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BCSA PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008

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

With a new group, we receive different ideas and this is great. One thing we all need to be mindful of is that once elected, although we may take in ideas from our respective Societies, the end results are due to common sense discussion that might differ from the initial thought of the delegate from your Society.

This year we found the ring issue debate ongoing and was doing more harm than good for the fancy in the state thus a vote from the membership was sought and a vote against a change was received. This result then went to the ANBC as was defeated thus the 2010 rings will be issued on the 1st of September 2009 and birds rung as such will be able to be shown at the 2011 national event. Note in an email that I sent to all on the 2nd of July had the incorrect year on it, I had suggested this change would be implemented in 2010 my typo, my error, my apologies.

Alan Scott Park (Morphetville Racecourse) has been booked for the 2014 National event.

I am advised that huge changes are happening to this venue from now up until then. It should be exciting to see the changes as they occur. The committee of today agrees that all functions should be held at the venue, but of course we will not be the committee by then or will we??

To John Mulley thanks for auditing the books and to your ongoing guidance on many matters throughout the year, much appreciated.

Ian Marshall was promoted to Major Award judge and excelled in all facets of his examination.

We are looking for Open breeders that might be interested in becoming Trainee Judges – it should help you learn more of the fancy. Please advise of your interest.

To Troy Holmes who again put together the magazine, thank you. It is the last one for us all at this point which is disappointing but without volunteers to take the editorial role on then the end result is no magazine.

The website is active, but will meet the same fate unless fanciers contribute to it. These activities cannot be left to the same folk continually.

Thanks 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.

The idea of having two sets of two judges plus another judge or judges assessing the birds prior to being judged had mixed reports, mostly favorable. The time to complete the judging of the birds was reduced and this practice will continue into the future.



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The positions on the Committee will be the same as last year:

Nigel Tonkin – President
Bruce Stafford – Vice President
Peter Glassenbury – Treasurer
Doreece Brunton – Ring Officer

We will need to appoint a Secretary from the within Committee as there were no nominations for this position.

Our BCSA delegates at the ANBC meeting offered to have one Society in SA trial rings with deeper engraving to see what the end result will be, a great idea. NEBS will be the Society doing this trial. I encourage all fanciers to give feedback to Doreece or the Secretary from the NEBS and the other Societies to gauge the positives or negative from each group of rings. Thankyou to Doreece for her professional approach as Ring Officer once again, a job well done.

Peter a big thankyou for fulfilling the role of treasurer, much appreciated and an excellent job. To all on the committee, we have a great balance of fanciers and we do have some quite in depth discussions and to you all I thank you for being part of this team in quite challenging times for this wonderful hobby of ours.

As put in an email to the membership on the internet, it is the aim of the committee to examine the process of promotion of fanciers in status to see if we can improve this area to have all Clubs on the same system at least - each member of the BCSA committee is to present their idea in writing on this process before the next Council meeting after the AGM. We will also discuss the State Selection Show format to see what we can do to improve in this area.

Work commitments, study, changes in lifestyle, costs etc etc are a few of the suggestions as to why there is a decline.

Areas that are not assisting the promotion of this hobby are the restriction placed by the ANBC on showcasing our PICTORIAL to the world.

Why not put The Pictorial on the WWW to show fanciers what they are or should be targeting to breed? What a waste of an opportunity to promote our desired end result?

The Yellow faced (colour mutation) normal should be at class at 3 on the matrix and ALL other varieties SHOULD be permitted to have the Yellowface (colour mutation) included within the class. A number of folk are attracted to the fancy because of the colours of the birds and this just might trigger others to show a Fallow YLF Sky for e.g. in the Fallow class because it is a good bird or it has an attractive colour or encourage a visitor to a show to fall in love with the colours and ask about joining. This is genetically correct - read John Mulley's article and sight his power point presentation on the BCSA website www.bcsa.net.au to have this reinforced.

These are just a few of the problems that I see that are causing the hobby to go into decline - do you have further suggestions?? Send ideas to the Secretary with a suggested remedy so these can be presented to the BCSA committee when we



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next meet.

It is a good hobby, no a great hobby, we just need to work out systems to keep it alive and well and then moving forward.

Do not leave it to someone else to do the work or make the suggestions, these folk might just one day say enough is enough.

Oh and a little thankyou for the positives that are being actioned on the fancies behalf would not go astray. There are a few that do work there backsides off and get nothing but bad feedback, again the perfect way of killing off the dedicated workers that remain.

Yours in the fancy

Nigel Tonkin
President and Acting Secretary
6th July 2008