

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the monthly meeting held at 14:00 on 3 November 2013 at the Le Chateau Guesthouse and Conference Centre, 62 Abel Street, Terenure, Kempton Park.

1.0 Opening.

- 1.1 Fred Barnicoat opened the meeting in prayer where after the President welcomed all present.
- 1.2 The Secretary indicated that a quorum is not present. In accordance with paragraph 15.2 of the Blue Book a delay of thirty minutes shall be allowed should a quorum not be present at the time of the meeting is called for. Should there be no quorum the meeting shall proceed and all matters dealt with shall be binding on all affiliated Provincial Bodies and Clubs as if a quorum were present. After a delay of thirty minutes the meeting continued in accordance with the stipulations of the Blue Book.

2.0 Present:

President	HR Cawood
Vice President	PJ Brummage
Secretary/Treasurer	HB Groenewald
Natal Provincial Cage Bird Association	P Heine
Northern Region Cage Bird Association	FC Barncoat

Apology

Border & Eastern Cape Provincial Association	A Shannon
Central Provincial Cage Bird Association	A Du Toit
Western Cape Provincial Cage Bird Association	S Beirowski

Absent

Border & Eastern Cape Provincial Association	S Bartlett
Central Provincial Cage Bird Association	H Wiese
Northern Region Cage Bird Association	N Venter
Western Cape Prov. Cage Bird Association	M Souls

3.0 Come rain come shine.

- 3.1 It was noted with regret that Doug Robertson passed away on 17 September 2013. The Board members expressed their deepest sympathy towards the bereaved family.
- 3.2 It was noted that Andre Shannon underwent a serious back operation and the Board wish him a speedy recovery.

4.0 Minutes of the previous meeting.

- 4.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a correct version of the discussions and proceedings of the meeting.

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes.

5.1 Board meetings.

The Board noted the contents of a letter from Ari Du Toit wherein he mentioned that due to the fact that he cannot attend the meeting he requested that the Board meetings be moved to another day. Meetings on a Sunday not only create problems for him but also for other Board representatives.

The Central Provincial Cage Bird Association also took a decision at its last Annual General Meeting that representatives do not have to attend Board meetings on Sundays.

In this regard your attention is drawn to paragraph 13.7 of the Blue Book which stipulates that all Board members shall attend a minimum of 75% of a year's meetings. Your decision that representatives do not have to attend Board meetings on a Sunday is in contradiction of the Blue Book. Representatives elected to serve on the Board shall abide by the rules and regulations of the Blue Book irrespective on which day the meeting is being held. They should not accept nomination if they cannot meet the requirements to attend at least 75% of the meetings of the Board.

At the Board meeting held on 1 November 2012 it was decided that board meetings will in future be held on the first Sunday of every second month. The reason for the decision was that 50% of the members were not prepared any more to drive at night through dangerous areas to the venue of the meetings.

The possibility to hold meetings on a Saturday was also considered but the club meetings of certain members are held on the first Saturday of every month.

The meetings of the Provincial Body (NRCBA) are held on Sundays after the Board meeting and since January 2013 the attendance to these meetings increased drastically. At the meeting held last Sunday 15 members attended the meeting. All their members are in favour to attend meetings on a Sunday.

After discussing the matter in depth it was decided that a suitable letter be addressed to all the Board members, especially to those who do not comply with the requirements to attend a minimum of 75% of a year's meetings, to obtain their comments on the matter.

5.2 Starting time of Board meetings.

The matter is carried over to the next meeting.

5.3 Central Fife Canary Club.

The revised Constitution has been received. In the winding-up clause the reason when a decision is taken to close the club, should be stipulated, please.

The affiliation and membership fees have been paid and the membership list has been received.

The following office bearers have been elected:

Chairman	JC Janse van Rensburg
Vice Chairman	D Osborn
President	T Janse van Rensburg
Treasurer	C Rossouw
Secretary	A Rossouw
	PO Box 8677, Rustenburg, 0300
	Telephone number 082 2597344
	E-mail: clarencer@lantic.net
Ringmaster	D Osborne

The Club is affiliated to the Central Provincial Cage Bird Association and the application for affiliation to SANCBA has been approved.

6.0 Finance.

- 6.1 The financial statements for September and October 2013 were tabled and accepted. The bank balance as on 31 October 2013 was R43 650,56.
- 6.2 The following Provincial Body and Clubs have been suspended in accordance with paragraph 7.1 of the Blue Book, due to non payment of their affiliation and membership fees:
- Border & Eastern Cape Provincial Association.
 - Cape Cage Bird Club.
 - Specialist Gloster Club.
 - Boksborg Canary Club.
 - Fontein Voelklub/Avian
 - Highveld Avicultural Society
 - Sasol Cage Bird Club
 - The Gouldian Finch Society
 - Westrand Bird Club.
- 6.3 The membership lists of the following clubs are still outstanding and it will be appreciated if it can be submitted without any further delay:
- Vaal Canary Club, Southern Border & Fife Specialist Society, Driehoek Canary Club and Reef Cage Bird Club.
- 6.4 The Reef Cage Bird Club underpaid their membership fees by R20,00 and it will be appreciated if the amount can be settled as soon as possible.
- 6.5 The fee of R25,00 for Club Chairman who wishes to receive the minutes of the Board is also now due.

7.0 Correspondence.

7.1 South African Zebra Finch Society.

It was noted that the following members have been elected as management:

Chairman	PE De Villiers
Secretary/Treasurer	S De Villiers
	(Address unchanged)

7.2 Western Cape Provincial Cage Bird Association.

- 7.2.1 The following show dates for 2014 have been approved:
- Cape Cage Bird Society 30 to 31 May 2014
 - SWD Canary & Cage Bird Club 6 to 7 June 2014
- 7.2.2 It was noted that SWD Canary & Cage Bird Club resigned from BEPA and is now affiliated to their Provincial Body.

7.3 Northern Region Cage Bird Association.

- 7.3.1 Application has been received from Yvonne Jansen van Nieuwenhuizen to do her judges test on Parrots during November 2013. The fee of R100,00 has been

paid. The application has been approved and the Secretary will do the necessary arrangements in this regard.

7.4 Natal Provincial Cage Bird Association.

7.4.1 Kennis is gerneem dat die Provinsiale Somerskou op 22 Maart 2014 deur die Vryheid Voëlklub aangebied sal word.

7.5 Gouldian Finch Society.

7.5.1 It was noted that the following new management were elected:

Chairman	Mikki Bennett
Acting Vice Chairman	Manny De Freitas
Acting Treasurer	Chad Stuart
Acting Secretary	Chad Stuart & Mikki Bennett
	Postnet Suite 134, Private Bag X1037, Germiston. 1400 Telephone number: 082 8913186 Email: aieplastics@wol.co.za
Ringmaster	Pat Nadauld

7.6 Judges medals.

7.6.1 It was noted that Messrs Claud Fagan (Norwich Canaries) and DT Oates (South African Birds) judged at three National Shows and now qualifies for a gold judge's medal. The applications have been approved and the Secretary will attend to this matter.

7.7 Gloster, Fife & Posture Canary Club.

7.7.1 Harold and Norman Cawood het by drie Nasionale Skoue as beoordelaars vir Fife Fancy Kanaries opgetree en kwalifiseer nou vir goue beoordelaars medaljes. Die aansoeke is goedgekeur en die Sekretaris sal die saak die nodige aandag skenk.

7.8 Jacaranda Show Budgie Society.

7.8.1 The Jacaranda Show Budgie Society is affiliated to the Northern Region Cage Bird Association and also to BSSA. They are considering the possibility to also affiliate to SANCBA. They enquired whether SANCBA will have any objection if they do apply for affiliation. They have already approached BSSA to obtain their views on this matter.

The Board members could find no reason not to consider such an application favourably provided that the control of Budgerigar matters will still be done by BSSA.

7.9 Central Provincial Cage Bird Association.

7.9.1 The Board noted the contents of the following letter received:
"Item 7.16 of the Board minutes of 8 September 2013 and item 13.2 of the 71st Annual Conference held on 12 July 2013 invited a lot of discussion.

The general feeling was that there should be some points allocated for size.

The following point's allocation under the relevant headings was proposed:

Head & Neck	10 points
Body	20 points
Wings	5 points
Legs and feet	5 points

Plummage	15 points
Tail	5 points
Position & Carriage	15 points
Colour	5 points
Condition and cleanliness	5 points
Size	15 points

As mentioned in the minutes of the Board of 8 September 2013 the Board can, unfortunately, not overrule any decision taken by Conference and it is suggested that you submit your proposal to the next Conference for consideration.

7.10 A Du Toit (Fife Fancy Judge)

- 7.10.1 The Board noted that Mr. Du Toit had a look at item 13.2 of the 71st Conference and mentioned that as a “A” Panel Judge he cannot agree to the motion accepted at Conference regarding the Fife Fancy Canary. The main characteristic of a Fife Canary is size. Not allocating points to size can lead to a lot of controversy. What will happen if a near ideal Border is exhibited as a “Fife”. The bird can not be disqualified because of its size.

The Board is in agreement with your concern but as explained in paragraph 7.9.1 above this matter can only be addressed at the next Conference. At this stage the only guideline is that the ideal length from the top of the head to the tip of the tail should be approximately 110mm.

7.11 Border & Eastern Cape Provincial Association.

- 7.11.1 It was noted that the following show dates for 2014 have been approved:
 East London Cage Bird Club 20 & 21 June
 Port Elizabeth & Dist. Cage Bird 27 & 28 June
- 7.11.2 The Board noted that SWD Canary & Cage Bird Club joined the Western Cape Provincial Cage Bird Association and that you at this stage have only three clubs affiliated to your Provincial Body and that dispensation is required to continue.

Due to the geographical location of your clubs and Provincial Body the Board decided to give you dispensation.

It was noted that you are considering it to change the name of your Provincial Body to Eastern Province Cage Bird Association. It will be appreciated if an amended Constitution can be made available as soon as the change of name is approved.

- 7.11.3 It is proposed that you contact RMI Medals at rmi@rmimedals.com for your medals requirements.

7.12 Bloemfontein Kouvoël Klub.

- 7.12.1 Kennis is geneem van ‘n artikel wat in die November 2013 uitgawe van Avizandum verskyn het en wat deur een van hul lede naamlik Louwa de Bruyn geskryf is.

Die volgende aantuigings is gemaak wat die Raad se beoordelaars in ‘n baie slegte lig stel asook sy stelling dat hy die Nasionale Skou van 2009 te Bloemfontein georganiseer het wat van alle waarheid ontbloot is.

Die volgende is ‘n uittreksel uit die berig:

“My grootste teleurstelling is om te verloor en die **knoeiery** van beoordelaars op die Nasionale Skoue veral as ‘n mens die hele jaar voorberei en jou top voëls kry nie die beste pryse nie.”

Volgens die verklarende woordeboek van HAT beteken “knoeiery” bedrieglik en agterbaks te werk, oneerlike metodes te gebruik, konkelry, bedrog.

Die Raad stem saam dat die woord “**knoeiery**” die integriteit van beoordelaars van SANCBA geskend het en is daar besluit om ‘n skrywe aan meneer De Bruyn te rig om sy kommentaar te verkry voordat daar verder oor die saak besin word.

Die aspek oor die Nasionale Skou van 2009 is ‘n huishoudelike aangeleentheid wat u as klub met hom kan opneem.

7.13 Judges Practical test.

7.13.1 It was noted that Mr. Eddie Koen successfully passed his third and final practical judges test on Fife Fancy Canary under Mr. Norman Cawood and that he now qualifies as a “B” Grade Judge. His particulars are as follows and it will be appreciated if clubs can amend their judges list accordingly.

ERS Koen, 14 Populier Street, Golfpark, Meyerton.
Telephone number: 082 9715302.

8.0 General.

8.1 Les Drake (Judge)

The suspension of three years of Mr. Les Drake (Judge for African, South African and Zebra Finches) has been uplifted. At this stage it seems that he is not a member of any club affiliated to SANCBA and as soon as confirmation is received that he is a member of a club his name will be placed on the judges list.

A suitable letter in this regard will be addressed to Mr. Drake.

8.2 Show dates for 2014.

A list of show dates approved for 2014 is enclosed herewith.

8.3 National Show 2014.

It will be appreciated if Cape Town Bird Club will submit the names of the nominated Judges for the National Championship Show 2014 before the next Board meeting.

9.0 Closing.

9.1 The Board members wish all the members of affiliated Clubs a Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

9.2 The next meeting will be held at **14:00 on Sunday 12 January 2014** at Le Chateau Guesthouse and Conference Centre, 62 Abel Street, Terenure, Kempton Park.

9.3 The meeting adjourned at 15:20.

HR Cawood
President.
12 January 2014

HB Groenewald
Hon. Secretary