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BY-LAWS

BY-LAW No 1 (a)

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary Life Membership of the Society may be accorded to any Members of the Society under the following Rules:

Nominations for Honorary Life Membership may be made by any Member of the Society, Branch of the Society or by the Management Committee. Any such nominations shall be in writing and in the hands of the General Secretary fourteen days before the date set down for the Annual General Meeting of the Society and must state why the person nominated is worthy of such Membership.

Consideration should be given to the following details before making a nomination for the Honorary Life Membership:

(1) At least fifteen years continuous Membership of the Society

(2) Should be known to the General Membership of the Society

(3) Should be or have been active at Branch and Society levels in holding Office or working for the Branch/Society in a way that is or was apparent to the General Membership of the Society.

(4) The person or persons should or should have placed the advancement of the Branch/Society as a priority.

(5) The person or person should or should have maintained good relationships with other Fanciers and Societies and encouraged a co-operative effort from all Members.

A vote shall be taken on any nomination received for Honorary Life Membership at the Annual General Meeting by secret ballot and such nomination must receive a 75% vote of the Members present for the Nominee to be elected.

Before the vote is taken the Chairperson of the Meeting shall read a brief resume of the work the Nominee has done for the Society and/or Branch of the Society.

On a nomination being approved by the Annual General Meeting the Member shall be awarded an Honorary Life Membership badge at a Public Meeting of the Society as soon as possible.

The successful Nominee shall remain a Member of the Branch of which they have been a Member. Or, they may nominate to become a Member of another Branch by notifying in writing or electronically both Branch Secretaries and the Membership Registrar of the Society.

The Membership Registrar of the Society shall maintain a Register of Honorary Life Members.

Honorary Membership of the Society may be awarded to any person/organisation that the Society feels has contributed in a worthwhile way to the advancement of the Society.

Nominations for Honorary Membership shall be made to the Management Committee in writing and voted upon at the following Management Committee Meeting.

An Honorary Member may be elected by the Management Committee by 75% of those present at the Management Committee Meeting.

The Management Committee meeting voting on Honorary membership shall decide the period of the Honorary Membership.

The Membership Registrar of the Society shall maintain a Register of Honorary Members.

BY-LAW No. 2

BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (Inc).

SHOW RULES

SHOW COMMITTEE

1. The Show Committee shall comprise the Show Manager and persons appointed by the Management Committee as Assistant Show Manager, Show Secretary, Show Treasurer and Chief Steward. The Show Committee may enlist the aid of further members as required.

(Amended 8th September 2008)

BY-LAW No. 2 (a)

BSNSW SHOW COMMITTEE – FUNCTION

1. To deal with all matters pertaining to shows in accordance with these SHOW RULES.

2. To meet at least twice each year and on as many additional occasions as it deems necessary in order to fulfil its function.

3. To continually and thoroughly review the published list of status and points for Restricted Status Members and determine the level at which each such Member should appear on the list e.g., Intermediate with n points, Novice with n points.

4. To encourage participation in shows by devising, publishing and administering competitions and special awards aimed specifically at increasing the participation in shows by our members.

DEFINITIONS

5. “Juvenile” – is a bird rung with a ring issued for the current calendar year. It will become a “Young” bird in the following calendar year. Example: In 2016 a bird rung with a 2016 Gold ring is a “Juvenile” until 31st December 2016.

6. “Young” – is a bird which is/was eligible to compete at the ANBC Competition in the current calendar year. It remains a “Young” bird until 31st December following the ANBC competition at which it was eligible to compete. Example: In 2016 a bird rung with a 2015 Purple ring is a “Young” bird until 31st December 2016.

7. “Any Age” (previously OLD) – is an Adult Feathered bird of any age. Restricted exhibitors may only show birds in the “Any Age” section if there are no “Restricted Any Age” classes provided in the Show Schedule. *Note: “Juvenile” birds may be shown in “Young” bird classes where there is no “Juvenile” classes are provided in the show schedule (see ENTRIES Clause 9-2). If a bird is carrying two closed rings, the oldest ring will determine the eligibility status of the bird (see ENTRIES Clause 9-5).*

8. “Show Committee” and “Show Manager” are the people officiating in the Show concerned.

9. “Exhibition Budgerigar” is a budgerigar that is judged to the current Standard issued by the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc.

ENTRIES

1. Entries shall be made in the manner(s) nominated and by the time indicated in the Show Schedule.

2. Entry fees shall be paid not later than the time of benching.

3. All entry fees shall be paid irrespective of whether the entry is benched. Exhibitors failing to pay for any entries shall have all entries refused and shall be liable for disqualification.

4. Cheques, Postal Notes and Money Orders shall be made payable to the Society, as indicated on the Show Schedule, and not individuals.

5. The Show Committee shall not refuse any entry without reasonable cause and any decision to do so shall be made by the Show Manager.

6. Disputes arising from Rule 5 shall be heard by the Management Committee of the Society or the Management Committee of the Branch and their decision shall be final.

7. Regrouping of exhibits shall be at the discretion of the Show Committee.

8. All exhibits shall be the bono fide property of the Exhibitor on the date of entry. Borrowing for the purpose of showing or sales for limited periods will render both parties liable to disqualification.

9. i. Birds must be owner bred and rung in all classes except for pairs, teams and collections and novelty classes which are in a separate section of the Schedule.

   ii. Young birds must be rung with a closed ring issued for use within the previous ring issue period and/or the current ring issue period.

   iii. Any bird carrying two closed rings shall carry only one on each leg and both rings must have been issued to only one Exhibitor.

iv. If selected for inclusion in the State Team to compete at the ANBC Competition, a young bird must carry only that ring eligible for that Competition. When showing, both rings must be registered to the same Exhibitor. Any other ring must be removed prior to the ANBC Competition.

v. If a bird is carrying two closed rings, the oldest ring will determine the eligibility status of the bird.

vi. A Young bird may compete in Any Age classes where provided.

vii. Except where special requirements such as for breeders trophies are imposed, unrung birds may compete in Any Age classes. Young birds may also compete in Any Age classes.

10. In the case of a Partnership, rings must be registered in the name of the Partnership and the Partnership recognised as the breeder irrespective of which aviary produced the exhibit.

11. Entries shall not be accepted from any person known to be disqualified by the Society or by another body recognised by the Society.

DISQUALIFICATION

12. Any faking, trimming, dyeing of feathers or any other show practice considered improper by the Show Committee shall not be allowed. Any Exhibitor found to have done so shall have all entries disqualified for the Show.

13. The judge of an exhibit may initiate disqualification if in his or her opinion it is in breach of Rule 12. Notice in writing, signed by the Judge, must specify the reason and be given to the Show Manager or other authorised official before completion of judging. The Show Committee or an authorised sub-committee of at least three competent independent persons must examine the exhibit and record its findings.

    If following this, it is proposed to disqualify the Exhibitor, the Show Committee shall notify the Exhibitor in writing or electronically of the intention and reasons. Notice to the Exhibitor shall be given at least thirty minutes before presentation of awards, or if the Exhibitor is absent, within such reasonable time as the Show Committee may direct. The Exhibitor must be presumed innocent unless proven otherwise.

14. Any Exhibitor may lodge a protest with the Show Manager or other authorised official at any time up to sixty minutes before presentation of awards against any exhibit or Exhibitor on grounds of violation of any Show Rule.

    This protest must be in writing or electronically signed by the protestor, must specify particulars of the charge and must be accompanied by a deposit of $20.00. This deposit shall be forfeited if the Show Committee decided the protest is frivolous, vexatious or unjustified but otherwise may be returned to the protestor.

    Upon acceptance of the protest the Show Committee shall promptly notify any affected Exhibitor in writing or electronically of the nature of the charge and shall provide a copy of the protest. The Show Committee or an authorised sub-committee of at least three competent independent persons must examine the exhibit, if appropriate, and record their findings. If the Show Committee considers it should proceed with the protest it shall so inform the Exhibitor if he or she is available. The Exhibitor shall be permitted to examine all evidence and answer the charge within such reasonable time as the Show Committee may direct. The Exhibitor must be presumed innocent unless proven otherwise.

15. The Show Committee shall disqualify the Exhibit against whom a protest has been duly lodged and upheld.

16. If an Exhibit is disqualified, the Show Committee may also disqualify its Exhibitor. Any Exhibitor so disqualified shall forfeit all awards won at the show.

17. Any Exhibitor found by the Show Committee to have made a false entry for any exhibit shall forfeit all awards won by that exhibit at the Show concerned and may be disqualified. The Show Committee shall determine whether such disqualification shall apply to the false entry, to all entries at that Show, or on some other basis.

18. The Show Committee shall have the right to refuse admission to any person during a Show, and to remove any person behaving offensively.

19. Any person making loud comments on the decision of a Judge, if persisting after being cautioned by an authorised show official, may be removed from the Show and dealt with otherwise by the Show Committee.

20. Any disqualification under these Rules must be reported in writing within fourteen days of its imposition to the Exhibitor and to the Management Committee of the Society or the Management Committee of the Branch.

21. Birds dealers may exhibit but only as individuals or partnerships and not as a bird shop or under a trade name.

SHOW CAGES

22. All exhibits shall be benched in standard Show Cages, complete with drinkers as approved by the Society (the specifications are available from the Society for both the Show Cage and drinker).

    Drinkers may have water in them. Cage floors shall be covered with sufficient seed to last the duration of the show. This seed is to be any combination of the various millets, plain canary and hulled oats. It cannot include whole oats, corn, milo (sorghum), sunflower, peas, safflower, rape (canola), linseed or any other seed considered to be foreign to an accepted budgerigar mixture.

23. For Annual Shows the Show Committee may accept standard cages of Interstate organisations (including drinker or floor covering) to enable visiting members of these organisations to exhibit.

LABELS

24. Cage labels for each cage shall be issued to the Exhibitor and must be affixed to the bottom left hand corner of the cage unless special notice is given in the Show Schedule of some other requirement. No other number or marking shall appear on the cage except such additional labels as may be supplied by the Show Committee.

DISEASE

25. Any bird having an apparent disease or complaint shall not be admitted to the Show.

26. Any bird developing any disease or complaint during the Show shall be removed from the Show bench by the Show Manager or his Delegate.

27. Any bird having a defect which prevents it from maintaining its correct position on the perch shall not be permitted to compete.

28. The entry fee of sick birds shall be forfeited.

DELIVERY OF BIRDS

29. All exhibits shall be delivered to the Show not later than the time indicated in the Show Schedule. Country and Interstate Exhibiters may make arrangements with the Show Secretary (if acceptable to the latter) to deliver exhibits at a railway station or air terminal and in such cases, shall arrange their return transport after the show.

RISK

30. While the Society shall exercise all reasonable care for the protection and safety of exhibits, it shall not hold itself responsible for the death or loss by theft or otherwise of any exhibit.

31. Any bird entered in the wrong class may be re-entered at the discretion of the Show Manager prior to the commencement of judging.

32. During a Show all exhibits including show cages, shall be in the custody of the Show Manager and shall not be touched or handled by the owner or any unauthorised person. Should any Exhibitor consider the safety of an exhibit requires attention, he or she may request any Official of the Show to give consideration to the matter, and any such Official shall take appropriate action if urgent or otherwise report to the Show Manager.

JUDGING

33. All officiating Judges shall observe BSNSW Judges Panel, Code of Ethics.

34. All decisions made by Judges on questions of merit shall be final.

35. A Judge may not withhold an award from an exhibit unless he or she consider the birds to be entered in an incorrect class, diseased or in an unclean condition.

36. In the event of any misunderstanding arising or a mistake occurring, the Show Committee may require a Judge to rectify such misunderstanding or mistake and if he or she fails to do to the Show Committee itself shall make the correction.

37. Judges shall complete the Judge’s slip as instructed by the Show Committee.

38. Selection of all awards shall be in accordance with procedure nominated by the Show Committee.

39. No bird shall be permitted to compete in more than one class at the same Show but may compete for several special awards if eligible. In the case of Derby, Oak, Golden Bird etc competitions, when conducted in conjunction with shows no such limitations apply.

SHOW DATES

40. Proposed Annual Show dates for the following year should be advised to the Show Committee of the Society or designated co-ordinator by 1st July each year to avoid a clash of show dates.

41. The Society's Show Committee shall be responsible for notification to Branches of proposed conflicting show dates and may suggest alternate dates. Final decision, however, shall be at the discretion of the Branches.

RINGS

42. For the purpose of its young bird classes, the Society shall not recognise rings issued prior to the date of its closed ring issue. To satisfy Rule 9, ring checks may be carried out on exhibits.

SALE BIRDS

43. An exhibitor desirous of selling any exhibit during a Show where special selling classes are not provided shall advise the Show Secretary, in writing, of the price required. Such price and notice that the exhibit is for sale may be placed on the cage by the Show Secretary after judging is completed.

    All sales of exhibits made at a Show shall be subject to a commission to the Society/Branch of 10% of the sale price. Any exhibit sold shall remain on the bench until the end of the show and then will be handed to the purchaser by the Show Secretary or other officials authorised by him or her. All purchases must be paid to the Show Treasurer at the time of claiming and are then at the sole risk of the purchaser.

SHOW SEASON

44. The show season shall run from 1st January to end 31st December in each year.

RESTRICTED STATUS

45. Restricted status classes (Novice and Intermediate) shall cater for owner bred young birds only. Restricted status competition is available for Budgerigar Society of New South Wales (Inc) Members only.

46. A new Member of the Society for the purpose of Exhibition Status may be graded as a "Novice" Exhibitor by the Show Committee from the time of joining the Society and will remain a Novice Exhibitor until the prescribed number of wins have been accumulated (see Rule 47), or at the discretion of the Show Committee (see Rule 56).

47. A Novice Exhibitor will remain in this Status until six (6) points from wins have been accumulated. The Show Committee will notify the Exhibitor, in writing, of the elevation to their new Status (Intermediate).

The following will constitute a win:

i. Champion or Best Opposite Sex or Reserve Champion when sex is not a consideration.
ii. Best of Variety at a Variety Show or a Breeder's Trophy win.
iii. A bird selected to represent the State in the NSW team.

Points will be awarded for wins as follows

i. BSNSW (Inc) Annual Show.
ii. BSNSW (Inc) Branch Annual Shows.
iii. Associated Societies Annual Shows.
iv. State Selection.
v. BSNSW (Inc) Branch and Associated Societies Young Bird Shows.
vi. Variety Shows.

Note: in any one Show any one bird can only obtain one point. Associate Society shows must be run under the Objects, Rules & By-Laws of the BSNSW.

48. An Intermediate Exhibitor will remain in this Status until fifteen (15) points from wins have been accumulated, The Show Committee will notify the Exhibitor in writing, of the elevation to their new Status (Open).

The following will constitute a win:

i. Champion or Best Opposite Sex or Reserve Champion when sex is not a consideration.
ii. Best of Variety at a Variety Show or a Breeder's Trophy win.
iii. A bird selected to represent the State in the NSW team.

Points will be awarded for wins as follows:

i. BSNSW (Inc) Annual Show.
ii. BSNSW (Inc) Branch Annual Shows
iii. Associated Societies Annual Shows
iv. State Selection
v. BSNSW (Inc) Branch and Associated Societies Young Bird Shows.
vi. Variety Shows.

Note: in any one Show any one bird can only obtain one point. Associate Society shows must be run under the Objects, Rules & By-Laws of the BSNSW.

49. Branches and Associate Societies must forward all detailed Show results and Show Schedule used to BSNSW (Inc) Show Manager within SEVEN DAYS of the show date to allow for recording, review and updating of all Members' grading by the Show Committee.

50. A list of Members and their Grading will be published in the first published Budgerigar magazine each year.(Variations of gradings will be notified in subsequent issues)

Note: Requests by Branches or Associated Societies for clarification updates should be Directed to the Show Manager.

51. Members shall retain the grading published as by-law 50, or subsequently altered, for the whole of the new show season (1st January to 31st December) unless they attain the maximum allowable major awards as defined in Rule 47 for Novice and Rule 48 for Intermediate. In these cases, the Member shall be regraded by the Society's Show Committee, and advised in writing, as soon as practicable.

52. Members who feel they have been unjustly graded or consider they are no longer competitive in their given Status, may direct an appeal to the Show Manager (giving full details in writing), for subsequent consideration and decision by the Show Committee.

53. An Exhibitor may show in only one Restricted Status at a Show and never at a status lower than that in which he or she is currently graded. No Exhibitor may enter birds in more than one Young Bird section at any Show.

54. In any show where a restricted Status Exhibitor enters one or more classes in a higher status than he or she is graded at the time, and such classes are not provided in the lower status, then a win shall count only as a win in the lower status.

    (a) If a Novice voluntarily competes in the Intermediate or Open Young Section of an Annual Show, which provides Novice classes, the Exhibitor shall immediately assume the exhibition status of the higher grading and shall not be permitted to return to the lower status.
    (b) If an Intermediate voluntarily competes in the Open Young section of an Annual Show, which provides Intermediate classes, the Exhibitor shall immediately assume the exhibition status of the higher grading and shall not be permitted to return to the lower status.

    Note: Details of any Exhibitor, who assumes higher Exhibition Status at any Show, are to be notified to the BSNSW (Inc) Show Manager, along with details required under Rule 49.

55. An Exhibitor shall not be permitted to show in classes at a status lower than that of any person with whom he or she is associated with as a partner or similar nor that of any person being a member of the same family who lives or has lived under the same roof.

    An exception may be granted by the BSNSW (Inc). Show Committee to a Member of the Society whose subscription fee has been set at a concessional rate because of Junior Age in accordance with Clause 10(b) of the Rules of Incorporation.

Note: Junior Age refers to any person who joins the Society in their own right, who is 16 years of age or under.

56. The Show Committee may, at its discretion, grade an Exhibitor at any level deemed appropriate notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules. It shall exercise this discretion only when satisfied that such action is in the best interest of the majority of Exhibitors and that show competition generally will benefit.

JUDGES FEES

57. The prescribed fee for Judges for Annual Shows and Young Bird Shows is $50. The Show Committee is free to increase the fee if they wish. The fee is to be paid at the Show usually when judging is completed.

58. Upon receiving an invitation to judge any show, a judge may request additional funds to cover their costs of travel and accommodation. If suitable arrangements cannot be agreed with the Show committee within 7 days the invitation to judge elapses.

BY-LAW No. 2 (b)

RULES GOVERNING THE BSNSW TEAM CHALLENGE

COMPETITION AND THE NSW STATE TEAM SELECTION

1. The Show Committee of the BSNSW Inc. shall each year organise and conduct a Show not more than ten (10) days prior to the Australian Championship Show. This Show will be called the NSW State Team Challenge Competition (STCC) and the State Team Selection (STS) to select a Team to represent NSW at the Australian Championships.

2. The STCC and STS shall be between Branches of the Society and invited Associated Societies/Clubs.

3. The Show Committee shall provide classes as are required in the varieties to be benched at the Australian Championships. The Show Committee may also include any other class that they consider would be appropriate, e.g. a special class for Normal Grey Greens as well as a Green Series class, or any other format as may be approved by the Management Committee.

4. The Show Committee shall issue invitations to all Branches and Associated Societies/Clubs that are to be invited each year. Such invitations are to detail the schedule for the show and any other information with which the participating teams need to comply. The Show Committee must receive acceptances non/acceptances no later than three weeks prior to the competitions.

5. The judging at the STCC shall be to twentieth place with points allocated on the basis of 20 points for the first placed bird down to 1 point for the twentieth placed bird.

6. Each bird entered in this competition must be eligible and available for the NSW STS and the owner must be prepared to place the bird in the care of the Show Committee until such time as it is returned from the Australian Championships.

7. The Show Committee shall arrange suitable accommodation for the birds whilst in their care and have the accommodation inspected by a veterinarian. The Show Committee shall also make arrangements for a veterinarian to be available in case a bird shows signs of requiring treatment. The owner of any bird so treated must be informed by the Show Committee of such treatment and any ongoing care that may be necessary.

8. The Show Committee shall arrange for the NSW Team to be transported to the venue of the Australian Championships, wherever possible by a direct flight when air transport is required.

9. The Management Committee appointed Team Carers of the NSW Team shall be responsible for the birds while at the Australian Championships. The same Team Carers shall arrange the return of the birds as soon as possible after the Australian Championships again where possible by a direct flight. The Show Committee will then be responsible for ensuring that the birds are returned to the Branch/Society/Club Team representatives.

10. The Branch/Society/Club Team representative will be responsible for making arrangements with the Show Committee to collect their birds from a designated place.

11. In any instance where a Branch or Associated Society/Club issues ANBC coded rings they must make available their Ring Issue Records, on the day to the Show Committee.

12. An Exhibitor may only enter birds for one Branch/Society/Club Team selection.

13. Each team entered must have at least two (2) team representatives nominated on the entry form. These team representatives will be responsible for ensuring the team is benched by the nominated time and be available throughout the show to assist the Show Committee with any queries they might have regarding the team from the Branch/Society/Club. They will also be responsible for ensuring their team is de-benched and cleared from the show venue when instructed by the Show Manager. In clearing the team from the venue, they will ensure that no bird selected in the NSW team is removed from the venue.

14. The team representatives are the only persons who can lodge a protest in accordance with the Objects, Rules and By-Laws of the Society.

15. The Chairperson or Secretary of the Branch/Society/Club shall sign the team entry form giving assurance that:

    (a) Each owner of the birds in the team is currently a financial member of the BSNSW Inc. and/or Associated Society/Club which the team represents.

    (b) Each owner of birds in the team has acknowledged that:

        i. All birds are eligible and available for selection in the NSW State Team for the Australian Championships.

        ii. All birds selected in the NSW State team will remain in the custody of the Show Committee immediately following the STCC and held until they are returned to the Club/Branch team representatives following the Australian Championships. The date, place and time that the birds are to be available to the team representatives will be made known to them at the STCC/STS, and they will be further advised by telephone if there is any change in these plans. (Changes will only be made to the original advice when brought about by aircraft schedules and bookings).

iii. No claim will be made on BSNSW Committees or Members for any loss, illness or injury to birds or equipment during or after the events, or while the birds are in the Show Committee's care.

iv. Birds cannot compete in the Australian Championships with a second leg ring. Any bird selected in BSNSW Inc. State Team with a second ring may have it removed by the Show Committee.

v. Any breach of the Rules or conditions of this event by any individual team member, or group of team members, may cause the immediate disqualification of the ENTIRE team from all events, including the removal of all prior awards.

(c) Each bird listed on the team entry form has been bred by the person(s) recorded as owner(s) and BSNSW Inc. or another recognised Ring Registrar/Recorder must have issued the ANBC coded ring number to that person(s). See By-Law 2b (11).

16. Each class in the STCC is to be judged by a Senior Panel Judge.

17. Six STS selectors will be appointed by the Judges Committee upon meeting the eligibility requirements set out by the Judges Panel.

18. Judging and selection will commence simultaneously at the start of the competition. Class judges will be allocated their first class by the Show Manager and the Chair of the Judges Panel.

19. Two STS Selectors will join the class judge who will become the third selector for that class. The three Selectors will mark the first six cages and the two STS Selectors will move on to the next appropriate class.

20. The class judge will finalise the class and mark the cages 7 to 20. Once a class judge completes a class, he or she will move to the next available class in which they have no birds competing.

21. Birds selected for the NSW team in the National Competition may be replaced by the reserves if that is deemed necessary by the Show Committee on advice from the Team Carers or the Vet.

22. Birds in position 4, 5 and 6 in the STCC will be the reserve birds in that order for the State team.

23. Owners of reserve birds are encouraged to make arrangements for the birds to be available for the team but this is not compulsory after the birds leave the STS building at the completion of the show.

BY-LAW No. 2 (c)

BSNSW INC. TEAM CARER'S DUTIES

1. To ensure speedy accompanied transport for the team from the airport to the host holding accommodation.

2. To inspect and be satisfied with the holding cages and equipment provided.

3. To check each bird carefully when transferring it from the transport cage to the holding cages.

4. To check each bird's ring against the list provided by the BSNSW Show Committee in the company of the host state security personnel.

5. To retain a detailed list of all the birds in the team and their owners.

6. To have contact list of telephone numbers/email addresses/fax numbers of the BSNSW Show Manager, President, and Web Master.

7. To have a bird first-aid/preparation kit available for use over the three days.

8. To immediately upon arrival in the host State attend to any bird requiring medical attention, cleaning or preparation.

9. To isolate and provide heat to any sick bird and seek veterinary advice.

10. To provide Home State boiled water with electrolytes for the team of birds to drink.

11. To regularly check the supply of seed, seed sprays and water to the team.

12. To isolate fighting birds.

13. To have birds ready for benching at the time required by the Home State.

14. To select the best birds for benching on the day of the competition. To procure photocopies of the benched team list on each day of the competition for the NSW observing exhibitors.
15. To watch all judging from the reserved seats and have knowledge of protest procedures.

16. To lodge a protest if required and allowed.

17. To make notes of the Judges' comments for publication in "Budgerigar" with the results of the competition.

18. To be available to de-bench the team of birds when required by the Host State.

19. To regularly inspect the birds in the holding cages.

20. To regularly inspect the birds on the bench in case they are overstressed or showing signs of sickness.

21. To advise updates of the team health to the BSNSW Show Manager

22. To keep notes re reasons for the selection of birds benched in the team at the National Competition for publication in “Budgerigar”

23. To forward these notes to the Editor for publication in the following issue of “Budgerigar”.

24. To check each bird’s ring in the company of the Host State security when transferring the birds from the holding cages to the Home State transport cage.

25. To check on the flight bookings for the team’s return to the Home State.

26. To accompany the team to the airport and provide any required Documentation.

27. To check that the birds have arrived home safely and are in the hands of the appointed person.

28. To arrange for uncollected logies/ribbons/rosettes and to be put in the hands of the BSNSW Show Manager for distribution as required.

29. To ensure that ONLY the BSNSW State team birds are carried in the NSW transport cages.

30. To supply a report to the BSNSW General Secretary or appropriate Executive Office Bearer within seven (7) days of the finalization of the National competition detailing the reasons for the selection of birds benched and/or reasons given for those not benched.

CARER'S EXPENSES

2. Carer's expenses which may be claimed are half the cost of return transport to the venue of the competition and half the cost of three nights single accommodation.

ELIGIBILITY

3. Election of the ANBC Team Carers is to take place annually at the January Management meeting.

4. It is desirable that at least one Carer be continuous.

5. At least one Carer to be a NSW Senior Panel Judge.

BY-LAW No. 3

JUDGES

1. No person who is not a Member of the Judges Panel shall be appointed to judge budgerigars at any show, other than table shows, conducted by the Society without the written consent of the Judges' Committee.

2. Judges shall not be permitted to exhibit at any show other than Challenge Shows, at which they are officiating as a Judge.

JUDGES COMMITTEE

3. The Judges Committee shall comprise of five judges elected not more than four months before the Annual General Meeting of the Society in each year from and by the existing Judges Panel. It shall be governed by the By-Laws as formulated by the Committee and confirmed by the Management Committee.

4. The Panel will first endeavour to elect five Committee Members from the Senior Panel level.

5. Should the electors not succeed in filling all five positions from the Senior Panel level a minimum of three positions must be filled from this level and the remainder may be filled by electing from the Panel.

JUDGES COMMITTEE – FUNCTION

6. To deal with all matters pertaining to judging.

7. To meet at least twice each year and on as many additional occasions as it deems necessary in order to fulfil its function.

8. To continually and thoroughly review the published list of Panel Judges and determine at which each Panel Member should appear on the list, eg., Senior Panel, Panel, Probationary or Cadet.

9. To select and appoint additional Judges to the Panel.

10. To discipline and if necessary remove from the Panel any judge whose conduct is considered to be prejudicial to the best interests of the Panel.

11. Any Judge removed from the Panel under clause (9) shall have the right to appeal to the Management Committee.

12. The Committee may appoint a Panel Judge to fill a vacancy on the Committee should such a vacancy occur at any time during the term of office and in such circumstances the Committee will bear in mind the mandatory requirements of By-Law 3 (4).

13. The Committee shall inform the Judges' Panel Secretary of any alterations to the Panel list, and it also shall furnish a report to the full Panel each year.

JUDGES PANEL

13. The Judges Panel shall comprise financial Members of the Society who have been accepted by the Judges' Committee as qualified for admission to one of the Panel levels specified in By-Law 3 (7).

14. The Judges Panel shall be governed by the By-Laws and decisions of the Judges Committee and shall meet at least once each year.

COLOUR AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

15. The Colour and Standards Committee shall comprise the Colour and Standards Committee Chairperson and two or more members of the Judges Panel appointed by the Management Committee. The Colour and Standards Committee may enlist the aid of further members as required.

BY- LAW No. 3 (a)

JUDGES CODE OF ETHICS

1. Judges shall not openly criticise any member of a Judges Panel at State, National or International (WBO) level as such action shall be considered as prejudicial to the best interests of the Society and will be dealt with under Clause 45 (5 & 6) of the Objects, Rules and By-Laws of the Society.

2. With the exception of Challenge Shows, Judges will not exhibit at any show at which they are officiating.

3. NSW State Team Selection Show – Judges are not permitted to take part in the judging/selection process if they have birds in the class in front of them. The exception being under the supervision of the Chairperson of the Judges Committee if there is no other option.

4. Judges will reply promptly to a request to judge. If for any reason he/she is unable to keep an engagement he/she will advise either the Show Manager or Show secretary as soon as possible.

5. Judges should be ready to commence at the appointed time.

6. Judges always will charge the prescribed fee.

7. a) Judges, when officiating at any Society show, with the exception of the State Team Challenge Competition, will not transport Exhibitors' birds to any Show or travel in the company of an Exhibitor to any event on the day of judging, nor stay at an Exhibitor's house, or view the exhibits before arriving at the show.
   b) Judges, when officiating at the BSNSW State Team Challenge Competition may travel with the birds included in a Team to the venue, but on arrival must not participate in the handling, unloading or benching of any birds prior to the completion of judging on that day.

8. Judges should always be prepared to explain to Exhibitors the basis of their decisions.

9. Judges cannot receive or view the exhibitors list of entries if they are an officiating judge of that show (including the State Team Challenge and State Team Selection shows)

10. A Judge is not to perform judging duties at a show (including the State Team Challenge and State Team Selection shows) if they are the Show Manager for that show.

BY- LAW No. 3 (b)

JUDGES PANEL BY-LAWS

1. The BSNSW Inc. Judges Panel shall be divided into levels as follows:
   (a) Senior Panel Judges
   (b) Panel Judges
   (c) Probationary Judges
   (d) Cadet Judges
   (e) Trainee Judges
   (f) Retired Judges (as from 1st January 2012)

2. Trainee Judges will not have a voice or a vote at Judges' Panel Meetings and may not hold a position on the Judges' Committee.
   Retired Judges will not have a vote at Panel meetings and may not hold position on the Judges' Committee

3. The Judges Committee shall elect a Chairperson from its own ranks. The person so elected shall automatically be Chairperson of the Judges Panel subject to the appointment being ratified by the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

4. The Committee may appoint a Member of the Judges Panel or a suitable Member of the Society to act as Secretary to the Committee. This person shall be known as the Judges Panel Secretary.

5. The Committee shall act as an examining body of candidates for admittance to the Panel. Where circumstances so demand, the Committee may delegate the power to examine candidates to some other person or persons who shall report the results to the Committee, which shall be the final arbiter on the admission and grading of candidates.

6. The Committee may admit a candidate at any level except Senior Panel Judge according to its assessment of the candidate's ability. Admittance to Senior Panel Judge level shall only be made through the preceding level. There shall be no fixed minimum period on any level.

7. The Committee shall review the Panel List at least once each year for the purpose of regrading. No change need be made in grading if the Committee is satisfied with the existing situation.
8. The Committee shall promote the advancement of consistency of judging by any means, which it may consider suitable such as: BSNSW Inc. By- Laws

   (a) Providing guidance to or promoting discussion among the Judges Panel.
   (b) Conducting classes and or discussion at an advanced level for the benefit of Cadet, Probationary and Trainee Judges.

9. The Committee shall report to the Panel at least once each year and may call a meeting of the Panel at any time it considers necessary.

10. The Judges Panel may elect a person to be known as the Judges Appointment Secretary to keep an accurate list of the Judges and to deal with the allocation of Judges to Shows on request.

11. The Panel shall, with the guidance of the Committee, organise the holding of seminars, discussions and schools of instruction for all interested parties to increase their knowledge relating to all aspects of exhibition budgerigars and their judging.

12. The Panel shall meet at least once a year for discussion and to make recommendations to the Judges Committee.

13. A Special Meeting of the Panel shall be convened upon requisition in writing addressed to the Judges Panel Secretary, by not less that three Members of the Panel. All Panel Members shall be advised of such Special Meeting within thirty days of the receipt of the requisition and the Meeting held within thirty days of such advice.

14. A Judge may, at any time, make a written application to the Judges Committee requesting an individual regrading.

15. All Judges are bound by the Code of Ethics, which shall be approved by the Panel and ratified by the Management Committee.

16. By attendance at any discussion or school, conducted by the Committee or the Panel, a person shall not be placed under any obligation, nor should it be regarded as a guarantee by the organisers that such attendance will lead to admission to the Panel.

JUDGES ATTENDING PANEL MEETINGS

17. Failure to attend at least one Meeting during a twelve months period (beginning 1st January) will be seen by the Committee as disinterest in the affairs of the Panel, and in the absence of a reasonable explanation, action may be taken to downgrade the standing of the Judge on the Panel or suspension, or permanent removal from the Panel.

18. Members of the Judges Panel lower than Senior Panel level who are requested to attend training days, and fail to attend at least 50% of these days, may be asked to show cause why they should not be removed from the Panel.

PROMOTIONAL PROCEDURES

19. Promotional Procedures for all BSNSW (Inc) Judges

a) Acceptance to Trainee Level

- Completion of required application forms.

- Interview with the Judges Committee.
- Complete and pass an entrance theory test.
- Complete and pass an entrance practical test.
- If admitted, applicant must provide a doctor's certificate stating that the applicant is not colour blind.
- Forms of assessment can be obtained from the Judges Secretary.

b) Trainee to Cadet

- Attendance at 90% of Training Days.
- Satisfactory completion of all written and practical assignments.
- Attend training days at the homes of members of the Judges' Committee and seek and accept Table Show appointments where a Senior Panel Judge is present to assess performance.
- Accompany three different members of the Judges' Committee for observation and training at BSNSW (Inc) Branch or Society Shows or Associated Society Shows approved by the Judges' Committee.

c) Cadet to Probationary

- Attendance of 90% of Training Days.
- Satisfactory completion of all written and practical assignments.
- Accompany three different members of the Judges' Committee for observation, training and assessment at BSNSW (Inc) Society or BSNSW (Inc) Branch Shows or Associated Society Shows approved by the Judges' Committee.
- Satisfactory completion of judging appointments, and
- At the discretion of the Judges' Committee.

d) Probationary to Panel

- No less than four satisfactory reports on judging ability by four different members of the BSNSW (Inc) Judges' Committee who are not adjudicating at the Show where the assessment is taking place. One report per Show only. Shows must be BSNSW (Inc) Society or BSNSW (Inc) Branch Shows or Associated Society Shows approved by the Judges' Committee.
- Satisfactory completion of knowledge tests on show and judging procedure and identification of the different varieties of budgerigars and their placing in the ANBC Standard Matrix.
- At the discretion of the Judges' Committee.

- **Panel to Senior Panel**
- Satisfactory reports on judging ability by six different Senior Panel judges (including at least two members of the Judges' Committee) at six different BSNSW (Inc) Society or BSNSW (Inc) Branch Shows or Associated Society Shows approved by the Judges' Committee. These reports are to be completed by Senior Panel BSNSW (Inc) Judges not officiating at the Show and posted/handed to the Judges' Committee Secretary within two weeks of the Show date by the assessor
  AND/OR
- Pass the ANBC Judges Examination.

BY-LAW No. 3 (c)

JUDGES PANEL BY LAWS

1. a) A Judge must be a current financial member of the BSNSW Inc.

   b) A Judge must be a current breeder and exhibitor of budgerigars and is required to have judged at least one BSNSW Inc. Branch or Society show, or approved Associate Society show and exhibited at least five birds at a BSNSW Branch, Society or approved Associate show within each annual reporting period unless granted special exemption and permission from the Judges Committee for not owning, keeping or exhibiting budgerigars for a maximum period of three (3) years.

   c) An Activity Report must be completed by each Judge and returned to the Judges' Panel Secretary at the Panel AGM each year or within two weeks thereafter. Failure to do so will result in the presumption that the Judge has not judged or shown during the past year unless the Committee has been advised otherwise.

2. Dress Code

A judge should be suitably attired, presenting a professional image.

Dress trousers or slacks (no jeans or tracksuits) with a collared shirt (tie and coat optional) and shoes or loafers (not sneakers or runners).

Dress shorts with belt and long socks (no stubbies or shorts with drawstrings). Skirts or slacks with blouse or shirt.

Judges should wear their BSNSW Judges badge at all judging appointments.

BY-LAW No. 4 (a)

BRANCHES

(1) A Branch of the Society may be formed at discretion of the Management Committee upon receipt of an application in writing.

(2) Each Branch shall be known as Budgerigar Society of New South Wales (Inc). (Branch as determined by the Management Committee).

(3) Each Branch shall be conducted in accordance with these Objects, Rules and By-laws and the operation of each Branch shall be conducted by the Branch Committee comprising of Members appointed in accordance with Rule 42 (2) and in such a manner as the Management Committee determines.

(4) Each Branch shall on or before 31st July in each year submit financial statements in respect of the year ended 30th June immediately preceding and in the form required by the Management Committee and audited in accordance with these Rules, to the Treasurer of the Society.

(5) Each Branch by vote of Branch Members present at the Meeting of that Branch held in July of each year, shall appoint a Branch Chairperson, two Deputy Chairpersons, a Branch Secretary, a Branch Treasurer, two Representatives to Management, and may appoint such other persons to assist in the operations of the Branch to positions determined by the Meeting. Appointment to Branch positions is limited to Branch Members.

(6) Each Branch by vote of Members of the Branch present at the Meeting of that Branch held in July of each year shall appoint two Branch Auditors, who may be Members of the Society and who shall not be required to be formally qualified, to audit the financial statements prepared in accordance with clause (4) of this Rule.

BY-LAW No. 4 (b)

ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES

The Management Committee may accept the association of other Societies that have similar Objects and are involved with the breeding and exhibiting of birds by annual application within the guidelines laid down in By-law 4(b) of the Society.

Conditions:-

(1) An Association Fee as determined by the Management Committee is to be paid to the Society each year.

(2) Associated Societies shall recognise the closed rings issued by the Society at

their respective shows, but not necessarily to the exclusion of any other recognised ring.

(3) The Society and the Associated Society shall exchange publications.

BY-LAW No. 4 (c)

STANDARDS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF SOCIETIES OR CLUBS AS ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES OF BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (Inc).

1. A Society or Club seeking Association must apply in writing to the General Secretary of BSNSW (Inc). This application for Association must detail the following:
   (a) The names of Office Bearers (President, Secretary, Treasurer).
   (b) Number of Members.
   (c) Number of Members who are also Members of BSNSW Inc.
   (d) The area in which the intention is to hold Meetings, draw Members and conduct Shows.
2. On receipt of such and application, the General Secretary of the Society shall table it at the next Management Meeting and, if it meets the requirements of BSNSW (Inc) for Association, then it will be referred by Branch Representatives to their Branches for direction regarding how to vote. The General Secretary on receipt of such an application shall notify the Applicant in writing of the receipt of the Application and when a decision may be anticipated.
3. The application shall then be an agenda item at the Management Committee meeting following the one when it was referred to the Branches, at which time a vote will be taken on whether to accept, reject or defer the application.
4. The General Secretary shall, following this meeting (Clause 3) advise the Society or Club of the outcome of the vote, and, if approved, inform the applicant of the relevant fee and to whom such a fee shall be payable.
5. Each Associated Society or Club must make annual application, by 1st June, to the General Secretary of BSNSW (Inc) to have their Association renewed. Such an application may be approved by the Management Committee.
6. An Associated Society or Club whose Members are not Members of BSNSW (Inc) and who enter birds in any BSNSW (Inc) shows shall make available to BSNSW (Inc) Show Manager on the day of the show a ring card so that the Show Manager can check the ring number of any exhibit. See By-Law 2 (b) No. 11.

BY-LAW No. 5 (a)

POLICY AND PROCEDURES CONCERNED WITH THE ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND POSTAL VOTING

Nomination for the Position of Office Bearer

1. Valid nominations for Office Bearer positions of the Society are required to be with the General Secretary prior to 1st June in accordance with Clause 16 (1).

2. For a nomination to be valid the person nominated must be a financial member of the Society as must be the two persons required to make the nomination. Nominations are required to be made using the Society nomination form for the Election of Office Bearers (Form EF1)

3. The General Secretary, on receipt of the valid nomination is required to contact the nominee and ascertain his/her willingness to stand for the nominated Office Bearer position.

4. Valid nominations (once accepted by the nominee) are to be notified to the membership by the General Secretary, through “Budgerigar”. Nominations are then to be included on the ballot paper for postal votes. A consolidated copy of the nominations is to be provided to the President and Returning Officer by the General Secretary prior to the 31st of July.

5. Branches will be advised of valid nominations which have been received. This advice will be provided at the July Management Committee Meeting.

Postal Votes

6. (1) A member is entitled to one vote in accordance with Clause 32 (1).

   (2) Votes at the Annual General Meeting of the Society shall either be given personally or by lodging a postal vote in accordance with Clause 32 (2). Financial members wishing to lodge a postal vote for the Annual Election of Office Bearers may apply through the General Secretary using the Society Application Form (Form EF2). Applications for a postal vote are required to be with the General Secretary no later than 15th August.

7. Serial numbered ballot papers will be prepared and forwarded by the General Secretary to applicants for a postal vote, no later than 17th of August. These postal votes must be received by the Returning Officer no later than one week prior to the AGM.

8. Society members lodging a postal vote are advised to double envelope their completed ballot papers. The outer envelope is required to be addressed to the Returning Officer, the inner envelope should be marked ‘Postal Vote”. Postal votes are only to be opened by the Returning Officer in the presence of a Scrutineer. As each vote is opened it will be sequentially numbered in the upper right hand corner.

9. The Returning Officer will provide a summary sheet that will indicate the number of postal votes cast for each candidate. The total number of valid votes counted (plus invalid votes) will total the number of votes cast. The summary sheet will be signed off by the Returning Office and at least one Scrutineer.

Appointment of a Scrutineer

10 The Management Committee at its July meeting is required to appoint at least one Scrutineer to assist the Returning Officer.

11 The Membership Registrar is required to provide an up to date copy of the Register of Members to the Returning Officer no later than 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

Attendance Check

12 The Membership Registrar, (or in his absence another member appointed by the Management Committee), will record all members entering the venue of the Society's Annual General Meeting. This will be done prior to the member proceeding into the meeting venue by marking the member's name in pen on an up to date copy of the Register of Members.

13 Names of members who have lodged a postal vote will then be marked off on the same copy of the Register of Members by the Returning Officer using a different coloured pen.

Election Platform

14 Members nominated for the position of President, Vice President, General Secretary and Treasurer may provide an election platform to the Editor for publication in an issue of "Budgerigar" as designated by the Management Committee provided that it is limited to 200 words and that a black and white 'passport sized' photograph of themselves is optional.

Joint Memberships and Partnerships

16. For Joint memberships where two or more persons being members of the same family living at the same address have been recorded in the Register of Members as Financial Members by the Membership Registrar following written application, each member of that joint membership is entitled to a vote, provided that he or she has attained ~~14~~ **17** years of age.

17. Partnerships of individual members are permitted and recorded for exhibition purposes. However, individual members not being members of the same family living at the same address are not each entitled to a vote unless they each maintain their individual membership of the Society.

Attachments

1. Nomination form for the Annual Election of Office Bearers (Form EF1)
2. Application for a Postal Vote – Annual Election of Office Bearers (Form EF2)

BY-LAW NO. 6 (A)

BSNSW (Inc) DELEGATE TO THE ANBC Inc.

Duties

1. Duties of the BSNSW (Inc) delegates (2) to the ANBC Inc. are:
   (a) To attend a Special meeting convened prior to the May Management meeting to recommend actions to Management in relation to the motions and discussion points contained in the agenda for the ANBC meeting.
   (b) Attend the May Management meeting to get Management's recommendations in relation to the items contained on the ANBC Inc. agenda.
   (c) To attend the ANBC meeting on the Monday of the ANBC Championship weekend.
   (d) To vote according to Management's directives at the ANBC Meeting.
   (e) To report back to Management on the results of the ANBC meeting.

Expenses allowed

2. Single accommodation for three nights may be claimed. If the delegate is the same person as the team carer, claim can be made for full accommodation for the third night instead of half.

Election of Delegates

3. The election of Delegates (2) to ANBC meeting is to be held at the January Management meeting.

Eligibility

4. A person can be both Delegate and Carer.
5. Preferably at least one ANBC Delegate be continuous to maintain continuity.
6. Delegates to be chosen from the BSNSW (Inc) Management Committee so that they will be well informed of the Society's affairs.

BY-LAW No 7 (a)

CLOSED LEG RINGS

1. The Society shall issue to financial members of the Society ("financial member" is defined in the Interpretation Section and Rule 4 (a) and (b) of the BSNSW Inc. Constitution) , closed ANBC coded rings for birds bred by members of the Society as a recording tool.

2. The ring issue date of the Society will be 1st January each year. However the issue date must comply with the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. ring issue date regulations.

3. Closed leg rings are not to be issued or posted, at the initial order stage, more than five (5) working days prior to the changeover of ring issue date. Or at a date as advised by the ANBC.

4. (i) Rings that carry the ANBC symbol may only be ordered and issued by the Society's Ring Registrar for all members of the Budgerigar Society of New South Wales Inc. These ANBC coded rings are the only closed rings to be used at the BSNSW Annual and State Team Challenge Shows.

5. Ring cards are to be provided by the Society or Club Ring Registrar's to members purchasing closed leg rings.

6. (i) All financial members of the Society may apply to the Society's Ring Registrar for an allocated personalised ANBC coded leg ring code for their exclusive use. A member's code issued to a member by the Society's Ring Registrar shall remain the exclusive property of that member. This personalised code will remain thus allocated to that member and not be reissued for any reason, for a period of up to five (5) years from the date of retirement, death or the last payment of membership fees.

   (ii) All financial members of Affiliated Clubs to BSNSW who are members of the Society may apply for an allocated personalised leg ring code for their exclusive use (as noted in 6 (i)). All orders for these rings must be made through that Affiliated Club's Ring Registrar. Affiliated Club members may have their club code or personal code, but not both.

7. Personalised coded leg rings are not transferable. As such, unused personalised coded leg rings may NOT be transferred, swapped, given or sold to any other member or person.

8. The life partner, widow or widower of a member residing at the same address of the member, not being a member of the Society, may on application for membership of the Society, apply for their deceased partner's leg ring code and shall exhibit at their deceased partner's status.

9. Any member on rejoining the Society may apply for the use of their original code, however this will be subject to availability. (see paragraph 6).

10. Uncoded closed leg rings that the Society or Club Ring Registrar's have issued to each member shall remain the property of that member.

11. On request, uncoded closed leg rings (those not carrying a personalised code) may be transferred to another member, however these must be unused and sighted by either the Society or Club Ring Registrar's prior to transfer to any member other than that member originally issued them by the Society or Club Ring Registrar's. On transfer, ring cards are to be adjusted and or reissued only by the Society's or Club Ring Registrar's.

12. Clubs may return unsold rings (uncoded rings only) to the Society at the request of the BSNSW Ring Registrar should they be needed by the Society for re-issue during that current year. A credit will be issued to the Club.

13. Affiliated Clubs of the Society who choose to acquire closed ANBC rings shall provide to the BSNSW Society's Ring Registrar details of ring sales for closed leg rings allocated by them to each member for the current ring issue period at the end of each month. Failure to provide monthly returns (including nil allocations) will result in no rings to be provided to the Club until they remedy the default.

14. A late ordering surcharge of $10 per 50 rings or part thereof will be imposed for additional rings ordered by the Society following the initial order.

15 2022 ANBC issued rings shall be provided to Affiliated Club members who are not financial members of the BSNSW Inc. In respect of rings issued by the ANBC in 2023 and in subsequent years, clauses 1 to 14 hereof shall apply.

BY-LAW 8.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DELEGATION TO SUB COMMITTEES

8.1 Operations Committee

1. The Operations Committee is delegated to deal with matters pertaining to the Society arising between Management Meetings.

2. The operations Committee has financial delegation up to $500 per unique item for any expenditure items that arise.

3. Recurring transactions such as rings, magazines and show expenditure continue under existing Management Committee approvals unless the issue must be dealt with before the next Management Meeting.

4. The Operations Committee shall comprise the:

   (a) President

   (b) 2 Vice Presidents

   (c) Secretary

   (d) Treasurer

   (e) Show Manager

   (f) Membership Registrar

5. Voting is to be a majority decision and where possible the Treasurer to be involved in any financial matter. All members of the Operations Committee to be notified of all decisions made.

6 The Operations Committee may meet by any method necessary to make the deadlines that may arise. This can include an exchange of emails, texts, telephone calls or any other meeting methods.

7 The Operations Committee must report any activities to the next Management Meeting.

8.2 Judges Committee

1. The Judges Committee shall comprise of five judges elected not more than four months before the Annual General Meeting of the Society in each year from and by the existing Judges Panel. It shall be governed by the By-Laws as formulated by the Committee and confirmed by the Management Committee.

2. The Panel will first endeavour to elect five Committee Members from the Senior Panel level.

3. Should the electors not succeed in filling all five positions from the Senior Panel level a minimum of three positions must be filled from this level and the remainder may be filled by electing from the Panel.

8.3 Colour and Standards Committee

The Colour and Standards Committee shall comprise the Colour and Standards Committee Chairperson and two or more members of the Judges Panel appointed by the Management Committee. The Colour and Standards Committee may enlist the aid of further members as required.

8.4 Show Committee

The Show Committee shall comprise the Show Manager and persons appointed by the Management Committee as Assistant Show Manager, Show Secretary, Show Treasurer and Chief Steward. The Show Committee may enlist the aid of further members as required.

(Amended 8th September 2008)

8.5 Structural Review Committee

Introduction

The Structural Review Committee was established as an advisory committee at the BSNSW Management Committee on 9th January 2017 The aim of the committee is to follow on from the work done by the BSNSW Working Group (BSNSW WG) with the intention of setting up a structure to review, modify and implement recommendations from the Working Group as published in the Budgerigar June/July 2016 issue pp 10-13 and Report on the Review of the Objects, Rules and By-Laws as published in the Budgerigar August/September 2016 issue pp 11-12.

1. The Committee is an advisory committee to prepare documents related to their specified components of work and to make recommendations for consideration and decisions to be presented to the Management Committee.

2. The Committee shall comprise up to five financial members of the BSNSW. Members are to be appointed to the committee by a motion passed at a Management Committee following an Expression of Interest from a financial member. The Committee members should ideally be able to represent both Branch and Associate Societies members and seek information issues from members and past documents.

3. The Committee aims to document and recommend options for the setting

up a revised structure for the BSNSW.

4. The Committee is delegated to review the following components (*passed by motion at the BSNSW Management meeting on 13th March 2017)*
   1) Objects of BSNSW
   2) Branch/Affiliate Societies Structure
   3) Membership Types
   4) Management structure; and
   5) Financial issues associated with funds held by Branches.

5. The Committee is to meet on as many occasions as it deems necessary in order to fulfil its function. Meetings are generally to be conducted using the Go-to-meeting software or other online meeting software. Face to Face meeting to be organised where possible. The President and Secretary are to be notified in advance of a meeting.

6. The Committee is required to keep minutes and provide them to the BSNSW Secretary.

8.6 Publicity Committee

The Publicity Committee shall comprise the Publicity Officer, the Information Officer and the Publicity Officers of the Branches. The Publicity Committee may enlist the aid of further members as required.