

Agenda for Annual General Meeting of The Budgerigar Council of South Australia Incorporated Saturday 16th July 2022 Enfield Community Centre

1. **Venue:** Enfield Community Centre
2. **Commencement Time:** 9.00am
3. **Attendees:** (Yellow indicates a BCSA delegate)
 IN Person: Troy Holmes, John Mulley, Michael Smith, Dennis Lomman, Ken Harris, Kerry Murphy, Wayne Bandt, Malcolm Loveridge, Janet Harris, Doug Lange, Sue Adams, Hannah Adams, Ian Marshall, Wayne Weidenhoffer, Shiralee Reardon,
 VIA Zoom: Ian Wise
4. **Apologies:** Peter Glassenbury, Chris Murphy, Larry Jeffries, Nigel Tonkin
5. **Previous Minutes:** Meetings minutes distributed to all following last year's AGM

Motion: - That the minutes as tabled previously be accepted

 Moved – Doug Lange
 Seconded – Michael Smith
6. **Business Arising from the Previous Minutes:**
 - Nil.

REPORTS (All reports to be accepted in one motion)

7. Financials 2021-22:

Financial Accounts for BCSA Inc General Account to June 30th 2022

Date	Details	Deposits	Expenses	Balance
1/07/2021	Operating account			\$ 4,367.05
	Club Affiliations 2022	300.00		
	Auction proceeds	20,010.00		
	Auction / Show Raffles	278.00		
	Memberships 2021	30.00		
	Memberships 2022	825.00		
	Ring Sales 2022	4,935.00		
	Show entry fee 2022	307.00		
	Interest from Term Dep	122.79		
	Return hall bond/key dep	385.00		
	Return of seed funding	15,000.00		
	Total Income for Year	42,192.79		46,559.84

	2021 Rings (Supp)	456.50	
	2022 Rings	4,650.10	
	Junior ring reimbursement	40.00	
	ANBC Affiliation 2022-23	300.00	
	Auction payouts	17,910.00	
	Auction costs	166.21	
	Bank Charges	23.85	
	UBBSA Affiliation 22/23	10.00	
	Logan Show Exp 2022	74.00	
	Hall Hire 2021-22	349.50	
	Hall Bond/Key Deposit	385.00	
	Public Liab Insurance 2020	65.00	
	Secretarial expenses	19.84	
	Bird Carer shirts	263.34	
	Total Expenses for Year	\$ 24,713.34	
	Balance from all of the above transactions		21,846.50
30/06/2022	Actual Balance as per Operating Statement		21,846.50
	Less unrepresented cheques (1)		55.00
	Net Balance operating account		21,791.50
	National Show Account		
	Balance at 30/06/2022		2,878.85
	Deposit as at 31.12.21		54,697.74
	Transfer to National Show Account		10,000.00
	Balance at 30/06/2022		44,697.74
	Total Funds of BCSA as at 30/06/2022		69,368.09

BCSA Inc. National Show Operating Account to June 30, 2022

Date	Details	Deposits	Expenses	Balance
1/07/2021	Balance brought forward			\$4,995
	Transfer from Inv Account	\$ 10,000.00	Seed funding	
	ANBC Sponsorship	\$ 10,000.00		
	Golden Cob Sponsorship	\$ 6,480.00		
	Rosette Sponsorship	\$ 5,600.00		
	Auction Commission	\$ 7,205.00		
	Lucky Squares	\$ 4,470.00		
30/06/2022	Total Income	\$ 43,755.00		
				\$48,750.00

	Show Venue Hire	\$	5,858.70	
	Subsidised Accommodation	\$	7,622.00	
	Security	\$	2,749.41	
	Judges Expenses	\$	1,735.36	
	Rosettes	\$	5,231.40	
	Electronics	\$	2,350.00	
	Hire Car Subsidies	\$	1,250.00	
	Bird Room Supplies	\$	669.93	
	Shirts and Embroidery	\$	605.85	
	Venue Decoration	\$	635.00	
	Venue takedown	\$	350.00	
	Office Expenses	\$	352.79	
	Trophy Engraving	\$	330.40	
	Auction Expenses	\$	72.56	
	Covid Management	\$	390.10	
	Transport	\$	510.00	
	Photography	\$	100.00	
	Bank Charges	\$	57.65	
	Transfer to Operating Acc	\$	15,000.00	
30/06/2022	Total Expenditure	\$	45,871.15	
	Final Balance			\$2,878.85
	Balance as per bank statement June 30			\$2,878.85

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Treasurer BCSA - John Mulley



8. Presidents Report:

To say this year has been turbulent would be an understatement. The effects of COVID continued to plague Council and Club operations for the entire year and the return to normality is still considered a long way off even though Government regulations have eased the personal impacts remain.

Our long-term planning was well entrenched with our regular venue at the Grand Chancellor in Hindley Street however the fact that it was a designated Covid Hotel weighed heavily on those few arranging the event which unfortunately had been cancelled in Victoria for the previous two years.

A late call was made in January to also cancel the SA event and this was not well received throughout the various ANBC states and zones.

This then lead to a submission to assess a restricted access event controlled by Covid regulations that allowed the event to run in a far reduced format that was the usual programming.

Incredibly the event was arranged in three months with the extreme vigour of a very small group led by Wayne Weidenhofer and this group, with limited or no experience in National operations, pulled it together and the event proceeded at the McCracken Country Club at Victor Harbor with Covid still effecting club members and even staff at that venue.

Many changes had to be made to the usual operations and these immense variations saw the event run and managed with strict guidelines in place. Some of these inventive changes may well be looked at in the future by other host states and zones in their future operational processes to manage their events.

Financial changes to money raising allowed the Council to turn around a perceived substantial loss, through regular income streams, to run the event with a minimal impact to the BCSA and these changes must also be a precursor to the Council moving forward with the help of fresh faces and processes in its general operations.

To all that assisted in the planning and operations of this ANBC National event, seen as the premier event on the Australian calendar for the hobby, my heartfelt thanks goes to all involved.

Further I wish to thank all Club Delegates for their involvement during the year, along with those who sat in on ANBC meetings and expanded their knowledge in that area. This made the role of President / Secretary a far easier operational activity during this past year.

I have been involved with the BCSA since its inception over 20 years ago and in that time undertaken every role in management that exists along with some others we had created.

It is now considered timely that I hand over these management positions to someone who can continue the enhancement of the Council in the 21st century. Actions by members over the last six months gives me some solace that the operations of Council will continue to move forward.

I would also like to extend my thanks to John Mulley who is standing down as Treasurer after an extended period in that role. All should give thanks to John for a job extremely well done.

If required I can assist this coming year in the role of Immediate Past President of the ANBC to ease the transition in that area. The ANBC Constitution accepts a nominated person from the past state to hold that position if so elected.

I will look forward to a more active role on the show bench rather than the administrative impacts of the past twenty years and try to get that elusive fourth ANBC win in the Black Eyed Self class.

Peter Glassenbury
4/7/22
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9. Treasurers Report: 2021 - 2022

Details of the financial position of the BCSA at the end of the 2021-2022 financial year are set out in the two balance sheets that accompany this report. Total funds of \$69,368.09 compares very favorably with \$64,059.79 recorded at the end of the previous financial year and maintains the firm financial position for the BCSA.

The Operating Account balance is \$21,846.50, temporarily inflated due to the return of the \$15,000 seed funding from the National Show Account. The remaining entries on the balance sheet account for annual income and expenditure at routine levels. There will be a transfer of \$15,000 from the Operating Account back to the Investment Account at its maturity on July 19.

The Investment Account currently holds a balance of \$44,697.74. When the current term ends on July 19 it will be increased to \$59,697.74 with the transfer of \$15,000 from the Operating Account. This will replace the \$15,000 originally transferred to the National Show Account as seed funding. From 19th of July the Investment Account will be rolled over for the minimum period of two months to allow the incoming Treasurer time to establish their banking arrangements for the BCSA.

The National Show Account balance is \$2,878.85. This account was established to manage the finances for the national show hosted by the BCSA in May 2022. It was seeded with \$15,000 transferred from the Investment Account (\$5,000 during the 2020-21 financial year and a further \$10,000 during the 2021-22 financial year). This was done so that accounts could be paid prior to establishing an income stream for the show and as insurance in the event of the show running into deficit. The budget compiled prior to the event predicted a deficit but the overriding consideration was that a national show had not been held since 2019. The \$2,878.85 surplus will be transferred to the Operating Account and the National Show Account closed soon after June 30 since all known national show expenses have now been paid.

Mention must be made of the outstanding fundraising efforts that allowed the show to end with a moderate surplus of \$2,878.85. In addition to sponsorship from the ANBC and Golden Cob substantial funds were raised through rosette sponsorship, auction commission, lucky squares associated with donated birds and the ANBC subsidizing half of the States and Zones team transport between Adelaide airport and the venue at Victor Harbor. The host state generally funds that in its entirety.



John Mulley, BCSA Treasurer

10. Ring Officers Report 2022:

A total of 9490 rings have been issued to South Australian fanciers this year. Another 650 are about to be ordered as a supplementary order. This year's issue was delayed due to postal problems that were out of our control. Rings were ordered in plenty of time and as per usual they were to be posted later in the year, we asked for this post out to occur sooner than normal but the postal system did not match our intent. The 2023 order and supplementary orders will be now posted at completion of manufacture direct to the State Ring Officer for distribution at the authorized time. Trusting your season has been a good one

Nigel Tonkin
State Ring Officer.

Note from BCSA Secretary – SA ring orders are again extended to 31st August 2022 for this state with ANBC approval and all relevant orders for 2022 will be placed with the manufacturer Coditech within that timeline.

Motion: - That the Presidents, Treasurer and Ring Officers reports be accepted
Moved – Ken Harris
Seconded - Ian Marshall

11. Committee Positions:

The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer have no nominations to date and will need to be appointed by the Committee of The Council to fill the positions provided as long as those members hold no other formal position on the Committee, in accordance with the Objects and Rules of The Budgerigar Council of South Australia Incorporated. Because so many positions not being nominated prior to 45 days in advance of the AGM, we have not had this issue arisen in the past to this extent.

The one nomination on the agenda that is automatic, since it was received 45 in advance of the AGM, is that of Ring Officer. That is covered by 7.2.4 of the Constitution. No voting is required since there were no other nominations. Regarding the vacancies listed on the agenda, these can be filled at the AGM. That is covered by 6.2.2 of the Constitution. There are some nominations. An election is only needed for those positions if there are more than one nomination for any given position.

For vacancies not filled by the 45 day advance notice, or at the AGM, the Committee at a later meeting can fill these positions. But there is no impediment to filling these positions at the AGM. That is covered by 6.3 of the Constitution.

Election of Office Bearers:

Nominations received as per the Objects and Rules of The Budgerigar Council of South Australia Incorporated.

- a. President: Troy Holmes
Nominated by John Mulley
Seconded by Sue Adams
- b. Vice- President: Michael Smith
Nominated by Troy Holmes
Seconded by Sue Adams
- c. Secretary: Chris Murphy
Nominated by Janet Harris
Seconded by Michael Smith
- d. Treasurer: Ian Wise
Nominated by Troy Holmes
Seconded by Doug Lange
- e. Ring Officer: Nigel Tonkin (accepted)
- f. Website Coordinator: Ruth Lange (accepted)

Motion: - “That the nominated candidates that have accepted be declared the elected office bearers for the year 2022/23

Moved – Dennis Lomman

Seconded – Sue Adams

Balance of the Committee for the year 2022/2023 (current delegates)

NEBS - Shiralee Reardon, John Mulley, Nigel Tonkin, Ian Wise

PPBS - Larry Jeffries, Doug Lange, Peter Glassenbury, Michael Smith

BSSA - Chris Murphy, Bob Deverson, Wayne Weidenhofer, Troy Holmes

Motion: - “That the Delegates recorded be accepted”

Moved – Sue Adams

Seconded – Ken Harris

Motion: - “That the signatories for bank accounts be extended as follows – Troy Holmes, Chris Murphy and Ian Wise, with 2 to sign”

Moved – Ken Harris

Seconded – John Mulley

12. Election of Auditor:

That an auditor independent of the Committee be sought by the Committee to Audit the Council books for the 2022/2023 year.

A person will now be required to audit the years books and these books will be extensive given the ANBC involvement and advise into the future the correctness of the books as presented.

No auditor came forward. Troy Holmes will seek an independent auditor.

13. General Business:

Motions: -

Financial Matters – **(to be treated as one motion)**

1. “That the Full Member Organization fees for the forthcoming year be \$100.00 and be subject to review at the next Annual General Meeting.”
2. “That individual membership be \$15.00 per year and be subject to review at the next Annual General Meeting”.
3. “That the Junior Membership fee for the year be FREE and be subject to review at the next Annual General Meeting”
4. “That the price of rings for the 2023 be set at 50 cents per unit and freight and bank fee charges apply as per ANBC guidelines and as settled at any General Meeting”.

Motion: - “That the financial matters of the General Business be accepted”

Moved – Dennis Lomman

Seconded – Doug Lange

14. General Matters & Discussion –

- Can member clubs please advise the BCSA Secretary of show dates for 2023 so that a calendar can be prepared for the next general meeting?
- Can member clubs please advise the BCSA of their meeting (date/time/venue) for the balance of 2022? Any details on topics would also be great, so this can be published and publicized. Please pass details to the BCSA Secretary.
- Can member clubs please confirm their BCSA members, so a database of members can be updated? This may require clubs to seek approval from their members for their details to be passed onto the BCSA.
- Prior to the AGM, Peter Glassenbury noted that the results of the auction today will determine the ongoing viability of this as a BCSA income stream, as online auctions have certainly impacted on birds available

given only 142 are presented for this year, which is well below the usual 200. Dennis Lomman, Auction Coordinator, prepared a response to this:

In relation to the reasons for the low numbers at this year's BCSA auction, I make the following comments. The 2021 auction had 178 lots including 10 from interstate. It was considered to be very successful even though the BSSA online auctions were operating throughout 2021. The reasons for this year's low numbers (142) are various. However, the online auctions had little impact on those numbers. Initial nominations for the 2022 auction indicated that up to 174 birds would be available. The target was 180. Subsequently, several breeders withdrew their nominations (a total of 20 birds). Neither withdrew because they were selling their birds on the online auction. Also, a number of breeders were unable to enter the number of birds initially nominated. Late confirmation by breeders of reduced bird numbers makes it difficult for organisers to find replacement birds. Some breeders are not always represented each year for a variety of reasons. The most common being a poor breeding season which, at best, will result in reduced bird numbers entered by a breeder or, at worst, none. In previous years the bird numbers have been propped up by bringing birds in from interstate. Historically, a number of SA breeders have always sent their birds to live interstate auctions with some impact on the BCSA auction in terms of both numbers and quality of birds. In 2021 there were 15 vendors and there are also 15 this year. Only 9 breeders entered birds in both years. Six breeders (a total of 61 birds) at the 2021 auction are not represented this year. Most of those breeders do not sell birds on the online auctions. This year there are six breeders (a total of 65 birds) who were not represented in 2021. Four of this year's vendors (a total of 40 birds) regularly sell birds on the online auction.

In summary, an analysis of the numbers indicates that the BSSA online auctions have had little impact on the bird numbers entered for the 2022 BCSA auction. The most common feedback from breeders was that a poor breeding season meant that they did not have the numbers of birds suitable for the auction.

Dennis Lomman

Past auction numbers have been:

- 2016 - 192
 - 2017 - 204 include 20 interstaters
 - 2018 - 190 include 20 interstaters
 - 2019 - 182 include 27 interstaters
 - 2020 - Not Held
 - 2021 - 178 include 10 interstaters
 - 2022 - 142
- A general discussion was held surrounding as to where the State body has been, in terms of member numbers, ring orders, and exhibitors benching birds, as a measurement/baseline for increasing participation in this state. Requested each Club put together a list of members, and total

numbers of rings sourced over the previous years will be sought from Nigel Tonkin, while exhibitor numbers will be sought from Chris Murphy. The intent is to reinvigorate the hobby in South Australia. You cant manage what you cant measure, so these three items (state member numbers, total numbers of rings ordered, and number of exhibitors benching birds) will be used as significant indicators tracking.

- A discussion was held around motivation to start advertising the hobby, and starting to try to get new members, but this must first start with getting our “clubs” in order, by understanding how we can improve attendance at meetings. It is important that if we get new members, and they attend a meeting, that they’re compelled to return, in order to drive up long term participation in the hobby. For this to happen, the Club meetings need to be offer a level of interest for members to attend. The BCSA committee will be actively working to support the Clubs, to ensure their longevity.
- Plan is to invest in advertising on social media forums, as well as in local produce and pet stores where possible. This will require getting out to these physical locations to post posters for the hobby.
- Intent will be to participate in some Agricultural Open Days, and have a presence at some Agricultural shows, as well as the Royal Adelaide Show. This will require some volunteers to support stands.
- Intent is to start issuing a BCSA magazine to all BCSA members. This will require the initial confirmation from each of the three clubs of their member data base, and confirmation that those members are happy to be contacted by the BCSA. Section 5.6.1 of the Constitution requires that a register of members must be kept and contain the name and address of each member, and the date on which each member was admitted.
- Impetus will be to grow this hobby, off the back of providing a National titles that was outside of the box, and at the forefront of change.
- John Mulley noted that judges training needs to get underway. Nominations received from Troy Holmes and Graham Alchin, who are both eligible, and Ian Wise, who is not yet eligible. John Mulley noted that he is more than happy to provide the 10 questions per month, over an 18 month period, and during this time, Ian Wise may in fact become eligible. Communication is an important part John noted. Shiralee has also offered to support John’s efforts.
- The BCSA Facebook page is currently sitting there, but has no management or communications. Sue Adams attempted to contact the owner, as did Troy Holmes, with no response. The page was formed on March 1st 2016. There was some discussion that this may have been completed by Ben Hale or Luke Jamison. Currently, if a prospective member comes into the budgerigar community, and attempts to contact the BCSA, they will get no response through social media, as this falls at

a dead end. It is important that this is changed ASAP, particularly before any advertising starts, as it is highly probable that new members have reached out, and their contact has fallen away without response. The most recent post on the BCSA Facebook page is from 2019. Sue Adams is going to attempt to contact Ben via Facebook messenger, while John Mulley will attempt to email him directly using the NEBS contact details.

- Content for website – want the BCSA website to have information for beginners, including a YouTube Channel, to draw new members as a place of best practice. A call to arms of putting together articles, to be added to the website and social media, was made. Ian Wise, Sue Adams, John Mulley, and Shiralee Reardon offered their support in content development. These documents will be emailed to Troy Holmes, including previous NEBS articles from John, to moderate and collate in preparedness for the website.
- Wayne Weidenhofer flagged that the 45-day requirement for nomination for a council committee position needs to be abolished, or at a minimum, brought back to 10 days prior to the AGM. Wayne noted that people aren't thinking about nominating 45 days out. We are unable to address this, or vote on it at this meeting, as the constitution states that any Individual Member of the Council, who may desire to amend the Objects and or Rules of the Council, must do so through their Principal Organisation but in time for that Organisation to fully discuss and sanction the proposal. A written submission from that Organisation is to be in the hands of the Secretary of Council at least 45 days prior to the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting, advising:-
 - 15.2.1 The Object and or Rule that is proposed for amendment.
 - 15.2.2 The reason for the proposed amendment.
 - 15.3 Upon receipt of any such request, the Secretary shall record the matter on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting
 No alteration or addition to or deletion may be made to these Objects and Rules, except at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose.
 For this reason, Wayne's request will need to formally come to Council from the BSSA, and at that point, 45 days out from that date, a Special General Meeting can be called of BCSA delegates to make the amendment, shall they be in agreement in accordance with the constitution.
- Brief discussion about interest rate from 2 month to 3 months for term deposit. This to allow the new treasurer to get things in place.
- John Mulley flagged that a nuonce only that the website coordinator does not need to be listed as a formal position on the AGM minutes.
- Wayne Weidenhofer flagged that there needs to be the acknowledgement of the electronics coordinator for Auctions and Show Management software, with Graham Bell retiring. This will be filled by Wayne Bandt.

- Shiralee noted that it would be useful for all to restart the Annual judges get-together to discuss, refresh any new rules, etc relating to Judging, that may occur. This will need to be scheduled.

Motion: - "That the balance of the General Business items be accepted"

Moved – Wayne Weidenhofer

Seconded – Sue Adams

15. Meeting Declared Closed: 9:45 am

A copy of the link to the recorded AGM meeting can be accessed here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/4u4ltFhxRIXH41nACEIayPqXJNz8tUiaSsWuEOej3DFwTfWQ84ZrzmJbvXMwKiiC.j-TRPvI-JSHi0rAl?startTime=1657927454000>

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