



# World Budgerigar Organisation

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**TO WBO DELEGATES AND AFFILIATED SOCIETIES' OFFICIALS**  
**FROM SECRETARY / TREASURER**

26<sup>th</sup> July 2008

It is summer in the northern hemisphere and this means that we are in the midst of the show season. In Great Britain we have about 3-4 championship shows every weekend until the end of October; while in main land Europe there are also shows nearly every weekend. I look forward to receiving the results of your national shows with photos of the 4 major winners to include on the WBO website. Already we have results from Australia and Brazil on the 2008 Rosette Winners file.

Since my last correspondence (by email) to you on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2008 I would like to bring to your attention the following items:

**Next WBO Meeting:** I hope by now you have already booked your rooms at the hotel for the next meeting scheduled for **14.00** hrs on Friday **3<sup>rd</sup> October** in Mönchengladbach, Germany. The meeting and the hotel headquarters will be:

**Name: Hotel Spickhofen**

**Address: Dahlener Straße 88-92, 41239 Mönchengladbach, Germany.**

**Phone: +49 (0) 21 66 2550**

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**Email: [Info@Hotel-Restaurant-Spickhofen.de](mailto:Info@Hotel-Restaurant-Spickhofen.de)**

The negotiated room rates are **39.50** Euro single room, **59.00** Euro double/twin room per night including full breakfast. Please quote the Booking code: **WBO** when you make your reservation. Please ensure you book now as the hotel is also used by the German fanciers who are attending the show and may easily become fully booked by now. If you have any problems then please contact our chairman Gerd Bleicher ([gerd.bleicher@dsv-ev.de](mailto:gerd.bleicher@dsv-ev.de)) for assistance.

**Agenda Items:** May I request that if your society has any item they wish to include on the agenda for discussion, to forward the details to me by **31<sup>st</sup> August** at the very latest. This will enable me to formulate the agenda and send it out by early September.

**Anniversaries:** We will be joining our German DSV members to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at their championship show on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October.

On 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March Janice and I joined our friends in Denmark (The D.U.K. society) to celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as they invited us to give talks on the Saturday afternoon followed by the celebration evening dinner/dance and their AGM on the Sunday. We were delighted and honoured by this invitation. Next year our friends in New Zealand will also be celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as well. On behalf of the WBO Executive Committee we extend our warm congratulations to the officials and members of the DSV, DUK and BSNZ for reaching such milestones in their respective history. If there are other societies that are, or are about to, celebrate a special anniversary then please inform me.

**Subscriptions:** There are still a few societies that have not paid their affiliation fee for 2008 at the new rates, which came into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> April. If you are not sure if your society is up to date with their membership, then please contact me and I can let you know; but please pay now rather than later.

I also appeal to officials to send me the Information Sheet back (attached again) so that I can update my records and also to include the date and town of your show on the WBO website.

**Pictorial Ideal:** I am pleased to inform you all that the WBO has now got its own official Pictorial Ideal as of **1<sup>st</sup> June 2008**. All the 31 societies with a total voting power of 62 votes cast their vote. The results are as follows:

**26 societies with a total vote of 50 were for the new proposed Ideal (80.6% of the vote)**  
**4 societies with a total vote of 11 were against the new proposed Ideal**  
**1 society with 1 vote did not vote as the painting arrived too late for their AGM**

This is indeed a milestone in the history of the WBO where, after many years of various submissions of 3-dimensional models and 2-dimensional paintings, we now have our own Pictorial Ideal. I have attached the new Ideal and all societies have now the WBO's permission to publicise this painting and adopt it as their own national society Ideal. You can use it on your societies websites and headed papers and I request that you remove any previous drawings and only use the new attached painting with the official June date on it.

**Rule Change:** Again societies voted on the proposed Rule Change (Rule 4.iii) with regard to representation at WBO meetings and the results are as follows:

**10 societies with a total vote of 22 were for the proposed Rule Change (35.5%)**  
**20 societies with a total vote of 38 were against the proposed Rule Change (61.3%)**  
**1 society with 2 votes did not cast their vote**

The proposal did not manage to attract the 65% majority vote (only 35.5% voted in favour of it). Therefore, according to our Constitution (7.iv), this means that the current rule (4.iii) will stand.

**Membership:** I am rather sad to have to report that our Swiss society, **ZEWA**, has decided not to renew its affiliation to the WBO for 2008. Both our Chairman and myself tried to reason with them and gave them plenty of time to reconsider their decision but without success. Unfortunately I had to remove their details from the Contact Information file and also their 2 judges Kurt Vogt & Daniel Lutolf from the WBO International Judges Panel. I do

hope that they will reconsider their decision in the future and come back into our ranks. Currently we have **31** affiliated societies based in **25** countries around the **6** continents.

**Other News:** Please make note of the following:

1. **Website** – This is updated on a regular basis as and when necessary. May I request that you have a look at the **Contact Information for member countries** file and check that all the necessary details of the contact (name, postal & email addresses and website address) are correct and so help to ensure that your society's details are correct and up to date. I know that one or two websites are not correct and current so please help me to have the updated information on the website.
2. **WBO Judges Panel** – Please be sure to check your own Judges Panel on the WBO website and inform me of any alterations you wish me to make.
3. **Notice Board** – Would you be kind enough to print the attached Notice Board in your society's publication so that your members are fully informed about the WBO and its news.

If you have any comments on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience. On behalf of our Chairman Gerd Bleicher, Vice Chairman Carl Slavin, Immediate Past Chairman Roger Carr and myself we wish you all good health, happiness and successful breeding/show seasons and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting in Mönchengladbach, Germany on **3<sup>rd</sup> October**.

Yours sincerely,

**Ghalib Al-Nasser**  
**Secretary / Treasurer**