

Minutes of Meeting



Budgerigar Council of Victoria Inc.

Meeting: BCV Club Delegates Meeting.

Date: 26 September 2023

1. Attendance/Apologies	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Total = 12
President, Peter Thurn									Y					
Vice Pres, Mal Randall									Y					
Secretary, Ray Slade									Y					
Treasurer, Robin Kirby									Y					
Ring Registrar, Darren Macfarlane									Y					
Show Manager/Judges & Stand, James Bader									Y					
Shield Secretary, Rod Turnbull									Y					
Councillor, Alistair Bennallack									Y					
Councillor, Greg Rowe									Y					
Councillor, Pat Vella									A					
Ballarat, Simon Meagher									Y					
Daw Baw, Garry Stagg									Y					
Bendigo, Peter Tyack									A					
Border Districts, Graham Hall									A					
Clyde, Peter Smith									-					
Colac, Mike Huth									Y					
Dandenong,									-					
Eastern District, Mitch Parr									Y					
Geelong, Greg Jones									Y					
Gippsland,									-					
Glenroy, Liam George									Y					
Goulburn Valley, Richard Hiscock									Y					
Melton,									-					
Mountain Districts, Jeff Wright									Y					
Myrtleford. Rob Rigoni									Y					

Nepean, John Freeman										Y					
Phoenix,										-					
Riverina, Bernie Thompson										Y					
Southwest, Peter Owen										A					
United, David Spink										Y					
Western Suburbs, Damian Toohey										Y					
Time commences:	7.37pm				Recorder:		Ray Slade								
2. Confirmation of previous minutes:		As this was the first meeting with Club Delegates there are no previous minutes.													

Item	Topic	Discussion	Action	Responsible / Timeframe
3. Correspondence				
3.1	Correspondence In	There was no correspondence in		
3.2	Correspondence Out	There is no correspondence out		
3.3	Business Arising from Correspondence	Nil		

4. Meeting Terms of Reference

Purpose.

- The purpose of the Club Delegates meeting is to create a forum for the two-way flow of information and views between the BCV Council and affiliated clubs.

Frequency.

- Club Delegates Meetings are to be held 4 times a year.
- These meetings replace the Council meeting for that month but are not properly constituted Council meetings.

Terms of Reference.

- The Club delegates meeting is not a decision-making forum. Decisions are made at Council meetings.
- Club delegates are encouraged to raise issues for discussion with Council and other club representatives at the meeting.
- Council will take into consideration the views discussed at the Club Delegates Meeting when making decisions at Council meetings.
- Council is not obliged to uphold the views put forward in the Club Delegates Meeting.
- The BCV will use the Club Delegates meeting as a sounding board for potential ideas.
- Meetings may be recorded with the view of creating accurate minutes.
- The meeting will be chaired by the BCV President.
- An agenda will be circulated prior to the meeting.
- Club Delegates are encouraged to share the minutes of the meeting with their clubs.

5. General Business Items

5.1	Review Dates of Adult Young & UBC Shields	<p>UBC</p> <p>P Thurn reported that the last 2 UBC Shields had attracted between 600 and 700 entries. Last years was thought to be just a post COVID drop in numbers. This year's number were down and are maybe attributed to other factors. Many breeders are now staring their breeding seasons a little later and this could be contributed to the lower numbers.</p> <p>P Thurn asked delegates what their thoughts were on a change of dates.</p> <p>Geelong – would like to swap the Adult shield with the UBC Shield. This is based on half of their breeders aren't putting their birds down to breed on Kings Birthday weekend so only had 30 birds for UBC Shield.</p> <p>United – the club would rather the UBC Shield be one month later.</p> <p>Mountain Districts – would like to see the UBC Shield a month later.</p> <p>Goulburn Valley – stated that the date for the UBC Shield was set years ago due to the ring being released in July. That matched up with breeders pairing on the long weekend in June.</p>		
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		<p>R Turnbull speaking for Clyde stated they would like it pushed to an October date. The test will be the number entered at a couple of shows in October.</p> <p>R Slade – is there an option to have the show on late October. This will cater for the traditionalist that start on the long weekend to show their second round and the others that want to start later with their first round. Discussion centred around second round birds would be first weekend in November. This would be cup weekend.</p> <p>2016 show was held in early October. This had 850 birds. This was because the Nationals were a month later in 2016 & 2017. Part of this is the history of bringing your birds back from the nationals and pairing them on the long weekend.</p> <p>The consensus is that the UBC Shield should move to a later date.</p> <p>Adult</p> <p>Goulburn Valley – requested that the Adult Shield should also be moved back 3-4 weeks. They believe the Adult Shield has been cancelled a couple of time in the last 5 or 6 years. A hot summer is predicted so the shield should be moved.</p> <p>R Turnbull stated that only 2019 show was lost due to heat in the last 10 years.</p> <p>Consensus was that going too late the birds could be stating their moult and that the Adult Shield should stay at its current date.</p> <p>P Thurn stated that the Young Bird Shield is set as it is tied in with the National Show.</p>		
5.2	Website – Updates	<p>Eastern – the website is the first port of call for most people. Sometimes the information is not up in a timely manner.</p> <p>The show and auction dates are put up at the start of the year and adjusted as required.</p> <p>M Randall stated that Rob Randall is the person that updates the website and is updated as soon as information comes in.</p> <p>Baw Baw – stated that the last Budgie News was 2021 plus other things need updating. The website should be kept up to date to keep members informed.</p> <p>M Randall stated that Budgie News is posted to all members and is no longer put on the website.</p> <p>D Macfarlane stated that feed back given through the week was taken on board and some changes were made.</p> <p>Clubs need to supply the information that they require on the website.</p> <p>It is to be updated in Budgie News that Rod Randall is the Webmaster.</p> <p>Goulburn Valley – there is no contact page on the website. There is nothing on there for beginners.</p> <p>On the website all the contact details are on the councillor's page. It has an articles page full of information, a new members page with links on how to find a club.</p>		

5.3	Club Sale Days	R Slade – Clubs must notify the BCV Secretary of any sale days they are having. Sales days must be registered 14 days before the scheduled day with the Dept of Agriculture Domestic Animal Service. Failure to do so could result in a \$30,000 fine for the person organising the sale , not the club and not the BCV.		
5.4	Council Minutes	R Slade will start sending out the minutes to Clubs.		
5.5	Future name of Budgievic	P Thurn – spoke about how Budgievic fitted in. We are the Budgerigar Council of Victoria. Budgievic is simply a logo. Goulburn Valley – understands what Budgievic is but is not the right terminology to be using. Feels that people are confused about the name. They feel that “I Love Budgies” would be better. Consensus was that if Budgievic starts a conversation then it has hit its target.		
5.6	Renaming of the Shields	J Bader - The shields have been named after legends of the Budgerigar fancy. They may not be known to everyone, but they have played a significant part in the formation of the hobby we all enjoy. D Macfarlane – is putting together information about each of the people the shields are named after and once completed will be put on banners for display at the relevant shields. This will also be put on the website. Consensus was that the shield names remain the same.		
5.7	Potential change to Disciplinary Clause in Rules of Association.	P Thurn – At a recent Shield an issue arose where a disciplinary action had to take place. In the rules of association there are provisions for disciplinary action against individual members but not against affiliate clubs. Looking for thoughts what should be added. Eastern – Surprised there is no clause in there for this to happen. United – agree in principle but believe that it would be more likely to be an individual or individuals that would require disciplining. A Bennallack – disciplinary action should be extended to club Executives. Consensus was that the Rules should be changed to add a clause to the Rules of Association.		
5.8	Housing of National Team	J Bader – is asking for expressions of interest to house the Victorian National team after the YBS until they leave for the National Show. J Bader will scope up what is required to house the birds as well as returning the birds after the nationals.		
5.9	Shield Venue	Baw Baw – the hard surfacing of the carpark has reduced the parking spaces. Goulburn Valley – competing with other users for car parking spaces and the lighting inside is an issue.		

		R Turnbull – stated that the lights have been replaced and it is better throughout the venue. The carparking issue is caused by the carpark on the other side of the campus is closed for refurbishment and should be reopened for the Adult Shield.		
5.10	Future of the Hobby – Rolls of Clubs	<p>Goulburn Valley – would like to see a committee formed to come up with ideas for the future of the hobby.</p> <p>R Slade – We already have several sub committees; they are called clubs. It is the roll of the clubs to grow the hobby.</p> <p>Geelong – Having the club here at this meeting is growing the hobby. Some clubs feel that they are not being listened to.</p> <p>United – local clubs would be looking for the BCV to give direction to help grow the hobby.</p> <p>P Thurn – the BCV view it that the clubs are at the front of the hobby to try and grow the clubs. BCV is only ten people so don't have the manpower to do this. The BCV has the marketing trailer for clubs to use to help promote the hobby.</p> <p>M Randall – part of this meeting tonight is to get ideas on how the BCV can help the clubs.</p> <p>P Thurn – this maybe the main item on the agenda for the next meeting. It will give clubs a chance to come back with some ideas.</p> <p>Eastern – club now have an avenue to bring think to the BCV with these meeting.</p> <p>There are still some vacancies on council.</p>		
Meeting closed:		9.34pm		
Next meeting:		17 January 2024	Commencing at:	7.30pm
		Venue:	Microsoft Teams.	