

The Budgerigar Council of South Australia Incorporated

**MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
19 July 2009**

1. **Venue:** The Enfield Community Centre. 540 Regency Road, Enfield S.A.
2. **Commencement Time:** 10-00 a.m.
3. **Attendees:** Nigel Tonkin, Graham Bell, Dennis Lomman, John Mulley, Stephen Elliott, Chris Murphy, Brian Marshall, Ray Slade, Lloyd & Helen Edwards, Barbara & John Fisher, Peter Glassenbury, Ian Marshall
4. **Apologies:** David Botha, Doreece Brunton, Malcolm Loveridge, Shiralee Reardon, Bruce & Marion Stafford, Geoff Edwards, Frank Tilley, Neville Richardson, Neale Family, Neil Fitzgibbon, Brodhi Carracher, John Rooke, Linda & Terry Patten, Geoff & Jill Callister, Thea Pryor, Trish Martin, Algi Lapinskas, Robert Worrall, Glenn Stearnes, Sue Adams, Mike & Rose Rafferty, Wayne Weidenhofer
5. **Delegate Introduction:** Peter Glassenbury, Graham Bell, Dennis Lomman, Chris Murphy, Ray Slade, Nigel Tonkin
6. **Delegate Apologies:** David Botha, Doreece Brunton, Malcolm Loveridge, Algi Lapinskas
7. **Previous Minutes:**

Motion: - "That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 20 July 2008 be accepted"

Moved by John Mulley seconded by Barbara Fisher (carried)
8. **Business Arising from the Previous Minutes:**

Nil
9. **Chairman's Report:**

Motion: - "That the President's report be accepted"

Moved by Brian Marshall seconded by Stephen Elliott (carried)
10. **Treasurers Report:**

Motion: - "That the Treasurer's report be accepted"

Moved by John Fisher seconded by Lloyd Edwards (carried)
11. **Ring Officers Report:**

Given on behalf of Doreece Brunton by Nigel Tonkin

Motion: - "That the Ring Officer's report be accepted"
Moved by Brian Marshall seconded Dennis Lomman (carried)

12. All Committee Positions Declared Vacant:

13. Election of Office Bearers:

Nominations received as per the Objects and Rules of The Budgerigar Council of South Australia Incorporated.

- a. Chairperson: Mr. Nigel Tonkin. (Mt.G.B.S.Inc.)
- b. Vice- Chairperson:
- c. Secretary:
- d. Treasurer: Mr. Peter Glassenbury (NEBS)
- e. Ring Officer: Mrs. Doreece Brunton. (Mt. G.B.S. Inc.)

Motion: - "That the nominated candidates be declared the elected office bearers for the year 2009/2010"

Moved by Brian Marshall seconded by Dennis Lomman (carried)

- f. Balance of the Committee for the year 2009/2010.
Mr Graham Bell & Mr Dennis Lomman (NEBS) Mr David Botha (M.G.B.S), Mr Algi Lapinskas & Mr Chris Murphy (B.S.S.A), Mr Malcolm Loveridge & Mr Ray Slade (P.P.B.S.)

Motion: - "That the Delegates as noted be accepted"
Moved by Dennis Lomman seconded by Lloyd Edwards (carried)

- g. The following positions have no nominations and will be appointed by the Committee of The Council to fill the casual positions provided such members hold no other formal position on the Committee, in accordance with the Objects and Rules of The Budgerigar Council of South Australia Incorporated.

- i. Vice - Chairperson:
- ii. Secretary:

14. Election of Auditor:

That John Mulley be appointed the Council Auditor for the 2009/2010 year.

Moved by John Fisher seconded by Chris Murphy (carried)

15. General Business:

- a. **Motion:** - "That the Full Member Organisation fees for the forthcoming year be: \$100.00 and be subject to review at the next Annual General Meeting."

Moved by John Fisher seconded by Stephen Elliott (carried)

- b. **Motion:** - "That individual membership be \$15.00 per year with a 50% discount for a new member joining in their initial year of membership".

Moved by Brian Marshall seconded by Ray Slade (carried)

- c. **Motion:** - "That the Junior Membership fee for the year 2009 be free"

Moved by Dennis Lomman seconded by Brian Marshall (carried)

16. Discussion Points:

- a. Policy for emergency relief? Treat each on its merit to a nominal amount in the area of the welfare of animals e.g. wildlife funds. Committee to decide.
- b. Discuss at Committee level an Any Age owner bred open show in 2010 within the Logan Shield show, but separate from ?
- c. A General and very informative discussion on many topics to do with the fancy was well received.

17. Meeting Declared Closed: 11.55 a.m.

BCSA PRESIDENTS REPORT 2009

The BCSA Management Committee consists of Graham Bell, Dennis Lomman and Peter Glassenbury (NEBS), Malcolm Loveridge & Ray Slade (Pt Pirie), Algi Lapinskas and Chris Murphy (BSSA), Doreece Brunton, David Botha and Nigel Tonkin (Mt Gambier).

To the above group I thank you for giving of your valued time to manage the fancy at a state level.

To John Mulley thanks for auditing the books and allowing your bird room to be used for the holding of birds pre and post the national.

Thanks once again to the delegates and bird carers that represented the BCSA at the nationals and to all those who made their birds available to represent their state and to those that did get them selected, congratulations.

To Dennis Lomman, I thank you for taking on the role of keeping the website active.

To Doug and Ruth Lange along with Peter Glassenbury congratulations on winning a class at the Nationals in Burnie, a top effort – it was also great to see the team move up the ladder somewhat.

The ongoing system of two sets of two judges plus another judge assessing the birds prior to being judged again proved favorable at the State Selection Show, as did the extra two sets of judging stands, these allowed the birds to settle for a good period before being assessed.

There were something like 80 odd visitors to the Selection Show this year including Jack Cahill of Port Adelaide fame. A great turn out.

The 2009 / 2010 positions on the Committee are as follows:

Nigel Tonkin – President

Peter Glassenbury – Treasurer

Doreece Brunton – Ring Officer

We will need to appoint a Vice- President and Secretary from the within Committee as sadly there were no nominations for these positions.

Doreece continues to excel in the role as Ring Officer as does Peter as Treasurer and Judges Co-ordinator.

A big thank you to you both for being so professional in these roles and to Graham Bell who continues to excel in his role as Show Technical Co-ordinator.

Now I'd like to make a comment or two on some things that seriously concern me.

A management committee is made up of people who are elected onto the committee by their respective clubs. Just like councils or governments or boards of management who are elected by the people or are put in place by others who trust them in those positions.

Our elected committee members role should be and has been to make decisions in the best interest of the Fancy in this state as a whole. They are members of the council and they have to make hard decisions. The fact that they come from individual clubs is the means by which they get onto the Council. They are not just there to protect the interests of their own club. They have to make state decisions.

It's a fine line and it means committee members should listen to a full debate on a subject at meetings, consider what is in the best interest for the state as a whole and vote on things that their own club committee or membership may not agree with. They have to be able to do this or there is no point in smaller clubs having elected members on council because they could continually be outvoted by bigger clubs memberships.

On occasions in this past year, committee members have said in meetings that they can only vote as directed by their clubs. Sometimes there is a reluctance to make a decision unless it goes back to the club, and on returning for a vote, some have stated they don't agree with their clubs position but their hands are tied. This saddens me. I find this regressive and challenging, in fact the Mount Gambier membership find it a little insulting that we would even bother to come back to them as they believe we are mature in our thinking and have been put in place to make those decisions on the states behalf.

We overcame this mentality some many years back, but this year this has again become a challenge. In the past council members understood they were representing the state and had the knowledge and experience in the fancy to do so.

I will give an example of how the committee might work – in recent times a vote was taken on a matter – in fact the trophies for the State Show, the three Mt Gambier representatives voted. One FOR, one AGAINST and one ABSTAINED on a particular trophy as presented. This is how the process should work, the individual votes on a matter they way THEY FEEL is correct for the STATE. The state is bigger than just one or two clubs, the state is not Mount Gambier nor Pt Pirie nor the BSSA etc, thus the decisions made by those on the committee should be THEIR decision for the state.

During discussions I might for example hear something that might sway me to vote a particular way – a way that I had potentially not intended. That is why it is so important for the committee to be free of the restrictions that appear to be strangling some of our decision making processes.

We know the fancy is in decline, we need to accept this but at the same time all try and work to progress it. Wholesale changes or panic reactions are not the way to approach it, sensible rational decision making from individuals, clubs and the council might?

Negativity is also a problem.

Praise the positives that occur – don't be upset and voice sadness that for example that there was no raffle at the State Selection show this year – praise the fact that we had numbers coming through the door, that the quality and quantity of birds benched increased, that the show ran smoothly, that the kitchen served wonderful food etc etc.

Be critical for the right reasons. Note that there are a core group that give of themselves often and this criticism might be the final straw for some of those dedicated servants. The final straw to encourage them to leave the fancy or to encourage them to stop assisting in the running of it.

The Pakistan fancy is growing as they are prepared to try new technology because they find it difficult to have some judges visit due to recent events. In fact the recent video link judging appointment that I partook gave their newspapers something positive to report on. They could sit at home and say it is too hard, but no they try to be progressive using what technology is out there. All praise to them.

I apologise for being so up front, but I think this needed to be said

Yours in the fancy



Nigel Tonkin
President and Acting Secretary
19th July 2009

BCSA Treasurers Report 2009

Income and expenditure for the cheque account for the financial year 2008-2009 is shown in the balance sheet. The balance brought forward was \$2305.28 for the cheque account and \$30116.98 in investments with a total income of \$30967.75 and a total expenditure of \$25674.28 plus un-presented cheques giving a statement balance of \$7943.58.

Ring income and membership figures are inflated at \$7638.90 and \$2481.00 respectively, as these figures include an additional figure of \$4675.00 being prepaid sales for 2010, due to the change in ring issue dates to 1/9 annually.

If these prepaid incomes are deducted from the current cheque account balance our comparative balance is \$2923.75 and this is further reduced bearing in mind that clubs have also prepaid affiliation fees for 2010 of \$275.00. The net comparative result being \$2648.75 thus we have only really retained the status quo with a small profit of \$343.47. This figure is also inaccurate as some members have only recently purchased 2009 rings totaling \$166.80 that are yet to be paid for by the Council.

The major non recoupable annual expense remains the running of the Logan Shield which this financial year cost in excess of \$2500 for rosettes, hall hire, honorarium, general expense and bird freight to and from Tasmania. Had the annual auction not been the success it was in 2009 raising a net figure of \$2292 the Council would have run the business operations at a substantial operating loss that cannot be sustained if this revenue stream were to deteriorate.

Investments have continued to rise with interest accruals to \$32569.25 through judicious management and while this is sound it will not continue as the financial crisis has impacted on rates available on these investments. These funds must be retained at this level as the significant expenditure prior to the state's national event is sourced from these monies.

Club and council membership continues to fall annually and this too will impact on the financial management of the Council in the future to the point where we need to reassess our position moving forward.

From a purely financial perspective it is considered timely that we look towards another event or events that can raise proceeds with the preference that these proceeds are from outside the drawing area of the members.

Cost increases are inevitable and in the main outside our control whereas income is within our control and I again put out a plea to members to be forthcoming with avenues of possible revenue raising that will allow us to retain our sound financial position.

Peter Glassenbury
BCSA Treasurer.

S15 Account (Working Account)							
Date	Income Details	Expenditure Details	Club	Credit Amount	Debit Amount	Running total	
1-Jul-09	Balance Brought Forward					\$2,305.28	
	Affiliate /Associate Fees			\$900.00			
	Auction Proceeds			\$18,835.00			
	Auction Raffle			\$202.00			
	Refund Hall Hire			\$283.00			
	Membership			\$2,481.00			
	Rings			\$7,638.90			
	Ring Insurance			\$35.00			
	Postage			\$350.85			
	Standard Sales			\$240.00			
	Donations			\$2.00			
						\$33,273.03	
		Auction Payouts			\$18,543.00		
		Auction Costs			\$68.99		
		Chapman Rings			\$3,947.17		
		Membership Costs - Registration Cards			\$759.00		
		Refund Rings Junior			\$8.80		
		Judges Expenses - Shirts			\$103.00		
		Postages / Petty Cash			\$455.00		
		Cheque charges			\$50.70		
		Freight Standards and Birds			\$637.71		
		Web Costs			\$149.00		
		Show Expenses			\$1,424.56		
		Hall Hire			\$466.15		
		Sundries / Stationery			\$51.20		
		Insurance			\$160.00		
		ANBC Affiliation			\$300.00		
		Honorarium			\$550.00		
		Income/Expenditure	Totals	\$30,967.75	\$25,674.28		
30-Jun-09		Current Balance				\$7,598.75	
	Add Unpresented Cheques	581 Doug Lange Honorarium			\$100.00		
		582 John Mulley - Honorarium			\$100.00		
		584 - Chapman Rings			\$144.83		
		Statement Balance 30/6/2009				\$7,943.58	
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30-Jun-09	11 Short Term Investment Account						
	Term Deposit \$5000 + Interest Due 10/7/2009	Current Rate 4.00%		\$5,456.17			
	Term Deposit \$25000 + Interest Due 14/7/2009	Current Rate 4.20%		\$27,113.08			
			Totals	\$32,569.25	\$0.00		
		Current Deposit Balances				\$32,569.25	
		Total				\$40,168.00	

Books prepared by Treasurer Peter Glassenbury and deemed correct based on input material supplied

Signed  8/07/2009

Books have been Audited by John Mulley (elected Auditor) and found to be a true and correct record of the operations of the Budgerigar Council of South Australia Inc for the period 1/7/2009 to 30/6/2009

Signed  8/07/2009

Ring Officer's Report.2009

- **Rings Issued 1998.**
Coded = 9205, Uncoded = 5700, *Total = 14905.*
1998 Membership =130.
- **Rings Issued 1999.**
Coded = 9865, Uncoded = 10930, *Total = 20795.*
1999 Membership =197.
- **Rings Issued 2000.**
Coded = 8950, Uncoded = 10940, *Total = 19890.*
2000 Membership =168.
- **Rings Issued 2001.**
Coded = 9430, Uncoded = 9520, *Total = 18950.*
2001 Membership =189.
- **Rings Issued 2002.**
Coded = 8305, Uncoded = 8290, *Total = 16595.*
2002 Membership =165.
- **Rings Issued 2003.**
Coded = 7760, Uncoded = 7230, *Total = 14990.*
2003 Membership =167.
- **Rings Issued 2004.**
Coded = 8320, Uncoded = 7710, *Total = 16030.*
2004 Membership = 174.
- **Rings Issued 2005.**
Coded = 9480, Uncoded = 5680, *Total = 15160.*
2005 Membership = 160.
- **Rings Issued 2006.**
Coded = 8320, Uncoded = 5930. *Total = 14250.*
2006 Membership = 146
- **Rings Issued 2007.**
Coded = 7620, Uncoded = 5400. *Total = 13020.*
2007 Membership = 136
- **Rings Issued 2008.**
Coded =7260, Uncoded = 4790. *Total = 12050.*
2008 Membership = 126.
- **Rings Issued 2009.**
Coded= 4815, Uncoded = 2760. *Total = 7375*
2009 Membership = 115. (To 05/07/09)
- **Rings Issued 2010.**
Coded=0000, Uncoded =0000 *Total = 0000*
2010 Membership = 60. (To 02/07/09)

There have been 4300 Coded rings and 3200 Uncoded rings
Ordered so far for 2010. Total ordered 7500.