

ASSOCIATED BIRDKEEPERS OF AUSTRALIA INC.

ABN 92 692 350 250

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 261
HELD AT MOOREBANK SPORTS CLUB
230 Heathcote Rd HAMMONDVILLE.
19th June 2012

PRESENT: Craig Jeffery, Sharon Jeffery, Errol Wilson, Mike Cannon, Rod Young, Phil Irving, Keith Gallagher, Chris Hibbard, Daniel Gowland

MEETING OPENED BY PRESIDENT at 8.03pm APOLOGIES: Ray Downton, Simon Denhert. Bruce Bradford

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING No 260 were read Moved: Errol Wilson Seconded: Mike Cannon Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Email from Nigel Tonkin: Still Looking For "Backyard Aviaries" publication

Membership renewal notices sent to all members

Canberra National Poultry Show was on the long weekend in June. Ivan Cindric advised the details but unable to organise stand.

Col Harris emailed to advise he is no longer with the Pheasant & Waterfowl Association

Re Moreton Bay Council - Scott Morris has resigned from The Qld Council of Bird Societies, haven't contacted Warren Wilson as yet.

Letter to Animal Welfare, Dept of Primary Industries re review not sent yet.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN : Dept. of Primary Industries - re rep. on Advisory Committee of Non-indigenous animals Mike Cannon has accepted position

Lizard Canary Magazine

Chitterings Magazine

Egg Board Magazine

2011-2012 Membership renewal May- L'pool Homing Pigeon Soc

2012-2013 memberships

2012-2013 new memberships - Tas. Invitation Pigeon Club, Geelong Inv Homing Soc. Inc

Emails: 25/04 Barbara Devnie (2)- on forwarded email from John Griffith Far Nth Qld Bird Breeders

26/04 John Griffith (FNQBB)- Re letter of support for Far North Qld Bird Breeders

26/04 Ivan Cindric - Advising date of Canberra poultry Show

30/04 John Griffith - Re letter of support for Far North Qld Bird Breeders

21/05 Rooty Hill Racing Pigeon Club - Re Insurance

27/05 Finch Soc WA- Re Insurance

30/05 Warren Martin - confirming Life membership

05/06 Col Harris - no longer with Pheasant Club

05/06 NT Avicultural Soc.- Re insurance

07/06 Tom Donald - confirming lifetime membership

OUT; le . 0042- FNQ Bird Breeders - Letter of Support

le: 0047 - Toowoomba & Dist. Pigeon Federation Inc - membership enquiry

le 0049 - Members membership renewal to 110 members without an email address

le. 0051 - Geelong Homing Pigeon Soc. Membership enquiry

le. 0052 - Toowoomba & Dist. Pigeon Federation Inc membership receipt

le:0053 - Liverpool Homing Pigeon Soc - re membership

le 0054 - Liverpool Homing Pigeon Soc - membership receipt 2011-2012

le:0055 - Rooty Hill Racing Pigeon Club - re membership not renewed 2011-2012

le:0056 - Southern Tasmanian Inv Pigeon Club membership receipt

le.0058 - Murrumba Inv Racing Pigeon Club membership rec

le.0059 - Life members updating records

le.0060 - Geelong Invitation Homing Society - membership 2012-2013

le 0061 - Mrs Robyn Parker - Minister for Environment & Heritage re Review on NSW Licensing

le.0062 - Latrobe Valley Avicultural Club - membership enquiry

le.0063 - Tony Melbourne - Membership enquiry

le.0064 - Dalby Racing Pigeon Club re membership

EMAILS: Membership renewals to 125 members with email addresses

Moved: Errol Wilson Seconded: Chris Hibbard Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS:

Talking Birds -Adv.	\$	36.00
ABK	\$	110.00
Aviary Life	\$	66.00
Trade Stall (Mornington).	\$	<u>30.00</u>
	\$	242.00

Opening Balance \$7556.46

Less expenditure:

Talking Birds	\$	72.00
ABK	\$	95.00
GIO Insurance	\$	<u>2003.82</u>
	\$	2170.82

Plus Income:

Mem'ship, Joining Fees, Donations	\$	570.00
Bank interest	\$	<u>1.26</u>
	\$	571.26

Closing Balance \$ 5956.90

Transfer from Term Deposit to running cost account \$46012.85 (includes interest \$3611.16)
to be re deposited into term investment maturing 1/7/12

Moved: Rod Young Seconded: Mike Cannon Carried

SECRETARY'S REPORT :

I would like to thank the President, Craig and Mike Cannon for their assistance in composing the letter to Mrs Robyn Parker, NSW Minister for Environment & Heritage re the Licensing review. The letter requested an appointment to discuss Licensing as this has not been reviewed for 4 years. There are some species, namely, Double Bar Finch, King Parrot and Turquoise parrot which need to be removed from License as they are the most licensed birds in NSW and in abundance in aviaries and the wild

On 13th May President , Craig and I travelled to Wollongong, where Mike Cannon tried to reprint the "Communicator", but was not successful. Since then have contacted an I.T. specialist who is currently working on making the document editable and setting up a template for future editions. Hopefully, the "Communicator will be ready for distribution in July with the nomination forms and Agenda for the Annual General Meeting in August 2012.

To date have received 2012-2013 membership renewals from 29 clubs with insurance, 3 clubs -no insurance and 12 individuals Also 2 New clubs with Insurance

I apologise to those members who have been unable to download email attachments. I am now sending them in a different format which should be compatible to all computers

29th May Toowoomba Pigeon club phoned re pigeon problem with Local Council- gave advice and have not heard since. Moved: Errol Wilson Seconded: Keith Gallagher Carried

PUBLICITY REPORT

The Secretary reported on Fairfield Bird Sale, The ABA sign was not successful as it collapsed. Handed out 30 flyers and complimented the organiser on a very well run sale. In reference to Mornington Bird Sale the President said it was very good and well conducted. A few issues with local council were discussed and all seems to be okay now.

Chris suggested a representative from the ABA should go to some clubs in Victoria to promote and respond to questions regarding the ABA.. Mike thought getting the Newsletter up and running would be the best start to promotion.

Following an enquiry from Chris the ABA will be approaching more Bird Shops re membership in the new financial year.

Chris still waiting for ABA sign for shop. Chris mentioned 'Animal Welfare are satisfied with alterations to his bird park which comply with the standards

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Insurance Policy - It was decided to change the ABA Liability Insurance from GIO to CGU as CGU is more competitive and 'user friendly' in regards to bird sales and shows. The new policy to commence on 1st July 2012. The cost to ABA member clubs will remain at \$100 for the year 2012-2013. This amount will be reviewed for 2013 -2014 membership year to consider lowering the Insurance cost to clubs. It was decided the payment to CGU be made up front rather than in monthly instalments to reduce the cost.. A show of hands indicated acceptance of the above.
Please Note: The Insurance policy only covers the Club named on the Currency Certificate

Mail Outs: The Secretary has been looking into the quickest and most economical way to send information to members (approximately 50%) who do not have email addresses, Australia Post has given the ABA Post Print approval for mail outs. Post Print involves buying sealer and plastic pouches, but it the overall cost is still considerably lower.

Far Nth Cst Bird Breeders - Two emails were tabled from Barbara Devnie regarding a defamatory report about the ABA, published in the Far Nth Qld Bird Breeders Newsletter by John Griffiths. President Craig has since spoken with John Griffith regarding this and requested contact details and telephone number of the Mayor of Cairns Regional Council. A letter of support has been sent. Mike suggested we write to the Far North Coast Bird Breeders to clarify the situation and if possible do whatever we can to assist them .

Pigeon Virus - Two emails received today from George Arzey DPI NSW were read and discussed. Mike Cannon has been talking to the Dept Primary Industries and it doesn't concern flying Pigeons ,it is about the fancy pigeons, except in Melbourne, and it was stopped to the best of their ability. In the United Kingdom the vaccinate each year using the chicken injection and get about 90% success rate.

National Parks and Wildlife contacted the ABA, regarding two *Major Mitchells* being held by WIRES at June, and requested names of bird keepers in this area to try and re home them.. There are too many for Zoos, Animal Parks etc and they were seeking an alternative to euthanizing them.

WIRES - Rod spoke about a flight aviary recently built by WIRES in the Southern highlands

Mike suggested we canvas ideas to get maximum membership attendance at meetings.

ABA Promotion ideas: website, PowerPoint, Pet shop signs,
Letters to go to Animal Welfare , RSPCA (Steve Coleman), DPI, Animal Welfare League at Hoxton Park

Ebag: Letter to be sent to Joanna Gash, Federal Member for Gilmore, for appointment to see Minister in Canberra re the Ebag situation

Code of Practice for Bird Sales: Was discussed and held over to next meeting

MEETING CLOSED 945pm

NEXT MEETING:. 17h July 2012

AGM 21st August 2012

to be held at MOOREBANK SPORTS CLUB
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SIGNED: *Craig Jeffery* Chairman