

THE CANARY & CAGE BIRD FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

Minutes of the ZOOM GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 3rd November 2021.

The President opened the meeting at 8:05 pm, thanking the delegates for their attendance and asked for a minute silence in memory of a Past President George Hiscocks and the Finch Exhibitors Delegate of the 70's / 90's Roy Pinch from Katoomba.

ATTENDANCE:

There were 15 delegates in attendance including, S. Davis, R. Robertson, C. Gruntar, J. Forrest, B. Goleby, M. Gallagher, J. Tadgell, M. MacPherson, B. Whiting, M. Reynolds, M. Cameron, J. Habib, C. Jeffrey, B. Kerr, J. Norriss.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from I. Ward, W. Wilson, J. Palmano, G. Brandon, D. Renshaw, K. Sorensen – moved M. Reynolds and seconded M. Cameron apologies be accepted - Carried.

MINUTES: All minutes published in *Feathered World* and on our web, ccbfa.org.au/journals

The minutes for the 1st September General Meeting of Federation had been distributed via the Web. It was moved B. Goleby and seconded J. Tadgell 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 and delegate
- Affiliate clubs ordering supplementary rings for 2021.
- Affiliates ordering 2022 rings, required for distribution by the 1st January 2022
- Coditech confirmation of ring orders and arrangement of means of shipment.
- Coditech receipt of two shipments
- Affiliated clubs payments for ring orders.
- Clubs requesting details of affiliation and insurance.
- President / Govt Liaison Officer. Sam Davis- ongoing communication, received in response to communication with Federal Government and States Govt. Departments.

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

- Animal Care Australia ACE September 2021 Vol. 3, issue 3.
- Downs Bird Breeders Association Inc. Newsletter Sept & Oct'21
- PET Industry News. Newsletters Sept, Oct, Nov'21
- Central Coast Avicultural Society. Newsletter Sept'21
- Newcastle Budgerigar Club Inc. Aug & Oct'21
- Far North Queensland Bird Breeders Aug, Sept, Oct'21
- Fleurieu Peninsula Cage Bird Society Inc. Sept'21 Newsletter.
- Hunter Valley Finch Club Inc. Hunter Finch Fancier Oct & Nov'21
- Gold Coast Aviary Birds News Nov / Dec'21
- Coral Coast Bird Club Inc. Newsletter Chatterings # 274 Sept & 275 Oct'21
- Thuringowa Bird Club Inc. Newsletter Wings Sept 7 Oct'21.
- The Avicultural Society of NSW Inc Sept – Oct'21
- FSA The Finch Breeders REVIEW Sept - Oct'21
- Red Siskin Initiative News October 2021

Out-going correspondence as follows:

- Change of Office Bearers and Privacy forms sent to various clubs.
- Various affiliates dispatch of ring orders on receipt of payment.
- Coditech, placement of supplementary ring orders 2021 and new orders for 2022.
- Clubs invoiced and dispatch of rings on receipt of payment.
- Ring Secretaries of clubs emailing interim notice for placement of rings for 2022.
- Marsh Advantage submitting complete schedule of affiliate clubs requiring insurance for 2022.
- Various affiliates email and phone calls following up their club requirement for public liability insurance in 2022, clarifying matters regarding the insurance.
- President / Govt Liaison Officer. Sam Davis- ongoing communication with Federal Government States Govt. Departments

As there were no matters arising out of correspondence, it was moved by B. Whiting and seconded by M. Reynolds that the correspondence be received and the secretary's action endorsed - Carried

TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts were submitted for endorsement It was moved by C. Jeffrey and seconded by J. Norriss that the payments and the Treasurers actions be endorsed - Carried

REPORTS: President Sam Davis presented reported on:

Golden Plain Shire Council's bird and other animal numbers issue

CCBFA lodged a submitted to Golden Plains Shire Council's review of their Local Laws back in September 2020. The full submission is on our CCBFA website.

I spoke at the Council meeting on 12/10/21 representing CCBFA and ACA interests.

We have been successful in having all restrictions on Domestic Birds removed completely. There may be mention of "Noisy birds", likely roosters on residential blocks.

Several other compensations for other animal species are also likely.

Parrot Exports

CCBFA's opposition to the reintroduction of a NEBRS style scheme has certainly not gone unnoticed. Many thanks to all the people who have contributed to our program of opposition, in particular to those who assisted in the development of our "Proposal for a DNA Parentage-based Export Protocol" and those who agreed to attend various meetings with CCBFA and the ThinkPlace consultants and government.

The President went through the CCBFA "Proposal for a DNA Parentage-based Export Protocol" in some detail. No delegate expressed opposition to the proposal.

All documents critical to this matter are publicly available on our CCBFA website. It is perhaps inevitable with matters such as this that misinformation and misrepresentations will occur. I can assure all clubs that CCBFA officers and those who have kindly volunteered their time to assist are dedicated to ensuring aviculturists are not burdened with unnecessary red tape and that loopholes enabling smuggling, poaching and laundering are shut.

A summary of significant meetings since the 1/9/21 CCBFA meeting is as follows...

10/9/21 – Major meeting with ThinkPLace to discuss general issues regarding the proposed registration of all native and exotic birds project, our opposition and to present CCBFA's "Proposal for a DNA Parentage-based Export Protocol".

Those present representing aviculture: Sam Davis (CCBFA President), Ron Robertson (CCBFA Secretary), Simon Griffith (Macquarie University, Dept of Biology), Gary Fitt (Queensland), Murray MacPherson (NSW), David Pace (South Australia), Mark Reynolds (Victoria).

21/10/21 – Meeting to discuss species level numbers. Included reference to the old NEBRS system, including many species where number were limit but are now in the hundreds. Also the lack of compliance generally with only some 500 birdkeepers nationally enrolled despite a significant blitz.

22/10/21 – Meeting to discuss the total number of birds in aviculture nationally, then drill down to CITES species numbers. Consideration of the number of aviculturists in total and in terms of CITES species.

Thanks again to all involved in the above meetings.

I personally have been in regular contact with the ThinkPlace team and have also communicated via email and phone with senior Wildlife Trade officers and Federal politicians including Warren Entsch MP.

We expect ThinkPlace to release their recommendations in coming weeks, certainly prior to Christmas.

The President asked delegates a number of times “Does anyone have issues with CCBFA opposing a national registration scheme, or with CCBFA’s DNA Parentage-based proposal?” No delegate expressed support for a national registration scheme and no delegate expressed opposition to the CCBFA DNA parentage-based proposal.

Townsville City Council’s bird and other animal numbers issue

CCBFA recently 29/10/21 submitted to Townsville Council’s review of their Local Laws. The full submission is on our CCBFA website, however the following summarises the recommendations.

1. Council should encourage and promote animal keeping – important for the wellbeing of residents.
2. Exclude all restrictions on birds and instead require compliance with the DAS Code of Practice – Aviculture.
3. If 2 is not implemented then numbers should only be specified for blocks under 1000 square metres, and numbers to be raised not lowered.

ACA all made a submission and will draft model local law tables and to lobby Qld state government to have these included in the model local law documents. The aim is to correct the issue for all Qld councils. Currently many councils have local laws restricting keeping of a range of species (not just birds) to ridiculously low numbers and then a permit for higher numbers - in some cases the permit fees are exorbitant.

NSW Bird Sale CoP

The final code is now on our website under the documents tab.

1. Clubs have all been contacted to determine the number of copies each requires.
2. A QR code for easy access to the complete code via smart phones is on the front cover of the code and will be included on all posters.
3. In the new year we will do a bit of a media blitz including media release and distribution of an advert for inclusion in club newsletters.

To confirm, only species smaller than a rainbow lorikeet CANNOT be in all wire cages. The precise species are listed as Appendix C of the code. In practice Stewards need to simply question any birds in all wire cages that look to be smaller than a rainbow lorikeet. If there is any disagreement, then Appendix C resolves the matter.

To confirm, the aim is to NOT have this code become law, rather this code proves we are self-regulating and therefore, somewhat like Victoria, if we agree to abide by our own code then there is no need for government regulation.

ACA update

ACA is working on a range of matters, recently centred in NSW:

- Animal Justice Party Puppy Farm bill in NSW which places severe restrictions on the breeding of puppies and kittens. The bill MAY pass in the upper house but not in the lower house. There is sympathy for the bill from some in Labor as similar laws have been passed in Victoria and recently in WA by Labor. President Michael Donnelly and ACA's dog and cat reps have met with a range of politicians including the Shadow Ministers for Ag and Local Government with which ACA has a good relationship.
- The proposed new Animal Welfare legislation for NSW is creating quite a stir. ACA continues to engage and meet with a range of NSW politicians and party to ensure our rights are protected.

Moved J. Norriss and seconded by B. Golby that the Reports be accepted, and Reporters thanked – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Show and Sale dates for 2022 – Clubs are requested to email the Secretary the dates for their 2022 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 ccbfa@aapt.net.au

2. **RAS** has confirmed the show dates for the Cage Bird show at the 2022 Royal Easter Show will be Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th April 2022. Benching will be either Monday 11th from 6pm or prior to 8am on Tuesday 12th.

3. **Ring Orders 2022.** The ring orders for 2022 [if required for distribution at the specialist Annual shows] should be finalized by the 1st of March 2022. Clubs requiring an order form which must be completed, should contact the Secretary. Supplementary orders for 2022 can be placed as required.

4. The Secretary asked the meeting to approve the **donation to the Children's Cancer Institute**. It was moved C. Jeffrey and seconded J. Norriss that we continue to donate \$200.00. – carried

5. B. Golby mentioned that the **ACT** were reviewing their **Exempt Species list** and will update us when known.

The President thanked the delegates for attending, as there was no further business the meeting closed at 9:34p.m.

Notice of the General Meeting

Wednesday 2nd February 2022

at 8:00 pm

ZOOM