

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007

The BCSA Management Committee of the last year consisted of Lloyd Edwards, John Mulley and Graham Bell (NEBS), Malcolm Loveridge (Pt Pirie), Algi Lapinskas (BSSA), Doreece Brunton, Jennie Liebich and I (Mt Gambier).

It was certainly pleasing to have an injection of ‘new blood’ on the Committee as a result of the Constitution change of last year – that was half affiliate representation, of which Pt Pirie and the BSSA took advantage of – thankyou Malcolm and Algi for your valued input.

Thanks to this Committee and the 2007 National Planning Committee for their input this past term – an excellent all round effort with a very successful national event.

The National Planning Committee comprised the Management Committee along with Wayne Weidenhofer, Shane Cripps, Bruce and Marion Stafford, Troy Holmes and Peter Glassenbury.

Each person took their role seriously and greatly contributed to the event. A number of these folk have some pretty heavy work loads in their own professions and yet still managed to give their all to the fancy of South Australia.

As far as publicity and media coverage, no other national event has had such coverage and footage prior, during and after the event that I can recall – thanks to Troy for pulling this off.

To Brian Marshall thanks for auditing the books, again and over many years – an excellent job. Brian will not be taking on the auditors role from now on, thus we require someone to stand up to take on this task.

To Troy Holmes who again put together the magazine, the feedback from overseas editors of similar magazines were as one with their comments in relation to this magazine being world class, thankyou and congratulations on such an effort. Sadly, some of the local commentary has not been as positive. It seems some believe it should only contain local content. To have Troy put in such an effort to obtain interviews that covers the world scene is time consuming, challenging and a must if I can have my say on this.

Troy is resigning as editor as of the next issue (September) thus a volunteer to take on the role immediately would be of great benefit to at least be involved with the September issue assisted by Troy thus giving a smooth transition for the 2008 issue/s.

Another positive has been the BCSA webpage with continual updates as they occur – keep

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 assessing the birds prior to being judged had mixed reports. The time to complete the judging of the birds was reduced. I received positive and negative feedback on the placings and I

guess that can be expected at any show.

The WBO rosettes were well received, with the winning bird being a Lutino hen of Kakoschke and Rice and the best opposite sex a Light Green cock of the Holmes Family. It is great to see some new blood on that top bench.

Congratulations to Pt Pirie on their 50th anniversary show, a great achievement for any Society, to say the least.

Our one and only first prize at the Nationals was won by the Marshall Family – a top achievement.

To Lloyd, John and Jennie thank you for your dedication to the fancy over a long to not so long periods of time, to have you move on from the committee will be a great loss. What a collective loss.

To Peter Glassenbury, Bruce Stafford (NEBS) and David Botha (Mt Gambier), welcome to the committee.

We will be appointing a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary from the within Committee as there were no nominations for these positions.

I trust the suggested changes to the Constitution are met with a positive vote – the changes fine tune the document to take into account the Half Affiliate changes of last year plus allows the price per membership of juniors to be adjusted to whatever price we might choose (if any) without linking this to the percentage of an adult fee.

Ring prices will need to go up this year. The fancy is seeking quality and the ring manufacturer is working hard to achieve a better end product as a result of numerous complaints, in particular from South Australia. If we are chasing quality, then we must pay for it. The latter batch of rings have had a new treatment, a plastic coat to protect the numbering and the paint as I understand it, any feedback in relation to issues with this product needs to be delivered to the BCSA Ring Officer via your Society ring registrar. Thank you to Doreece for her professional approach as Ring Officer once again, a job well done.

We have had some issues that the Council has dealt with during the year and to those that have taken part resolving these issues, I thank you, a job well done.

We can only hope the fancy goes forward from here and ask that any ideas for improvement be submitted to your Council to enable the ideas to be discussed.

Yours in the fancy



Nigel Tonkin
President
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