

Annual General Meeting minutes of The Budgerigar Society of NSW INC

Thursday 11th February 2021 7 pm online meeting

The meeting started at 7 pm.

1) President Welcome:

Thank you for attending the AGM for 2020

2) Attendance:

A. Bonning, R. Mead, D. Butters, E Butters, A. Ozoux, S. Wackwitz, M. Finnimore, T, Merriman, B. Whiting, J. Baker, S. Williams, J. Magnee, I Manton, K Manton, B. Wise, D. Strinic, J. Matthews, T, Keogh, T. Hill, M, Henke, K, Yorke, G, Hoile, T. Mills

3) Apologies:

Craig Buckingham, Matt Troy,

Motion to accept the apologies

Moved: Robert

Seconded: Justin Magnee

All in favour

Carried

4) Vales:

William Hancock, Jeanette Hancock, Ian Pitts, Tommy Hancock, Bill Cooper, George Graham, Michael Sciberras, Jennifer Tonkin (SA), Peter Dodd, George Duffield, Cliff Cameron, Glenn Dunn, Ron Roarty, Fred Cardona, Margaret Bridgeman (VIC), Cec Gearing (WA) and Michael Auckett Terry Evans, Reg O'Regan & Kevin Burgess.

5) Minutes of previous AGM meeting 2019

a. *Amendments to the minutes: Nill*

Motion to accept the previous meeting and any amendments

Moved: Stuart Williams

Seconded: Andre Ozoux

All in favour

Carried

6) Correspondence in

a. *Motion 1 "All BSNSW Inc. branches become incorporated in their own right."*

b. *Motion 2 "The current constitution (Rules) be modified as highlighted in the attached document (Constitution changes 10th December 2020)*

c. *Motion 3 "To clarify the voting rights of a single person member and a joint membership of two natural persons living at the same address.*

- The Returning Officer received 135 votes. 130 were valid and 5
- informal. All votes were opened and counted by Craig Buckingham, Greg Hoile and myself (Andre Ozoux) on Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 3 pm.
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- Voting on the 3 Motions was
- Motion 1: 108 for 22 against
- Motion 2: 110 for 20 against
- Motion 3: 122 for 8 against
- All 3 Motions carried

7) Life members/ Merit Awards: Nill

8) Reports

a. President

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2020

Since March 2020, it has been a very different year for the society, with scheduled shows being cancelled & then the Inter Branch Challenge & National selection and ANBC show also being cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. It was not until July that some Branches were able to hold meetings & still, Branches were later than that but with restricted numbers attending. I believe that still, some are not meeting, which is frustrating for those members. I know that those attending meetings are doing so in a safe way and following the health department directions no matter how onerous they may seem. Christmas functions will be different this year for all.

Since our last AGM, the management committee had worked efficiently up until the COVID-19 shutdown meeting face to face but at times, light on in attendance. The executive of the society met on numerous occasions via online facilities, which worked well, and we were able to keep the BSNSW working & progressing through those months. We recently had an online Management meeting scheduled but due to a quorum not attending (only 2 branches online), the meeting had to be postponed to the same day & time one week later. This time, a quorum was in attendance, with meeting business being discussed and passed. **It is most important that all branches attend these meetings** for the society to run smoothly and professionally. Whilst attendance at these meetings online may not be to everyone's liking, and it may be the way of the future so that those in the country areas do not have great distances to travel to attend and can do so from the comfort of their own home.

Thank you to all elected officials for executing their duties in a good manner & preparing up to date information for presentation to the committee. A lot of members participated in the recent survey on the future direction & make-up of the society. You have received two (2) Notices of Motion to change the constitution to reflect the survey results, so please return your votes as requested to the Returning Officer by the due date. If successful, the society will move forward as directed. David Butters & Mark Finnimore have done a lot of work and spent a great deal of time in preparation for this.

In regard to the Variety Point score Competition, the management committee approved the request that 2020 points be carried forward and be added to points to be awarded during the 2021 show season, with winners then being decided and awarded.

Within the next few weeks, you should receive 2021 rings as ordered by you in May 2020, but if not received, contact the new ring registrar, Rob Mead, to enquire. This is a huge job in preparation for postage & I thank him for this.

I hope that your branch has kept you informed; during this difficult period and now, with some relaxation of requirements we can look forward to a more enjoyable 2021 with friendships being renewed and discussions taking place at the venues. I understand that Branches are preparing to hold their Annual Shows on usual weekend dates and look forward to attending when I can.

I wish you a happy & holy Christmas period and then a safe & healthy 2021

b. General Secretary

It was a great pleasure to be re-elected as secretary for the BSNSW at the previous AGM. 2020 has been a year of unforeseen challenges from the bushfires and COVID-19 pandemic; we have had to adapt and change to ensure we complied with the health orders and still allowed the club to continue to function and grow during this difficult period through the implementation of online meetings. This new style of meeting, whilst challenging initially, have allowed for the club to continue.

This season has seen surveys being distributed to ensure everyone can voice their opinion on the current issues facing our society. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone

for their ongoing support in contributing their opinions through the surveys conducted during the past few months.

The votes all showed a distinct majority in favour of each of the proposed changes. This has allowed for it to progress to a motion to be considered by all members moving forward. I urge all members to ensure they have their say and return their form within the specified time.

Currently, Steve and I are working with the ANBC in regards to setting up a new management committee to guide the council forward in the future. We will forward all developments.

I would like to thank all members, clubs, branches and committee members for their hard work in ensuring our society develops further into the future in a positive manner and for all your ongoing support and assistance. With the festive season approaching, it may look a little different this year, but I would like to wish everyone and their families a very Merry and, more importantly, safe Christmas and New Year Period.

Thanking you
Mark Finnimore

c. Treasurer

The net profit for the relevant financial year amounted to \$18,631.16, and the cash held in bank accounts and deposit accounts as of 30th June 2020 amounted to \$111,547.88.

Note: The 2021 ring issue/ring levy order with ANBC was paid in 2020/2021 financial year. Total cost \$23,838.50. Payment in 2019/2020 financial year would have resulted in a deficit of (\$5,207.34).

Motion to accept the Treasurers reports

Moved: Jim Baker

Seconded: Andre Ozoux

All in favour

Carried

d. Show Manager

e. Ring/ Membership

f. Editor

It's that time again, report time and AGM time. Wow! What an eventful year it has been. We started the year with the January / February issue of the budgerigar that saw us learning of the new flecking rules and understanding a bit more about the melanistic spangle, this issue was followed by the March/ April issue that also saw us impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic and shutting down our show scene, for the time being, this issue also educated us on the way we use calcium in our birds, and megabacteria.

In the May/ June issue of the budgerigar, we learned about rainbow budgerigars and understanding the clearwing mutation while we were still getting used to our new life with the pandemic; the July / August issue saw us still in limbo with what was happening with the pandemic, and our beloved hobby was still being heavily impacted by Covid-19 this allowed us to learn more about an upcoming variety the darkwing budgerigar, and also educated us on the temperament of our birds to help us on the show scene.

The September / October issue saw us still being impacted by covid-19, but life started to go back to normality with some shows being allowed to be held, and meetings started to go back for us to start enjoying our hobby again; this issue also saw us learn about the most recent mutation to be added to National standard for budgerigars, the Australian Whitecap and saw us learn in-depth about the violet colour modifier in budgerigars. This year has been both nerve-wracking and exciting for the magazine as we saw the number of members dip and grow again, but also saw the number of people receiving the printed magazine rise, which means more people are enjoying the beautiful colours and mutations of our birds in a detailed colour version.

If you would like to receive a printed high def full-colour copy of the Budgerigar magazine sent right to your door, please email me at bsnsweditor@gmail.com or fill in the BSNSW membership form and indicate on this that you are paying for your printed edition of the budgerigar, I am trying to work out a way for people to also purchase a single copy of the budgerigar to allow you to purchase past editions and future editions monthly.

With excitement comes hurt and upset with the society losing some of the most knowledgeable members in the society but gaining some new and exciting members. I have an exciting issue of the budgerigar coming for November/ December with some exciting information about our common varieties and some more detailed show traits being discussed too.

We also saw Goldencob remain one of our major contributors to the budgerigar magazine and the hobby overall, and we also saw Tummyrite come on board with an ad placed in the magazine. The BSNSW online auction has been a great success, with some very handy birds included on that website; alongside this, we saw the budgerigar E-commerce platform come to life and providing some merchants to provide you with outstanding products at affordable prices.

I would like to take an opportunity to everybody who has supported me through my role as Editor of this great publication; we have received an outstanding amount of positive feedback from not only all over the country but from around the world. We would like to continue this by encouraging you all to please send any feedback you may have or even what you would like to see in the magazine forwarded to me.

2021 is going to be an exciting year for us all, hopefully. Hopefully, we will see our STCC come back into play, and the Australia National Championship Show comes back in Victoria post-pandemic.

I would like to also express a huge amount of thanks and gratitude to the committee of the BSNSW who has supported me throughout my role in numerous ways where I may have got stuck with one thing or another, Thank you to the committee and to YOU the members, together we can grow and prosper as a great society of this outstanding beautiful little bird, The Budgerigar; Australia's National Bird.

I hope this email finds you all safe and well and that you all stay safe and well; Goodluck to everybody for the 2020-2021 breeding seasons, and I hope to catch up with more of you at numerous shows throughout the coming year.

Thank You all
Justin Magnee

g. Chairperson Judges Panel:

Although this is a year we all would happily forget due to the Corona Virus and the bushfires, the lockdown situation has given some people the opportunity to spend more time with their birds than they can normally, with the results showing up in the breeding room and improved quality of stock.

St George Branch, e.g. have been holding meetings these last few months under Covid 19 rules and restrictions, and they had 120 birds at their table show in November, which meant that members are very keen to show, and hoping that shows will take place from February as planned. I do hope other Clubs and Branches have managed to arrange some meetings also. St. George is fortunate to have Trainee judge Stephen Wilson who has been getting plenty of experience and good results.

Sadly earlier in the year, Peter Dodd died. He was a man of great knowledge about our birds, a top breeder who has been recognised in the A. N. B. C. Hall of Fame and always was keen to share that knowledge with other Judges and exhibitors. As I advised his family when I sent the condolences from our Panel, he contributed greatly to our hobby in so many ways and is sadly missed.

John Carter is now on our retired Judges list, and John also has been fully involved in many aspects of budgerigar keeping and breeding and showing. His opinions and depth of

knowledge have been very much respected in all the positions and Committees John has held and been part of.

Many thanks to John for his years of dedication to our hobby, and I know he is fortunately still very much involved.

This is my last year as Chairperson of the Judges Panel and member of the Judges Committee, and I sadly will be unable to judge any Shows until further notice due to ill health, so the bookings I made for early 2021 have already been cancelled. (I love judging, so I am very sad about that.)

It has been a great honour to be involved in the training of our Judges for quite a few years now, and I thank all the Panel sincerely for the support they have given me and the Committee members, whose friendship and comraderie I have enjoyed greatly, as well as the much appreciated shared knowledge and decision making.

May 2021 bring an end to this virus so we can all get back to enjoying our wonderful hobby fully.

Stay safe and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Jean Painter

h. Chairperson Colours and Standards

i. BSNSW Inc Auditors

- In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Budgerigar Society of New South Wales Inc. and the results of its operations as of 30th June 2020.

Signed: (Original signed by)

Stuart James Foster

Signed: (Original signed by)

Rita Helen Corbett

- *Jim has trophies that James was listed as having and has been corrected on the document.*

j. BSNSW Trustees

Budgerigar Society of New South Wales Inc.

Report of Assets held as at 30th June 2020

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

We wish to advise that the Society's Assets are held as per the list below:

Mid-State Budgerigar Society: BSNSW State Team Challenge Shield held by Barry Wise

* James Matthews: Harley Yardley Trophy Annual Show 2019 *Note: Jim Baker now has the trophy 11/12/21*

RAS Homebush: Perpetual Trophy for Grand Champion Budgerigar, donated in 2001 and won by Andre Ozoux in 2019

Jim Baker: Banner
2 Dyes for making Society Medals - Patronage Medal ad NSW Representative and Harley Yardley Trophy (in need of repairs)

Stored at Warren Wilson's Shed: 2 transport cages, large built in 2007

Tony Merriman: temporary holding of 2 transport cages.

Dave Butters:
BSNSW Common Seal

Kathy Manton:
One (1) Standard Model - (previously held by Ron Hunt)
15 coffee mugs

Robert Mead
• Society's laptop, camera, live streaming gear
• 15 coffee mugs

John McNamara:
Early Minute Books - these have been collected but not sure by whom

Steve Wackwitz:
12 sets of expanding barricades and stands (purchased late 2004)
Sets of old Budgerigars from February 1983 to June 1985

Stored in Container at Blacktown:
4 boxes of old documents, correspondence from Colin Morgan
BSNSW Tax Returns
BSNSW original Objects and Rules
2 Stacker boxes of various papers (previously held by Ann Hand)
1 small BSNSW transport cage
Various Budgerigar magazines and Show Schedules dated from 1957 (donated to the Society by Keith Lawson)
Trustees copies of Budgerigar Magazine (2 copies of each issue)
1 large box of assorted items provided by Dr Harold Cooper in February 2011
A number of BSNSW Management and Show Committee Minutes

Stored at Joe Habib's:
Ex-western area staging (approx. 600 birds) and Box Trailer Registration No. TG16LM

1 x 1800 mm Bi-fold Moulded Table
Major Award Signs for Annual Show - *not sure of the whereabouts of these 2 items*

Andre Ozoux
20 BSNSW Badges with Hanging Rings (these include the 8 previously held by Bruce Bradford)

The following have been used at the Annual Show and the STC and are no longer held:
4 BSNSW Patronage Award medals
14 BSNSW State Team Representative medals - *not engraved with variety*
3 Grand Champion medals - *new engraved plates required on the back*

Stuart Foster & Rita Corbett
Trustees
14 September, 2020

k. Webmaster

It has been a bit of a turmoil year with Covid-19 and not many shows on due to cancellations.

During this time, we have developed an e-commerce site this includes various products and supplements for your birds and online auction page for those wishing to sell there birds either buy auction or for a fixed price.

All Clubs and Associates have their own page that can be updated at no cost with meeting and event details, pictures and result from your shows. Just email them through to the webmaster for updating.

If you are having an event in 2021, please advise the webmaster & Editor for updating the website and magazine.

If anyone has any feedback on the site or has any suggestions of what they would like to see

please let me know at webmaster@budgerigar.com.au

Kind regards
Robert Mead

Motion to accept the reports

Moved: Andre Ozoux

Seconded: Robert Mead

All in favour

Carried

Motion to move that all votes from motions 1 motion 2 and motion 3 to be destroyed

Moved: Andre Ozoux

Seconded: Kathy Manton

All in favour

Carried

- 9) The President to declare all positions vacant and for the returning officer to take the chair and proceed with the election of BSNSW Office Bearers for 2020/21

- Steve declared all positions vacant.

Position for 2021	Member
President	Stephen Wackwitz
Vice President	Stuart Williams
Vice President	Barry Wise
Secretary	Mark Finnimore
Minute Secretary	Aaron Bonning
Treasure	David Butters
Ring Registrar	Robert Mead
Membership Registrar	Robert Mead
Editor	Justin Magnee
Colour and standard	Andre Ozoux
Show manager	Jim Baker
Publicity	TBA
Services	TBA
Webmaster	Robert Mead
Public Officer	Ian Manton
Returning Officer	Andre Ozoux
Trustee	TBA

10) New President to take the chair and discuss membership fees for 2021/22 that were deferred to the AGM from our October Managements Committee Meeting.

- Welcome to the management

a. *Motion to accept the membership fees for 2021/22*

Motion to move that 2021/22 BSNSW adult membership fee to be \$20 with no concession membership and Junior fee to be \$10

Moved: James Matthews

Seconded: David Butters

All in favour

Carried

18 for

1 against

1 abstained

Motion to move that there is a \$10 fee for members

Moved: Dan Strinic - motion lapses due to lack of seconder.

- *Mark has been approached in regard to a 3-year membership, possible a \$50 fee for 3 years.*

11) President to close the meeting

- Thank you for your hard work and participation, and thank you for attending.

Meeting Closed at 8.29 pm.