

## THE CANARY & CAGE BIRD FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

MINUTES OF THE ZOOM GENERAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The President opened the meeting at 8:09pm welcoming the delegates, thanking them for their attendance.

### ATTENDANCE:

There were 14 delegates in attendance including, S Davis, R Robertson, J Forrest, B Goleby, B Whiting, N Love, G Brandon, B Lloyd, N Lawler, J Norris, M Gallagher, B Kerr, J Tadjell.

**APOLOGIES:** T Hartung, W Robinson, F Attard,

### MINUTES:

The minutes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 General Meeting of Federation had been published in *Feathered World* and distributed electronically to all clubs and delegates who attended. It was moved N Love and seconded B Goleby that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the September General meeting – Carried

### Matters arising out of the minutes:

*None other than matters that can be held over for Reports and General Business.*

### In-coming correspondence as follows:

- Affiliated clubs. Notification of office bearers.
- Affiliated clubs requesting assistance with matters regarding the insurance.
- Affiliated clubs notifications of their 2021 shows and sales / Auction dates.
- Clubs requesting details of affiliation and insurance.
- Clubs ordering supplementary 2020 rings, followed by payment before shipping.
- Clubs ordering 2021 rings, required for distribution by the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021
- Coditech. Acknowledging receipt of 2020 & 2021rings orders for various clubs.
- Individual and clubs paying for 2021 renewal of subscription for hard copies of Feathered World.
- The Avicultural Society of NSW, requesting a copy of the CCBFA constitution.
- Various clubs listed in the attendance register advising their delegate and email address for Zoom meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.
- President / Govt Liaison Officer. Sam Davis- ongoing communication, received in response to their communication with, NSW OEH / NPWS, - Wildlife Licensing submission, NSW DPI - Animal Welfare Action Plan, Keeper / Dealer Stakeholder Consultative Group meeting – ACA animal welfare alliance, W.A. DPAW Biodiversity Conservation Regulations, ACT office of Conservator of Flora and Fauna.

### Newsletters / Journals – Received from various clubs, with notification of club events for insurance:

- Animal Care Australia Volume 2 Issue 7 — September 2020
- Macarthur Aviary Bird Club. Newsletter 2020 Volume 4
- PET Industry News. Newsletters Sept., Oct., Nov'20 & Vol 30-3.
- Central Coast Avicultural Society. Newsletter Sept & Oct'20.
- Newcastle Budgerigar Club Inc. Aug. & Oct'20
- Far North Queensland Bird Breeders Sept / Oct'20
- The Fleurieu Peninsula Cage Bird Society Inc. Sept'20 Newsletter.
- BRASEA & ASBS Spring Bulletin, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct'20 Auction Catalogue, Bexley
- Hunter Valley Finch Club Inc. Hunter Finch Fancier Sept. & Nov'20
- Bundaberg Canary & Caged Bird Society Inc. Newsletter Oct. Nov. Dec'20
- Coral Coast Bird Club Inc. Newsletter Chatterings # 265 Sept & 266 Oct'20
- Thuringowa Bird Club Inc. Newsletter Wings October 2020.
- Queensland Bird Breeders Club Inc. Issue #9 Sept. & #10 Oct.2020.

### **Out-going correspondence as follows:**

- Ashfield RSL, re not requiring ANZAC room for the November meeting and requesting dates for 2021
- Change of Office Bearers and Privacy forms sent to various clubs.
- Details of affiliation and insurance provided to clubs requesting information.
- Clubs invoiced for supplementary 2020 rings.
- Clubs dispatch of 2020 ring orders on receipt of payment.
- Coditech. Placement of clubs supplementary ring orders for 2020 and orders for 2021.
- Clubs ring secretary's reminder notice for 2021 ring consolidation shipments for rings required for distribution by the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021
- Various club's invoice for 2021 rings, dispatching them on receipt of payment.
- Marsh Advantage submitting complete schedule of affiliate clubs requiring insurance for 2021 and negotiating term, invoice and CoC's
- Various affiliates email and phone calls following up their club requirement for public liability insurance in 2021, clarifying matters regarding the insurance.
- Invoicing individual subscribers for the Feathered World hard copy for 2021.
- The Avicultural Society of NSW, forwarding a copy of the CCBFA constitution.
- President / Govt Liaison Officer, Sam Davis. - ongoing communication, in response to their communication with Minister for Agriculture NSW, Minister for Energy and Environment NSW, , NSW OEH / NPWS, Wildlife Licensing submission, NSW DPI - Animal Welfare Action Plan, Keeper / Dealer Stakeholder Consultative Group meeting – ACA animal welfare alliance, W.A. DPAW Biodiversity Conservation Regulations, ACT office of Conservator of Flora and Fauna .

### **MATTERS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

No matters arising that are not to be covered in Reports and General Business.

It was moved by J Forest and seconded by B Lloyd that the correspondence be received and the secretary's action endorsed - Carried

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Cheque account balance 4<sup>th</sup> November \$29,276.27 (\$308.00 for 2021 rings to be paid)

The following accounts were submitted for endorsement:

Kwik Kopy 30 copies October / November issues of Feathered World 32 pages FW \$74.70, Postage Feathered World invoices and issues for Oct / Nov \$60.20, Editor Feathered World Oct / Nov \$150.00, Stationary \$39.88, Rings postage \$130.95, Coditech 2021 rings 1<sup>st</sup> shipment \$6,689.80 related bank fee \$32.00

It was moved by B Kerr and seconded by B Whiting that the payments and the Treasurers actions be endorsed - Carried

### **REPORTS:**

President Sam Davis presented reported on:

- **NSW Native Animal Licensing Update.**

Unfortunately, Atticus Fleming has not progressed this matter despite assurances that Minister Matt Kean's Chief of Staff has requested he do so (thanks to Animal Care Australia (ACA) for their assistance).

ACA was asked to meet with NSW Shadow Ministers including the Shadow Environment Minister Kate Washington. I attended as VP of ACA and as President of CCBFA. The Labor party is now looking into the matter with parliamentary questions and behind the scenes pressure likely.

I continue to keep in contact with NPWS Director Richard Kingswood, who continues to assure us that the movement of most common species off license will indeed occur. Sadly, he has been saying this for years now!

- **A new animal welfare act for Victoria.**

CCBFA has already contributed to this process over a number of years. I've had many discussions with the head of Animal Welfare Vic and a few with the project manager for this review process.

Details of the Directions paper and Summary of proposals is here... <https://engage.vic.gov.au/new-animal-welfare-act-victoria>

Animal Care Australia (ACA) is also working on a submission - ACA is a key stakeholder for this matter.

Use of the term "sentient" stands out and rings massive alarm bells for me - not so much its meaning, but the word itself is just too closely aligned with Animal Rights/Liberation ideologies.

Our recent submission in response to a somewhat similar process in NSW is here... <https://www.ccbfa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/ccbfa-NSW-animal-welfare-reform-submission.pdf>

We welcome feedback from all our Victorian clubs as we formulate our CCBFA submission to this next stage of the process.

- **CITES update for parrot exports**

For CITES species export we continue to support a simple blood dot non-parentage system to verify individual birds are captive bred as required by CITES Article VII (5) and in some cases (4).

On the DNA non-parentage matter, scientists from Macquarie Uni and Curtin Uni have confirmed the viability of our thoughts, as have some leading avian veterinarians.

We intend more formally recommending such a "blood spot" system is implemented in preference to antiquated record keeping systems such as the old NEBRIS/MTR system which are no longer fit for purpose.

- **COVID-19 Update.**

Terrific to see restrictions easing, however COVID-19 safety plans, including venue number restrictions, social distancing, food distribution and other matters depending on location and nature of the event.

CCBFA will continue to hold meetings via Zoom with the first in person meeting at Ashfield RSL likely to be March 2021.

- **NSW Bird Sale Code of Practice Review.**

A first consultation draft of the proposed NSW Bird Sale Code of Practice was emailed to all clubs for their consideration and will be made public soon after this November meeting. Please endeavor to present this draft to your committee and membership for comment – there is plenty of time for considered thought and it is critical we find consensus as part of this process.

Please be mindful that if we do not develop and agree on a suitable code then the NSW Government will do it for us, which would in all likelihood be disastrous. My meetings with senior animal welfare staff in NSW (and also in other states) indicate a willingness to ratify codes developed by industry – we are well advised to take advantage.

The following timeline was proposed and accepted (noting it may require further extension due to COVID-19)...

- A formal first draft will be released for the November meeting (attached here).
- We envisage comments and discussion at the Feb and Mar CCBFA meetings in 2021.
- Final edits are made with a Second Draft circulated at the May meeting.
- Approval of the final Code at the July meeting.
- The approved code is copied and circulated widely during the remainder of 2021 so all clubs and sellers are aware of any changes.
- The code comes into force from the beginning of 2022.

- **Parrot Import Risk Assessment**

A draft of the Psittacine Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis (BIRA) has been released for comment.

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/animal/psittacine-birds>

CCBFA submission to this process is here... <https://www.ccbfa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/ccbfa-parrot-imports-180920.pdf>

Our submission contains the following 6 recommendations...

1. CCBFA continues to recommend a regulated import regime that is economically viable, whilst protecting the biosecurity and biodiversity of Australia's captive and wild birds. Such a system will deter smuggling (including poaching).
2. To prevent irresponsible reporting, CCBFA recommends the BIRA includes an unambiguous statement making it clear that imports will be restricted to captive bred birds from approved countries.
3. CCBFA recommends the requirement for BC3 level quarantine at Mickleham be reassessed.

4. CCBFA recommends imports from New Zealand (NZ) be considered as a special case. This includes consultation with NZ regarding potential reciprocal arrangements for both imports and exports.
5. CCBFA recommends welfare of birds during the quarantine period is addressed. CCBFA welcomes the opportunity to draft a set of welfare standards/guidelines to assist.
6. CCBFA recommends review of the Draft Report and approval of the psittacine BIRA occurs in a timely manner and that officers reviewing the live import list and CITES regulation are able to begin their work forthwith.

Moved R Robertson and seconded by B Goleby that the Reports be accepted, and thanked – Carried

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- **Ring Orders 2021.** The initial orders for **2021 rings** [if required for distribution at the specialist Annual shows at the end of May] should be finalised by the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Clubs requiring an order form which must be completed, should contact the Secretary.
- **Show and Sale dates for 2021** – Clubs are requested to email the secretary the dates for their 2021 shows, sales and auctions, including phone number of the contact person and venue details. It is understood that confirmation of the venue may be in abeyance / pending, however we request the tentative / projected dates be advised. Email [secretary@ccbfa.org.au](mailto:secretary@ccbfa.org.au)
- **Feathered World** redesign of the cover to be discussed by the management committee.
- **Sydney Royal Show.** Benching Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April, exhibition Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Feature bird is the Budgerigar.
- **Guest of Honour Dinner.** To be arranged when COVID restrictions allow. The Guests being Don Price and Peter Southgate. John Palmano and John Walker to arrange and organise.
- **Notice of Motion to update the constitution from the CCBFA Management Committee,**

Moved J Forrest and seconded R Robertson and following due notice and consultation, the Management Committee in accordance with Clause 20 of the constitution give notice they will at the February 2021 CCBFA meeting move revisions are made to the CCBFA constitution. A copy of the proposed constitution will be forwarded to clubs well in advance of the February 2021 meeting to enable delegates to consult with their clubs on how to vote.

The following summarises the changes.

1. Minor word changes and corrections, all of which have been our mode of operating for the past 20 / 30 years.
2. Over the last decade the President has held position for longer than 3 years. The following amendment simply formalises the matter.

Delete the following sentence in 17(b)...

"The president may only serve for a maximum period of three (3) consecutive years, if re-elected via the provisions of this rule."

Notice of motion - carried

- The Secretary asked the meeting to approve the donation to the Children's Cancer Institute. It was moved M Gallagher and moved seconded B Goleby that we continue to donate \$200.00. – carried

The President thanked the delegates for attending, as there was no further business the meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.

#### **Notice of the proposed next Zoom General Meeting**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

at 8:00 pm