

NORTHERN REGIONAL CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the meeting held at 19:30 on 15 September 2011 at the Le Chateau Guesthouse and Conference Centre, 62 Abel Street, Terenure, Kempton Park.

1.0 Opening.

1.1 Manie Viljoen opened the meeting in prayer where after the President welcomed all present.

2.0 Present.

H Cawood	(President)
HB Groenewald	(Secretary/Treasurer)
J Reyneke	(Boksburg Canary Club)
CR Hackart	(Boksburg Canary Club)
M Viljoen	(Gloster & Posture Canary Club)
JHA Le Roux	(Indaba Nyoni Club)
LE Weyer	(Pretoria Cage Bird Club)
R Erasmus	(Pretoria Cage Bird Club)
M Mason	(The Gouldian Finch Society)
C Coertzer	(The Gouldian Finch Society)
FC Barnicoat	(Transvaal Zebra Finch Society)

Apology

N Cawood	(Chairman)
PJ Brummage	(Transvaal Zebra Finch Society)
Y Van Nieuwenhuizen	(Indaba Nyoni Club)
T Marshall	(Transvaal Roller Canary Society)

Absent

P Du Plessis	(Central Cage Bird Club)
G Pieterse	(Central Cage Bird Club)
J Prinsloo	(Driehoek Canary Club)
F Prinsloo	(Driehoek Canary Club)
J Nel	(Jacaranda Show Budgie Society)
I Nel	(Jacaranda Show Budgie Society)

Vacant

Fontein Voëlklub/Avian Club
Honeydew Bird Club
Highveld Avicultural Society

Sasol Cage Bird Club
Suikerbosrand Canary Club
Westrand Bird Club

In accordance with paragraph 9.1.7 of the Constitution a member shall be deemed automatically to have vacated committee membership if he/she is absent for two consecutive meetings without notifying the Secretary prior to such meetings. Mr. PJ Du Plessis and Mr. GJ Pieterse (Central Cage Bird Club) have been absent for two consecutive meetings without notifying the Secretary and therefore vacated their committee membership.

3.0 Come rain come shine

- 3.1 It was noted with regret that Clarence Haywood passed away.
- 3.2 It was also noted that Lance Keys was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and Parkinson.

4.0 Minutes of the previous meeting

- 4.1 The minutes of the previous meeting was accepted as a correct version of the discussions of the meeting. Proposed by Fred Barnicoat and seconded by C Hackart.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes

- 5.1 **Central Cage Bird Club.**
 - 5.1.1 It was noted that a further letter was addressed to the Chairman of the Central Cage Bird Club with a view to establish what the position of the club is. Danny Green who passed away was the Secretary of the Club.

6.0 Finance

- 6.1 The financial statements for the period 1 July 2011 to 31 August 2011 were tabled and accepted. The bank balance as on 31 August 2011 was R2 438,84. Proposed by Johan Reyneke and seconded by Manie Viljoen.

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Pretoria Cage Bird Club.

- 7.1.1 Thank you for the payment of your affiliation and membership fees. The membership list has also been received, thank you.
- 7.1.2 It was noted that the following new office bearer's were elected at their Annual General Meeting held on 8 August 2011:

President	CJJ Snyman
Chairman	SH Erasmus
Vice Chairman	F Du Preez
Treasurer/Ringmaster	L De Jager
Secretary	HB Groenewald

(Address unchanged)

7.2 Transvaal Zebra Finch Society.

- 7.2.1 Thank you for the payment of your affiliation and membership fees as well as the membership list.
- 7.2.2 Application has been made to hold their Supreme Finch Show on 18 August 2012. The application has been approved.
- 7.2.3 Application has been made for Mr. Edwin Bowles to undertake his judge's test in the Zebra Finch Section. He complies with all the requirement and the application will be submitted to the Board for consideration. The judge's fee of R100,00 has been paid.

7.3 Highveld Avicultural Society.

- 7.3.1 It was noted that the following new office bearer's were elected:

Chairman	M Mare.
M Oosthuizen	Treasurer

J Shorter

Secretary

Telephone number 0845872167

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7.3.2 Application has been made to hold the Summer Provincial Show on either 10 and 11 March 2012 or 17 and 18 March 2012. The show date of 17 and 18 March 2012 has been approved.

7.3.3 Thank you for the payment of your affiliation and membership fees. The membership list has also been received, thank you.

7.3.4 Kindly indicate the name of your ringmaster.

7.4 The Gouldian Finch Society.

7.4.1 Thank you for the payment of your affiliation and membership fees. The membership list has also been received, thank you.

7.4.2 The levy for the Provincial Winter Show has also been received, thank you.

7.4.3 Your application to host your Summer Supreme Show and Auction on 28 January 2012 has been approved.

7.5 Suikerbosrand Canary Club.

7.5.1 Your application to host your show on 15 and 16 June 2012 has been approved.

7.6 Gloster & Posture Canary Club.

7.6.1 Thank you for the payment of your affiliation and membership fees. Your membership list has also been received, thank you.

7.7 Indaba Nyoni Club.

7.7.1 Thank you for the payment of your affiliation and membership fees and membership list.

7.7.2 Application has been made on behalf of the Jacaranda Show Budgie Society to host the Provincial Winter Show on 22 and 23 June 2012. This will be a combined show with the Indaba Nyoni Club, Pretoria Cage Bird Club and Gloster and Posture Canary Club. The application has been approved.

7.8 Jacaranda Show Budgie Society.

7.8.1 Thank you for the payment of your affiliation and membership fees. The membership list has been received, thank you.

7.9 Transvaal Roller Canary Society.

7.9.1 An amount of R420,00 in respect of your affiliation and membership fees for SANCBA and NRCBA has been received. The required membership list has not been received and it is, unfortunately, not possible to determine how you calculated the amount of R420,00. Your urgent explanation in this regard will be appreciated. The membership list should also be submitted without delay, please.

8.0 SANCBA.

8.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2011 have been received and the following aspects have been noted:

8.1.1 The application of Mr. A Vd Merwe to do his judges test on Zebra Finches has been approved. The test will be undertaken during November 2011.

8.1.2 Die aansoek vanaf meneer SH Erasmus van die Pretoria Kouvoëlklub om goedkeuring te verkry om die Gloster Kanaries van Sias Spangenberg, wie vir twee jaar in Botswana werksaam sal wees, te teel, te ring en om dit onder laasgenoemde se naam te skou, is deur die Raad afgekeur. Daar is voorgestel dat die twee here in 'n vennootskap tree.

Meneer Erasmus meld dat hy baie ongelukkig is oor hierdie besluit aangesien daar gedurende die Raadsvergadering van Mei 2011 besluit is om goedkeuring te verleen dat menere Hennie van Wyk en Ludwich Blom na die Border Kanaries kan omsien tydens die verblyf van Sias Spangenberg in Botswana. Daar is 'n president met hierdie besluit geskep.

Daar is kennis geneem dat Sias Spangenberg reeds verdere verstoë in hierdie verband tot die Raad gerig het.

- 8.1.3 It was noted that Francois Du Preez has been upgraded to an “A” grade judge for Gloster Canaries.
- 8.1.4 The comments of Mr. Weyer were noted that an error has been made allowing the matter regarding the rejection of the re-arrangement of the Blue Book on an incorrect majority. Clause 29.3 stipulates that a two third majority votes present are necessary before any change can be made to the Constitution. He recommends that the decision be frozen by the Board and that the motion as submitted should be re-distributed in full to all institutions for reconsideration according to the correct majority as stipulated by the Conference 2012.

The Board is of the opinion the revised proposed document did not contain any Constitutional changes as far as they know since no constitutional changes were submitted for approval by Conference for inclusion in the document. The relative clause 29.3 therefore does not apply in this matter. The Board can also not overrule a decision made by Conference. On the other hand if clause 29.3 was applicable a majority vote of two thirds was required for the revised document to succeed. This was not the case as the majority of the Conference delegates voted against this document.

The matter was discussed briefly and Mr. Weyer indicated that he regarded the matter as closed.

Mr. Barnicoat said that a lot of hard work was done in compiling the document which is of outstanding quality and that the document should be kept into mind when the Blue Book is reprinted in the future.

- 8.1.5 It was noted that Fred Barnicoat and Manie Viljoen has been nominated to serve on the committee regarding the revised schedule for the Parrot section. It has since come to notice that Mr. Steve Phillipson will also service on the committee. Mr. Barnicoat will be the Chairman of the committee and will consult with the other two gentlemen before finalizing the document for submission to the next Conference.
- 8.1.6 At the last Conference a motion was accepted that a judge who judged for ten years or more should be allowed to carry on as a judge when he is no longer a breeder and keeper of the fancy. The names of judges with more than ten years experience and whose names have been placed on the reserve list, but wishes to still be active as a judge, are furnished to the Secretary of the Board. He must, however, still be a member of a club affiliated to SANCBA.
- 8.1.7 The book on the History of SANCBA is now available at R50,00 each and can be ordered from the Secretary of the Board. Appreciation is conveyed to Mr. Barnicoat for the hard and excellent work he has done in compiling this book.

Mr. Barnicoat mentioned that it is his intention to add another chapter to the History about the changing fashions of the canary variety breeds over the years.

- 8.1.8 It was noted that the Board is at this stage not in favour to establish a website for the Association. The amount of R1 500 donated for this purpose will be kept in reserve.

- 8.1.9 The comments of Clubs and Provincial Associations on the proposal that a levy be raised on each ring and that this can be paid over to SANCBBA, will be appreciated to assist Ari Du Toit to compile a report for the next Conference.

After discussing the matter in depth the majority of the members present felt that it will be unfair to penalize members who are active involved in matters of Clubs. After voting the members decided by 9 to 2 votes that they are not in favour of the proposal. The Board will be informed accordingly.

- 8.1.10 It was also noted that several clubs experienced problems this year in obtaining their rings from Jansens. Mr. Cawood indicated that he had several discussions with Mr. Jansen with a view to improve the situation but without any success. It would appear that clubs will in the future have no other option but to consider ordering their rings from AC Hughes, 1 High Street, Hampton Hill, Middlesex, England. The colour of rings should be quoted when ordering rings since the rings supplied by AC Hughes are in accordance with the International colour applicable for that year. It must, however, be kept in mind that the cost of the rings, postage etc ordered from AC Hughes, could be costly.

At present we have only six ring colours which are regarded not sufficient and it was proposed that seriously consideration should be given to make provision for extra colours. Consideration can also be given to apply the International colour code. Mr. Barnicoat undertook to obtain the International colour code from AC Hughes.

9.0 General

9.1 Affiliation and membership fees.

- 9.1.1 The affiliation and membership fees due to NRCBA are payable before **31 October 2011**. The affiliation fee is R100,00 and the membership fee R12,00 per member. **Membership lists should accompany all payments, please.**

9.2 National Show 2013.

- 9.2.1 An appeal is made on affiliated clubs to consider it seriously to sponsor a section at the 2013 National Show. The clubs sponsoring a section will be responsible for all the prize money, rosettes and expenses for the judge of their choice. Since this is a National Show it was proposed that judges from all over the country should be invited.

9.3 Birds of Africa.

- 9.3.1 It was noted with regret that the owner of 'Birds of Africa' was murdered recently.

9.4 Year end.

- 9.4.1 The November meeting will be the last for the year and it was decided that every members bring a plate of snacks to the meeting.

10.0 Closing

- 10.1 The next meeting will be held at 19:30 on 17 November 2011 at the Le Chateau Guest and Conference Centre, 62 Abel Street, Terenure, Kempton Park.
- 10.2 The meeting adjourned at 20:25.

N. Cawood
Chairman
17 November 2011.

HB Groenewald
Secretary

