paper concerning the proposed new division (Honour Roll – for service) of the A.N.B.C. Hall of Fame be circulated to Member Bodies for acceptance or otherwise by postal Vote by 1 November 2009”* - Carried unanimously

Motion From S.Q.B.B.A. This motion was not progressed and withdrawn by SQLD Delegate

That: *“the certificate awarded to Hall of Fame inductees be discontinued and be replaced with a presentation plaque of the same quality and similar design to the*

plaque that is currently presented to the Judges who officiate at the ANBC National Championship Show ”. Withdrawn

- **Bird Keeping Concerns.** These were mainly raised in and following the ABA report in Item 15 above. No further updates were provided. Bob Bourke advised that These concerns should continue to be passed through him to Bruce Bradford without delay for referral to the ABA.
- **WBO.**
- **WBO Rosettes.** Jim Fetcher advised that 4 X WBO Rosettes had been received by B.C.T. These will be awarded and reported to the ANBC Secretary and WBO along with suitable photographs for posting to the WBO Website.
- **WBO 2009 Meeting.** The next WBO meeting is to be held on Friday 16th October 2009 in JESOLO (near Venice), **Italy** to coincide with Club AMICI Specialist Show, which is to be held over that weekend. The 2010 meeting will be held in Portugal in **Póvoa de Varzim** near Porto on 29th October 2010. Bob Bourke again requested advice of any fancier from Member Bodies who may be attending the 2009 Show in Italy and who would be prepared to represent the ANBC at the WBO Meeting.

WBO International Judges’ Panel.

- Bob Bourke advised that the WBO has recently (March 2009) reassessed the previous position taken in relation to the WBO Regulations pertaining to International Judges’ and have reversed previous advice to now apply the five year rule to our National Judges. Strictly, and in accordance with the WBO Regulations, Judges meet the criteria if they “be a fully qualified judge for a minimum of 5-years in their own Country or in the country/society in which the qualified” and are to be endorsed by the Secretary of that (WBO) Affiliated Society.
- In July 2005, an issue arose concerning the WBO Judges Panel. At that time it was the considered opinion of the National Judges’ Coordinator and ANBC Secretary that, for Australia, all ANBC Nationally Accredited Judges should appear on the WBO Panel. Advice from the WBO Secretary was:

*The WBO criteria is that for Judges to be included on the WBO Judges List is for them to be fully qualified judges for a **minimum of 5- years** in their own country ... This requirement is to be endorsed by the secretary of that affiliated society and forwarded to me.*

*It is not for me to interpret whether passing the ANBC Judges Test is to count towards the start of that five years or when they passed their own State-judging test as long as the **5-years** condition is satisfied. I had an updated list from your Judges co-coordinator of the day dated **3rd October 2003**, which had in red the year that they passed the ANBC test. We were working on that principle since the ANBC had affiliated to the WBO in 2000 when Nigel was the Judges co-coordinator and those who took over from him.*

*So once again I am asking the question are you counting the **5-years** from the time those judges (and future ones) passed their State test or the ANBC test? This is an issue for the ANBC Council to decide on and not me.*

- The issue was referred to Council for decision in 2006 and by unanimous decision it was decided: ‘that all ANBC Nationally Accredited Judges are nominated and are included on the WBO International Judges Panel.’ This decision was advised to the WBO and an updated list of ANBC Judges’ was forwarded to the WBO and the Judges were included on the WBO Panel.
- The matter was discussed at the A.N.B.C. National Judges Meeting held yesterday. From the report of that meeting (see paragraph 28 [e] above) their consideration and endorsed recommendation is, “ that the ANBC Secretary continue to address this anomaly on behalf of Australian Judges.” Following discussion it was agreed by Council that the A.N.B.C. Secretary continue to address this matter with the WBO. Our previous position that our ANBC Judges’ meet the five-year rule in that they have been qualified Judges’ for five or more years remains extant.

ITEM 18 – ANBC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2010 AND 2011

34. 2010 National. Brian Lewandowski briefed the Delegates on planning to date for the 2010 National to be held in Rockhampton, QLD and invited Delegates to attend. Information packs had been distributed to National attendees over the past few days and delegates to the meeting were each provided with a pack.

35. **2011 Hosted by BSNSW.** BSNSW have formally advised that they are planning to conduct a two-day National Championship Competition event at Canberra, ACT in 2011.

ITEM 19 – CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

- Bob Bourke raised a matter from his report concerning reconsideration of the Rule change in relation to including the Friday prior to the show in the requirements. For next year (2010) the date is locked in for the event to commence on Friday 28th of May 2010. Following discussion it was agreed that a change of the Rule back to the fourth weekend in May from 2011 was required.

Motion Moved: Derek Poole, **Seconded by** Jean Painter,

that: “The Format and Rules for the Australian National Budgerigar Council Annual Championship Shows be amended in Format- 1st paragraph by deleting, on the weekend commencing the fourth Friday in May. and inserting, on the Friday prior to the weekend commencing the fourth Saturday in May.” – Carried unanimously

- The A.N.B.C. Secretary advised the meeting that Gina House will finish her two-year period on the Committee at the end of June and thanked Gina for her support to the A.N.B.C. during her term.

MOTION moved by Jim Fletcher, Seconded by Bob Bourke,

that: “ A vote of thanks be extended to Gina House for her time on the A.N.B.C. committee. ” – Carried unanimously

MOTION moved by Bruce Bradford, Seconded by Gina House,

that: “ A vote of thanks be extended to Jim Fletcher for his efforts as A.N.B.C. President and for the manner in which he conducted this Council Meeting and to the BCT for hosting and conducting an excellent ANBC National.” – Carried unanimously

37. The next meeting of Council will be held in Rockhampton, QLD on Monday 31 May 2010.

38. 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 2.15 p.m.

Bob Bourke
Secretary

June 2009

Attachments:

1. Presidents' Report.
2. Secretary' Report.
3. Audit Report
4. Minutes – Colour and Standards Committee.
5. Minutes – National Judges' Meeting.
6. A.N.B.C. Historians' Report. (2008/09)
7. Report by BCT, Host State/Zone 2009.

ANBC Presidents Report 2008/2009

Well it has been six years since I last presented the ANBC Presidents report, during this time the event has changed in that we now have 22 classes instead of 19. President now holds office in the year leading up to that state or zone that is holding the show. Once again it has been an honour to hold the position for the past 12 months, as I look back at the year and ask myself:

“What have we done, and achieved in this time?”

1. The ANBC standard is now on line.
2. Working parties have been meeting and reports will be tabled today.
3. Increased and continued funding from some of our much needed sponsors.
4. Continuation of ring levy as our major fund raiser.
5. Bob has kept us informed of council business via the ‘Council Chatter.’
6. The use of email and the net as a tool to communicate.
7. Bob has continued in his pursuit of updating all the paperwork associated with the ANBC.

“Where to from here, for the ANBC?”

The big issue I see on the horizon, is the transport of birds to these National Shows in the future. Once we see how this year’s travel works out with the help of Dave Ganzer, I believe the ANBC Committee should take on the task of trying to secure a business firm like ‘TOLL’ as a sponsor. We don’t need monetary sponsorship, just a good deal on the freighting of our team birds. As it stands at present we have the same hassles every year.

At this year’s show we posted the results on the WEB after each class was judged. I hope the breeders around this great country of ours, who were unable to make the journey to Burnie, appreciate that we have tried to keep them involved.

The use of technology as a tool for running these events is now becoming paramount as information can easily be sent to a wide audience. What is required however is the need for those breeders who are IT savvy, is to keep their contact details up to date with their State Secretaries.

Tassie is planning to hold a forum tonight for those are still in Burnie and the surrounds with the topic being ‘ANBC 2020’ I think this would be a great opportunity in a relaxed and informal atmosphere to see what people think the ANBC will be or where we would like it to be. I do hope you all can attend and share your thoughts and vision with us.

Finally I would like to thank Bob & Gina for their excellent work for the past year.

Jim Fletcher
President
A.N.B.C.

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

This past year has been a busy year for the A.N.B.C. with many issues and tasks for the Committee and Co coordinators to work through. Some challenges have been presented not the least being the issues concerned with transporting birds across the country, insurance for incorporated not for profit organizations and bird keeping concerns. Tasks completed included the loading of the electronic version of The Standard to the web site, Amendment 1/08 to the Standard being issued and hard copies of the Standard being distributed to States/Zones.

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

Thanks are again extended to State/Zone Secretary's for their patience and prompt responses to me when required. Special mention is warranted for the efforts of Dave Ganzer in relation to arrangements concerning the movement of our State teams, to Bill Sedgewick for continuing to support me in the procurement of Judges' awards and to Nigel Tonkin for allowing the use of his AAE account to freight the standards.

In 2005, following a recommendation from the National Judges and discussion in Council the Format and Rules were updated to incorporate the Friday prior to the Show in the requirements. At the time it was decided to change "on the weekend commencing the fourth Saturday in May" to "commencing the fourth Friday in May" The ramification of this decision were not fully considered with the result that in some years the event is now scheduled for the fifth weekend in May. This impacts on some States/Zones and should be reconsidered by Council.

Finally, I look forward to a good year leading up to the 2010 national hosted by QLD North and Central Zone in Rockhampton and look forward to working with the planning teams for both 2010 and 2011.

Regards,

Bob Bourke
ANBC Secretary/Treasurer

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL INC.**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT**

To the members of the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc:

SCOPE: I have audited the financial statements of the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. for the period from 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009. The Council's committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Council. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members. The statements have been prepared on a cash basis from the records of the Council. They are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values, stocks of items held for future use or resale, or amounts receivable in respect of sales made or interest not yet due.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Procedures included, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material aspects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the cash basis of accounting whereby revenue is recorded when it is received, expenses are recorded when they are paid, and no assets or liabilities other than cash or bank balances are recorded. Accounting Standards and other professional reporting requirements (UIG Consensus Views) are not applicable to the cash basis of accounting adopted by the Council.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

QUALIFICATION: As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions and other fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit in relation to such funds was limited to the amounts recorded.

QUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION: In my opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the above qualification not existed, the financial statements present fairly, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described above, the payments and receipts of the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. for the period 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009 and its cash and bank balances as at 31st March 2009.



Gary N Heather
Auditor

4th May 2009

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL INC.

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2009**

	2009	2008
RECEIPTS		
Sale of Standards and Badges	33.00	480.00
Sale of Pictorials	1504.20	1073.65
Affiliation Fees	2250.00	2250.00
Ring Levy Receipts	6477.20	7582.00
Sponsorship	6857.00	6663.08
Freight Reimbts - Standards	844.80	-
Bank Interest	1.32	2.17
 Total Receipts	 17964.52	 18050.90
PAYMENTS		
Bank Charges & Taxes	-	28.00
Badges& Engraving	-	50.90
Postage Stationery & Telephone	150.30	215.32
Host Zone - Ring Levy	7000.00	7000.00
Sponsorship Host Zone	6500.00	6250.00
Affiliation & Insurance - ABA	140.00	140.00
Membership - World Budgerigar Orgn.	357.00	385.08
Web Site Expenses	140.00	200.00
Incorporation Expenses	31.00	60.00
Pictorial Prints & Framing	32.00	326.00
Trophies	300.00	300.00
Freight - Standards	840.55	123.79
 Total Payments	 15490.85	 15079.09
 EXCESS RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS) FOR YEAR	 \$ 2473.67	 \$ 2971.81

**STATEMENT OF RETAINED PROFITS
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2009**

	2009	2008
Retained Profits at start of year	23823.83	20852.02
Add: Excess Receipts for Year	2473.67	2971.81
 RETAINED PROFITS AT END OF YEAR	 \$26927.50	 \$23823.83

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL INC.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2009

	2009	2008
CURRENT ASSETS		
National Australia Bank		
General Account	4873.93	11878.10
Ring Account	6423.57	11945.73
Term Deposits	15000.00	-
Total Current Assets	26297.50	23823.83
TOTAL ASSETS	26297.50	23823.83
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-
NET ASSETS	\$ 26297.50	\$ 23823.83
 MEMBERS EQUITY		
Retained Profits	\$ 26297.50	\$ 23823.83

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2009

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the accounts preparative of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT). The members have determined that the Council is not a reporting entity as defined in Statement of Accounting Concepts 1 "Definition of the Reporting Entity" and therefore there is no requirement to apply accounting standards in the preparation and presentation of these statements.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these statements:

- AASB1001: Accounting policies - disclosure
- AASB 1002: Events occurring after balance date
- AASB 1018: Profit and Loss accounts
- AASB 1025: Application of the reporting entity concept and other amendments

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ANBC COLOUR AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE BURNIE
ON SATURDAY 23rd OF MAY 2009**

ITEM 1 - ATTENDANCE

The Colour and Standards Co-ordinator, Rob Hugo declared the meeting opened at 3.00p.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:

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|------------------------|---------------|
| • Mr. Bruce Wilson | B.C.V |
| • Mr Peter Glassenbury | B.C.S.A |
| • Mr Roy Blair | B.C.T |
| • Mr Gary Armstrong | W.A.B.C |
| • Mr Henry George | S.Q.B.B.A |
| • Mr Scott Erikson | LD N & C Zone |
| • Mr John Carter | S.N.S.W |
| • Mr Rob Hugo | Co-ordinator |

Visitors to the meeting included: Bob Bourke and Alistair Home.

ITEM 2: - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: TAS Roy Blair Seconded: Henry George SQBBA.

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

ITEM 3: - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The following business arose from the minutes of the previous meeting:

- Moulded Plastic Show Cage was a task set and the matter is still in progress. The matter is to be held over until 2010. B.C.V. has the lead on this task and their Delegate; Bruce Wilson requested an extension for a further three months for initial report. The committee agreed to this time line. Now 30th September 2009.
- The Scale of Points is revised, for Markings and Colour in both placement and point's allocation. (It was recommended by C&S 2008 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). A report was tabled from Peter Glassenbury with comment from Roy Blair. It was agreed that the matter requires further consideration in relation to the break up/allocation of the 40 points on page 23.

- After seeking leave to address the meeting, Alistair suggested that Page 23 of the current standard could be altered, and expanded on, with careful selection of what may be needed. John Carter advised that the standard does this suggesting as an example the description for Opaline. John has agreed on behalf of BSNSW C&S committee to take the task back to the B.S.N.S.W. Colour and Standards Committee and present updates to the coordinator and ANBC C & S Committee Members through the year and to come up with a recommendation by the 30th September 2009.
- **A.N.B.C. Inc. -16mm Perch Trial Survey Questionnaire.**

All state bodies were asked to have the survey and questionnaire returned by 31st March 2009 to the C&S Coordinator. One state replied on time (BSNSW) and one directly to the ANBC Secretary (BCSA). All other states replied on the day of the meeting. Note. Not all states supplied the requirements of the survey in full. State Trial results as presented to the Colour & Standards Committee by State Delegates were:

- S.Q.B.B.A.: The state is in favour of the change.
- VIC: Did not want any change and to leave the perch as it is.
- B.S.N.S.W.: Were in favour. Bob Bourke added that the state had a 2/3 majority in favour but most agreed that the bird did not appear to present as well and there appeared that there was no benefit in the change.
- TAS: The state used the trial over three Annual Shows and found the birds did not perform better and found no benefit in the change.
- WA: The state discussed the trial at a discussion day with a small group chaired by Peter Glassenbury. Agreed to the change.
- QLD.N.Central Zone: The zone carried out three trials at the zone selections. Two clubs voted for the change. Two clubs voted No for the change saying the birds looked lazy on the perch and flopped across it. This resulted in a NO vote.
- S.A.: Carried out three sets of trials. With a Yes vote and recommend an increase in length by 2mm both in overall length and in the cut out of the perch.

Following discussion, the proposal to recommend the adoption of a 16mm Perch was carried – **4 for, and 3 against.**

- C&S recommends that Council adopt the proposed 16mm perch size with the additional changes (increase in length of 2mm with increase in length of cut out to 6mm as requested by S.A. Delegate) to be level with the outer edge of the front board of the cage. It is further recommended that this change be effective from the ANBC Annual Championship Show in 2011 with a five-year phase out of 12mm perches from that date. Subject to Council agreeing to the recommended change, Peter Glassenbury and Rob Hugo are to draft an amendment to the Standard for endorsement by the ANBC Secretary.

ITEM 4 - CORRESPONDENCE

- The Coordinator provided a folder containing a correspondence list of incoming and outgoing mail.

Adopted by Scott Erikson Qld N & C Zone Seconded by Roy Blair

ITEM 5 - TASK LIST/ITEM REFERRED BY COUNCIL

- Moulded Plastic Show Cages were a task set and the matter is still in progress. The committee agreed to a new time line for a report to the C&S Coordinator to be Now 30th September 2009. Further discussion to be held over until 2010.
- The Scale of Points be revised, for Markings and Colour in both placement and points allocation. BSNSW C&S Delegate, agreed to take the task back to the B.S.N.S.W. Colour and Standards Committee and present updates to the A.N.B.C. Standards Coordinator and Committee Members through the year and to come up with a recommendation by the 30th September 2009.
- **A.N.B.C. Inc. -16mm Perch Trial Survey Questionnaire.**
Peter Glassenbury and Rob Hugo are to draft an amendment to the Standard for Showcage perch changes to 16mm and present to the ANBC Secretary for endorsement if Council concurs with the recommendation to adopt the 16mm Perch.

ITEM 6: - GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Notice of Motion.** The motions pertaining to the adoption of the new perch size were now considered to be redundant and withdrawn.
- **AOSV Class.** John Carter asked if consideration could be made to the removal of the Suffused Yellow/White from the AOSV Class to allow the encouragement of the other varieties to compete. The suffused Yellow/White is now considered to be strong enough to stand-alone and compete as such. This will be carried over to 2010.

ITEM 7: - NOMINATION OF COLOUR AND STANDARDS COORDINATOR FOR 2009/2010

- Rob Hugo is nominated (unanimously) and has accepted the nomination as National Coordinator for Colour and Standards, subject to Council Concurrence, for 2009 – 2010.

ITEM 8: - Close

There being no further business, Rob Hugo thanked the Delegates for their attendance and closed the meeting at 5.40 p.m and invited the delegates to meet again for the 36th Annual Show held at Rockhampton 28th to 3rd June 2010 hosted by Queensland North and Central Zone Budgerigar Council.

Rob Hugo
ANBC Standards Coordinator
21st June 2009

ANBC Judges Meeting Burnie Civic Centre (VIP Room) Burnie Tasmania Sunday 24th May 2009

MINUTES

Meeting commenced 3.45pm

1. Neil Love was elected Chairperson
2. No invited guests in attendance
3. Roll Call -
 - Judges in attendance were – Peter Glassenbury, Jean Painter, Lynne Miller, Ian Schneider, Alan Rowe, Allen McCauley, Matt Campbell, Stephen Mow, Roy Blair, Alan Baxter, John Skoric, Gary Gazzard, Neale Love, Malcolm Loveridge, Neville Spencer, Alistair Home, Derek Poole, Henry George, Mark Bridgeman, Bob Bourke and Gary Armstrong.
 - Gary Armstrong was officially welcomed after successfully completing entrance qualifications.
4. Apologies were received from –
 - Shiralee Reardon, Nigel Tonkin, Jim Fletcher, Erroll Miller, Ron Hunt, Ross Loats, Peter Dodd, Kevin O’Callaghan and Jeff Lloyd
5. Minutes for 2008 were tabled and accepted as read – moved Stephen Mow, seconded Jean Painter – all in favour.
6. Business Arising – All matters listed for business in 2008 minutes were actioned as required throughout the year and South Queensland reaffirmed their support for the Penalty and Disqualifications clauses accepted last year.
7. Correspondence –
 - BCT re Judges Selection Process – Alistair Home is to prepare a paper for the review of the current process and gain a consensus during the year to allow presentation in 2010 at Rockhampton.
 - Discussion paper from BCT re judging Suffused class – Recommended to Council that the Colour and Standards Committee review the Standards written content regarding this class and that the WBO Standard wording be a starting point to correct current confusion. (A Home and R Blair to be the points of reference for C & S)
 - Discussion paper from BCSA re Black Eyed Selfs – Recommended that the paper as presented and marked attachment ‘A’ to these minutes be passed to the Colour and Standards Committee for assessment.
 - Discussion paper re Scale of Points – withdrawn as not proceeded with by Colour and Standards.
8. Notified Business
 - Judges required to be reaffirmed by respective States and Zones under 7 year rule was attended to.
 - Tim Tasi resigned as a Judge 29/1/2009 and that action accepted. National Secretary to acknowledge resignation with a letter of appreciation for service.

- Three new Judges were appointed to the ANBC Judges Panel to replace current participant who have served By-Law terms. Appointed were Roy Blair (Tas), Gary Gazzard (NSW) and Ian Schneider (NCQ) and term will be 2010 to 2013 inclusive. Retiring panelists were thanked for their past input and participation.
- Passing of Bob Gorman on 16/6/08 was sympathetically acknowledged by all.
- Three judges sat the ANBC testing process with Gary Armstrong being successful. Others sitting passed the theory and were invited to re-sit practical process. New Zealand continues to hold two acceptances to sit the testing process in 2010.
- WBO restrictions regarding term of 5 years active as ANBC Judges prior to acceptance on WBO Panel was discussed and considered inappropriate given past acceptance requirements. All current judges are to supply details of when they were first appointed as Judges to expand our records National Secretary is to continue to pursue this anomaly for ANBC Judge acceptance time frames on WBO Panel.

Judges Workshop for 2010 in Rockhampton to be Opalines (all varieties) and will be coordinated by that zone through Ian Schneider.

Peter Glassenbury was Re-elected as Judges Coordinator and will be nominated to Council.

9. Meeting closed at 4.45pm and was followed by a successful interactive workshop led by Alistair Home on the Normal Variety.

Peter Glassenbury
Judges Coordinator
24/5/2009

Attachment:

1. Black Eyed Self Colour

Black Eyed Self

The discussion point is **what is the definitive test to identify "the intrusion of the colour Grey" in blackeyed self?**

The wording of The Standard is: "Visible Opaline characteristics are not permissible nor is the intrusion of the colour Grey given the variety is to achieve an optimum of colour Yellow or White as the name 'Self' implies."

"White suffused Pale Grey" cheek patches is a departure from the mandatory "White suffused Pale Violet" cheek patches, which would mandate disqualification. The problem is that Pale Grey cheek patches versus Pale Violet cheek patches can be impossible to distinguish given the variation in cheek patches seen when a row of blackeyed selfs are lined up for comparison.

A far easier criterion to distinguish between blackeyed yellows and grey yellows (yellows masking greengreen) is their body colour, particularly where there is some level of suffusion in the flanks. Buttercup yellow body colour with or without visible green suffusion especially along the flanks is diagnostic for blackeyed self without "the intrusion of the colour grey." Where there is "the intrusion of the colour Grey", the blackeyed self is a dull mustard yellow colour rather than buttercup yellow. The problem with this criterion is that it is difficult to distinguish mustard yellow of the grey yellow from similar mustard colouration of the olive yellow, the latter being without "the intrusion of the colour Grey." The cheek patch also takes on a dull grey colour with the grey rather than pale dull blue grey with the Olive yellows overall colouration.

The situation with blackeyed whites is similar. The true blackeyed self according to The Standard would be pure white or exhibiting feint blue suffusion on the flanks. A very pale Grey body colour represents a grey white (white masking grey), and again not acceptable as a blackeyed self as the The Standard is currently written. Again the problem here is that masking of mauve can give a similar pale dull blue grey shade body colour when compared with the masking of grey. The cheek patch also takes on a dulled grey blue colouration being mutated by the intrusion of the double dark factor of the mauve.

While the other self coloured varieties in the Inos, the Spangle Double Factors, the Clearbody and Lacewings allow the intrusion of the colour grey in line with The Standard we are not however advocating that this intrusion be allowed within the blackeyed self variety as this variety must not be lost as elsewhere in the world.

We do however seek that consideration be given to a change in the cheek patch colouration for these double dark factored blackeyed self birds and the change in wording to "White suffused pale **BLUE** to violet" (the same wording as the Suffused Yellows and Whites) along with a notation made that flanking mustard colour could be visible with this variety depending on the depth of genetic body colour.

A.N.B.C. HISTORY 2008

Western Australian Budgerigar Council (WABC) was the host this year for the National Competition. After a tumultuous year in the west throwing the organising committee completely offside with the Original venue being sold out from under them, they were forced to look elsewhere promptly for an alternative venue. As all who have been involved with organising a National weekend know full well that it takes in excess of twelve months of planning. WABC chose the Geographe Resort situated on Geographic Bay, Busselton. A beautiful part of Australia. In the short space of time the Resort worked with Gina and the executive of the WABC to enable them to provide for all of the Australian Budgerigar fanciers a memorable weekend, successful in all aspects of the National Competition and the associated social activities. These were well up to the high standard we have come to expect.

There were also many volunteers from other zones who put their hands up to work at the show helping out WABC and ensuring a very well organised and smooth show. A great communal atmosphere for the enjoyment of everyone. Although the restrictions by Quarantine controls created a mild hurdle, and the distance from the airport in Perth to the venue was considerable, all seemed to be overcome and the birds from all reports travelled well to and from the show. The fanciers also came to enjoy a great weekend of budgies and a week of lovely tours as well. Congratulations to the WABC for a very successful National.

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

PRESIDENT.	Jim Fletcher.	Tasmania.
SECRETARY.	Bob Bourke.	N.S.W.
PUBLIC OFFICIER.	Dave Butters.	A.C.T.
HISTORIAN.	Leigh Downey	VIC.
WEB MASTER.	Steve Campbell.	VIC.

The Executive this year is the President, Secretary, and the immediate past President, Gina House.

Colour and Standards Co-Coordinator	Rob Hugo.	W.A.
A.B.A. Delegate.	Bruce Bradford.	N.S.W.
National Judges Co-Coordinator.	Peter Glassenbury.	S.A.

There was not a large amount of business to be discussed, with the main item being the ring issue date. This is now to be the 1st. September commencing 2010. There were no New Zealand candidates for the National Judges test. Maybe next year. The weekend started with rain, but it did not dampen the spirit once everyone had arrived and renewed acquaintances. Friday night meet and greet was again very well patronised causing the organising team a few problems with catering and accommodating everyone. They sorted through it with just a few delays.

Saturday and on with the show, the birds, Lectures, forums, and the now traditional Auction, all well spaced defined and a pleasure for all who attended. A few trade stands and a cosy bar rounded everything out. Saturday night's dinner dance and

Sunday night's presentation dinner were well supported and very nice. Congratulations to the staff as both of these events were logistically labour intensive.

For the third year in a row we were treated to an International Judge. Janice Al Nasser, who has a very impressive CV, was one of the officiating Judges. The current President of the B.S. England, a WBO Judge, English Judge and a budgie breeder of note in partnership with her husband Ghalib. Janice also gave a very informative lecture, and a slide show including some magnificent European birds.

The teams of Officiating Judges were:

Janice Al Nasser U.K. with Henry George Sth. Qld.
Peter Glassenbury S.A. with Derek Poole Tas.

The show was judged, as is the norm now, over two days in Great Spirit to a full auditorium of interested spectators, right to the very last class. A truly close and seesawing competition. The room provided for the public viewing of the judged classes was spacious and pleasant for all for ease of viewing.

The logies were well distributed with twenty of the classes won by different individual Exhibitors. Bob Smith Sth. Qld won two classes. An impressive performance, elevating him into the Hall of Fame, a great effort. There was also one more inductee into the Hall of Fame. Wayne Cusack NSW. Achieved this by winning the same class four times. Not only is it a great achievement winning the Black Eyed Self Class four times, to his credit he achieved it over the last four consecutive years.

Victoria was judged the winners leading from midway through the first day and them watching as the lead was whittled away throughout the final classes, but managing to hold on by four points from NSW.

Final Results.

1. Victoria.	456.
2. N.S.W.	452.
3. South Queensland.	430.
4. Western Australia.	341.
5. Tasmania.	244.
6. Nth. & Central Queensland.	197.
7. South Australia.	190.

The weekends Judging was a huge success, following on to decisions made as to judging to the Standard in the previous year, and Zones taking note of these requirements to make sure there were no re-occurrences of birds benched that do not conform, and with all contentious birds either left home or in the holding area. The tours organised in that beautiful part of Western Australia were well patronised and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In this current climate of ever increasing costs, and bureaucratic hurdles, it is lovely to see a continuing growth in support of this event every year. With budgerigars from all zones made available and people from across Australia in all aspects of organising, combining together to make sure these weekends are memorable and enjoyable for all hobbyists.

As a follow on to the Council Meeting on the Monday: an amendment to the Standard (No 1/2008) was endorsed and issued in December 2008, the Standard (less graphics) was loaded to the web site and remaining hard copies of the Standard were distributed to ANBC Member Bodies.

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



Left to right: Peter Glassenbury, S.A., Derek Poole, TAS, Janice Al Nassar , UK and Henry George, Sth Qld.

Burnie 2009 ANBC Show Report

As all would know this year's show was held in one of the regional cities of Tasmania, Burnie located in the North West Coast of our beautiful island. This indeed presented us with some challenges in regards to transport etc. and a considerable amount of planning went into getting it right. Of which only to see it put under pressure on the Friday when most attendees were arriving as airline schedules from both Sydney and Melbourne were constantly changed during the day which resulted in some of the attendees not arriving until late on the Friday night. All was not lost as the catering staff at the Civic Centre held back some of the vast amount of food for those who were late.

The convention turned out to be a great success with 295 registrations and the venue being widely reported as the best one to date. This set the scene for a great few days, the BCT and Civic Centre teams worked very hard to make it a memorable event for all with Victoria again winning the Shield.

Evening dinner functions were well attended and the Civic Centre staff along with our events coordinator and team provided different themes on both nights for our table displays. The setting for the Saturday night was based on 'Save the Tasmanian Devil' \$350.00 was raised for this fund. The theme for Sunday night was based on the 'Coral Celebrations' of the 35th Australian National Budgerigar Council's Anniversary.

For the first time in the history of ANBC shows the BCT streamed the class judging live to the internet, which resulted in enthusiasts around Australia and the World to view the results class by class within two minutes of them being judged. This was followed up with pictures of the first three birds in each class at the end of judging each day. Two hours after the last class was judged on the Sunday a PDF version of the results booklet was also posted on the BCT Web Page. Reviews from all over Australia and the around the globe have been most encouraging for this great effort from our Web Master Luke Fletcher who was also awarded 'Life Membership' to the BCT for his continued service for the past 15 years at his young age of 29.

Six tours were arranged from Saturday May 23 to Thursday May 28 and all were well supported and proved to be very popular, these tours focused on the beauty and wilderness of the surrounding areas.

Finally the success of this event was also made possible by our national and local sponsors and without this support the cost of running these events would put it out of reach of a vast amount of breeder/exhibitors around Australia.

Jim Fletcher
President
Budgerigar Council of Tasmania