



Australian National Cavy Council Inc.

National Cavy Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING

Held On

Friday 20th August 2004

At

Narrandera RSL Club, Narrandera

1. Meeting Declared Open.

The Chairman, Mr Ken Hart declared the meeting open at 7.05pm and welcomed the Office Bearers and the State Delegates to the Meeting and thanked them for their attendance. The Chairman then asked of the delegates their permission to allow an observer to attend. All Delegates agreed. Permission granted for Carole Norton, Helen Butcher and Stephen Robson to observe the meeting. Robert Brown Also attended in his capacity as Standards Review Panel member

2. Appointment of Minutes Secretary

Minutes Secretary not required. Pam Bardell to take the minutes

3. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Elizabeth Hobson.

4. Identify State Delegates and Proxies

The Office Bearers welcomed and identified;

Chairman	–	Ken Hart
Secretary	–	Pam Bardell
Treasurer	–	Gwen Parsons
Standards Book Coordinator	–	Peter Wright – was not present at this time, but had notified of imminent arrival at around 7.30pm

The State Delegates welcomed and identified;

New South Wales	-	Karen Nichols & Glenys Forrester
Victoria	-	Jill Carter & Leonie Dickerson
South Australia	-	Garry Johnston
Western Australia	-	Liz Hart & Barbara Greive
Queensland	-	Del Boag & Peter Wright
Tasmania	-	no delegates nor proxies

A Quorum is present.

5. Minutes of 2003 meeting

The minutes of the 2003 meeting were read.

The secretary noted that she had amended the Minutes (amended sections attached) as per the mistakes noted and suggestions made to elaborate on some points. Discussion ensued, specifically regarding the changed General Business Item 15b - \$600 Subsidy

Moved by Robert Brown – VIC and seconded by Gary Johnston – SA, that they be accepted with the noted changes with the exception of General Business Item 15b which is to remain unaltered.

Vote: Unanimous, Minutes Accepted.

Amended Sections of the 2003 ADM Minutes

Standards Review Panel

- *Ear Tags*
Gary Johnston – SA, suggested that a phasing out period of 3 years, specifically for those exhibiting cavies with ear tags now. Discussion ensued and a motion was moved to include 'After the 1st August 2006' to the SRP recommendation. Moved by Gary Johnston – SA seconded by Pam Bardell – NSW
NSW: Yes VIC: No QLD: Yes SA: Yes WA: Yes TAS: N/A
Vote: 1 Against, 4 For, **Accepted**

Rule to now read.

“After the 1st August 2006, no identification of any form, other than paper ear tags for numbering purposes, is to be attached to ANY part of an exhibition cavies anatomy.”

- *Red*
NSW: Yes VIC: No QLD: Yes SA: Yes WA: Yes TAS: N/A
Vote: 1 Against, 4 For, **Accepted**

15. General Business

a. Increase in ANCC affiliation fees (only needs to be discussed if vote was NO)

The Secretary brought to attention Section 4-(h) of the Constitution, and strongly advocated an increase in the Affiliation fees. Discussion ensued, **Garry Johnston questioned that a similar motion (item 14.2) had already been defeated earlier in the evening.** The secretary explained that while that motion had been put to the states for consideration and was defeated, item 4 (h) of the constitution stated, "The council has the right to set and adjust fees at the ADM". Ken Hart explained that motion 14.2 had given the states the courtesy to effect a necessary change of fees. However, the constitution required the delegates to act in a financially responsible way. Bearing this in mind the delegates were therefore not bound by their States instruction when the motion was represented in this manner. Delegates indicated that the feelings of the members that they represent, support the idea of an increase, that the amount suggested was too large an increase and that they would support a more reasonable amount. An amount of \$40 was suggested.

6. Business arising from previous minutes

- Gary Johnston voiced a concern that if there are no delegates present from the previous years meeting, that the minutes might not be able to be passed.

7. Correspondence IN

Moved by Robert Brown - SRP and seconded by Leonie Dickerson – Vic that the Correspondence In be accepted.

Vote: Unanimous, Correspondence In accepted.

8. Correspondence OUT

Moved by Robert Brown - SRP and seconded by Leonie Dickerson – Vic that the Correspondence Out be accepted.

Vote: Unanimous, Correspondence Out accepted.

9. Chairperson's report

Report is attached

10. Secretary's report

Report is attached

11. Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report is presented and explained by Gwen.

Report attached

VIC queried Gwen about some of their outstanding cheques to ANCC. Gwen indicated she had received the inquiry and as to date they haven't been recieved

Moved by Leonie Dickerson – VIC and seconded by Glenys Forrester – NSW that the Treasurers Report be accepted.

Vote: Unanimous, Treasurers Report accepted

12. Auditor's report

Presented

Moved by Del Boag – QLD and seconded by Glenys Forrester – NSW that the Auditors Report be accepted.

Vote: Unanimous, Auditors Report accepted

13. Registrar of Studs report

Report presented

Report attached

Chairman noted a discrepancy in the report when compared to the Treasurers report, that the number of new Studs recorded did not match the amount banked by the Treasurer. It was explained that the Registrar and the Treasurer 'closed the books' on different dates and as a result the numbers would differ.

It was decreed that anything that attracts income to have a closing date of 30th June.

Moved by Gary Johnston – SA and seconded by Glenys Forrester - NSW that the Stud Registrar Report be accepted.

Vote: Unanimous, Stud Registrar Report accepted.

14. Items for which due notice of motion has been given:

1. Proposed By: **Western Australia**

Proposal: *The Standards Review Panel investigate the correct nomenclature for the breed name Tortoise and White.*

Rationale: *The breed is frequently, but incorrectly, referred to as Tortoiseshell and White. We would refer you to the Tortoise and White Cavy Club in the UK for guidance.*

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Result:

Carried Defeated

2. Proposed By: **Western Australia**

Proposal: *A sub-committee be established to investigate models and recommend the most effective way to conduct the business of the Australian National Cavy Council.*

Rationale: *The present system is a mixture of office bearers that are elected and two delegates from each state. The elected office bearers take on their duties because they are interested and willing to do so. The main body of the council consists of delegates that are elected/appointed/volunteered through various mechanisms from state to state. While many delegates take on their position very responsibly the commitment or absence of some must be questioned. For many years one state has not been represented by delegates at the meeting. For several years Western Australia has struggled for delegates. Last year for example the sole West Australian delegate also chaired the meeting. A situation he insists is unacceptable due to the potential for conflict of interest or perception of that. Over the years there have been various occasions where delegates have not effectively carried out their duties. This has usually been due to intra state politicking or just lack of preparation for the meeting.*

Western Australia does not believe that the present situation is in the best long term interest of the fancy and request that you support the proposal to establish a sub-committee to investigate alternatives to the present system. A system that provides representatives who willingly attend because they are interested and wish to serve would be preferable to the empty seats we presently have.

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Result:

Carried Defeated

Appointing of Investigating Sub Committee will be conducted in General Business.

3. Proposed By: **Victoria**

Proposal: *The Show Secretary record, on judging sheets, the age of all Longhair cavies entered at the National Cavy Shows*

Rationale: *This information should be available for judges' convenience. It is not appropriate for the judge to ask the person stewarding the exhibit, it can possibly identify ownership which contravenes existing National Show rules. Often the person stewarding is not the owner, but a handler who may or may not know the age of the exhibit. Recording the age on the sheets removes all issues and gives the Judge an accurate representation of the exhibits age. As Longhair standards state that length is to be in keeping with age, it is not unreasonable to provide this information to judges.*

Discussion ensued. It was noted that it should apply to all breeds not just the Longhairs

Moved by QLD and Seconded by NSW to change the Proposal to read:

"The Show Secretary record, on judging sheets, the age of all Breeds of cavies entered at the National Cavy Shows"

Vote: Unanimous

Vote on the **Amended Proposal**:

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Result:

Carried Defeated

4. Proposed By: New South Wales

Proposal: *That in memory of Charlie Bower, a perpetual trophy for the Best Golden American Crested Exhibited by the Breeder be donated by Nicole Johnson of NSW.*

Rationale: *Charlie Bowers passion for the marked varieties, and his consistent support for the cavy fancy in Australia is deserving of recognition at a National level. Nicole Johnson of NSW wishes to supply a perpetual trophy from the 2005 National Show for this purpose. The trophy is to be awarded to the Best American Crested Exhibited by the Breeder.*

Discussion ensued, all agreed on the proposal in principal, however it was felt that it was unfair to limit it to just the Gold Americans and it was pointed out that a cavy that was unplaced in the class, could end up winning the trophy, this was not acceptable. It was decided to amend the proposal to be acceptable to all.

Motion to remove the word "Golden" by WA seconded by VIC, Vote: Unanimous

Motion to remove the words "by the Breeder" by NSW seconded by WA, Vote: Unanimous

Amended proposal to read: That in memory of Charlie Bower, a perpetual trophy for the Best American Crested Exhibited be donated by Nicole Johnson of NSW.

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It was noted that, as Nicole had a trophy/gift to award for this year, the 2004 winner, but not as yet a perpetual trophy, this years winner to be added to the 2005 Perpetual Trophy.

Before we progressed to the next Item of Business on the Agenda, the Chairman noted that the following Items numbers 5 to 9 have been incorrectly submitted and technically should have been submitted as per Item 1. He noted that ANY proposal to change Standards in any way is to be referred to the Standards Review Panel.

NSW moved that Items 5 through to 9 be submitted to the Standards Review Panel for consideration.
Seconded by SA

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Result:

Carried Defeated

5. Proposed By: Queensland

Proposal: In the Satin A.O.V. Standard, under Faults the phrase 'with the exception of the Rex, Abyssinian & Sheba Mini Yak' be added after the word Texture.

To read "Harsh texture with the exception of the Rex, Abyssinian & Sheba Mini Yak"

Rationale: With the satinisation of the coarse coated breeds there is no provision in the Satin AOV Standard for the conflicting coat types, and the very nature (coarseness/harshness) of these breeds is listed as a Fault. We feel this can be easily remedied by adding the above few words.

6. Proposed By: Queensland

Proposal: That in the Texel Standard under Features Description- Coat Quality, the words 'Coat is Crimped' be added prior to the word Soft.
To Read: "Coat is Crimped, Soft, & Springy to handle,....."

Rationale: Nowhere in the Standard does it describe the obvious nature of the coat or explain why or how it is to be 'Springy'. We feel this can be easily remedied by adding the above few words.

7. Proposed By: Queensland

Proposal: That in the English Merino Standard under Features Description- Coat Quality, the words 'Coat is Crimped' be added prior to the word Soft.
To Read: "Coat is Crimped, Soft, & Springy to handle,....."

Rationale: As for the Texel, nowhere in the Standard does it describe the obvious nature of the coat or explain why or how it is to be 'Springy'. We feel this can be easily remedied by adding the above few words.

8. Proposed By: Queensland

Proposal: That in the Alpaca Standard under Features Description- Coat Quality, the words 'Coat is Curly' be added prior to the word Soft.
To Read: "Coat is Curly, Soft, & Springy to handle,....."

Rationale: As for the Texel and the English Merino, nowhere in the Standard does it describe the obvious nature of the coat or explain why or how it is to be 'Springy'. We feel this can be easily remedied by adding the above few words.

9. Proposed By: Queensland

Proposal: That the words 'length to be in keeping with its age (average of 1" (2.5cm) per month)' added to the listed fault – Trimming of Longhairs to be penalised at Judges discretion.

To read: Trimming of Longhairs to be penalised at Judges discretion. length to be in keeping with its age (average of 1" (2.5cm) per month)

Rationale: While the phrase 'in keeping with the age of the cavy' it is briefly mentioned in the Peruvian, Coronet and Sheltie standards & the indication of growth rate is only mentioned in the Peruvian & Coronet standards, we feel that it should be specifically noted for all the Longhaired breeds We feel this can be easily remedied by adding the above few words.

10. Cavy Clubs Seeking Affiliation : Lockyer Valley Cavy Club – Lowood, Qld
Please find attached minutes of inaugural Meeting & adopted Constitution

There was no objections voiced, but it was noted that a few of the points in the constitution could be considered more as Show rules rather than as protocols for the Club and as such if they were to change them, it would have to be ratified by their members and submitted to the ANCC.

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Result:

Carried Defeated

11. Sub Committee Reports: Australian National Cavy Council Standards Review Panel Report 2004

Item 1. Sheba Mini Yak

The review of the Sheba Mini Yak Standard has been comprehensive and has indeed consumed most of the panel's time this year. The Standards Review Panel noted that there have been numerous changes to the Sheba Mini Yak standard over the years as well as several unsuccessful attempts to change the standard. Indeed the problems of this breed have been ongoing for almost 30 years.

The panel has identified three key areas of concern with the breed, with regard to it's present standard.

1. Foundation genotype: Sheba Mini Yaks were established as a hybrid between what we would now consider poor quality Abyssinians and very poor quality Shelties. These genotypes do not exist in the Australian cavy genome that we have today. The result of the cross between those breeds was a distinct phenotype. A standard was then developed to match the phenotype of those early results. Prior to the first wave of imports from NZ (circa 1976), Australia's borders had been closed to cavies for nearly 70 years. Those imports occurred nearly thirty years ago (between 40-60 generations). Those and the numerous imports since have had a complete influence over the fancy in Australia.

2. Floor Length Coat: The problem of coat length began to emerge as Sheba Mini Yak to Sheba Mini Yak matings took place. The hybrids between the Abyssinians and Shelties would be of the genotype LI, with an intermediate length coat. When the genotype was II the coat would have been longer, but we need to remember that this all occurred in the early 1970's, prior to the importation of stock from New Zealand. The longhairs of that era did not have the modifiers that we now have as a result of imported genetics.

Over the years as Sheba Mini Yaks have been bred together the coats have got longer as II and its modifiers established homozygous pairs. This has led to a regular practice of going back to Abyssinians to compensate for hair length and it seems also that for whatever reason more "modern" longhairs have also been infused into breeding programs, further exacerbating the problem. Over the years breeders seem to have been continually trying to compensate for a coat length that is not sustainable in a long term "pure" breeding program. Using contemporary genotypes to do this has hastened the purging of the original genes and led to the problems being experienced with coat length. The panel view the problem of coat length as serious. The practice of breeding to Abyssinians does not seem to be effective and we consider that that practice would have an adverse impact on breeding to the standard.

3. Coat Density and Erect Habit: These two traits are strongly negatively correlated in the presence of II. The more dense the coat becomes through selective breeding the flatter the coat lays. This is simply a function of gravity and physics.

Conclusion: The panel believe that it is these genetic issues that are fundamental to the problems of the breed. We strongly feel tinkering with words in the standard is not going to solve them. Indeed this has been done on several occasions over the years and the breed still has the same basic issues. We believe that by tinkering with words in the standard will simply be rehashing previous failures.

Everyone concerned acknowledges the problems with the breed. Indeed that is the very reason the SRP was asked to conduct this review. The SRP believes that these problems are serious to the point where the cavy described by the present Sheba Mini Yak standard no longer exists in Australia. We believe that if the Sheba Mini Yak is to have a future in the fancy it must evolve as a new breed that does not have the fundamental problems of the present breed and breeds true to type. However, it is not the role of the panel to develop new breeds. That is the role of interested fanciers! To facilitate that objective and as an acknowledgment to the strong interest in the breed we recommend that the breed be given a Working Title. This will enable fanciers that are interested in the breed to immediately set to the task of resolving the issues with the breed. In doing that we would strongly recommend that those fanciers consider the problems we have identified and set about to resolve them. We believe that interested fanciers and the SRP working together is the only way that these issues can be permanently resolved. However, the fate of the breed largely rests with the breeders themselves.

Add to the report

We recommend that the current standard continues to be used as an interim measure. A place will be created on the ANCC website for discussion and development of a new working standard, which should be submitted to the Standards Review Panel by March 31, 2005. The SRP will then consider the submitted guidelines and comment and suggest amendments if required. We will then discuss them with a panel of interested fanciers to further refine the guidelines. To facilitate the process we recommend that interested fanciers appoint a small group of representatives to coordinate the submission and liaise with the Standards Review Panel. The SRP will then put the guidelines to the 2005 Annual Delegates Meeting recommending that they be adopted.

Vote:

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Yes	No

Result:

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Item 2. Ridgeback:

The Standards Review Panel has considered an application for a Working Title for the Ridgeback. During the year the Ridgeback has been given a Guide Standard in the UK. The SRP have considered this in their deliberations. The application for the Working Title in Australia is for a type that is somewhat different to the UK version. The Standards Review Panel believes that the UK version is more sustainable than the proposed Australian version. Work on the UK version has been progressing for a number of years. The Standards Review Panel recommends that the Ridgeback be given a Working Title with guidelines as set out in the UK guide Standard with one modification. The SRP believe that having rosettes should be a disqualification as this produces a different phenotype. In the UK a coat without rosettes is considered highly desirable, implying a penalty rather than a disqualification.

The Ridgeback Working Title; guidelines for exhibitors and judges.

General Description: The Ridgeback is a smooth coated cavy with a pronounced unbroken ridge of hair standing erect along the centre of its back.

Head Eye and Ears: Head to be short and broad with good width to the muzzle. Eyes to be large and bold, well spaced and may be of any colour. Ears to be large rose petal shaped, drooping and set with good width between.

Body: To be cobby and compact.

Coat: The coat should be smooth and short.

Ridge: The ridge should be pronounced, unbroken, erect and straight, running down the centre of the back from between the ears to the hips. The ridge should be up to 2.5 cm (one inch) in height and be most pronounced at the shoulder and tapering towards the rear end.

Presentation: The cavy should be in good condition, with plenty of firm flesh, being clean and tidily groomed. It should be of a good size and appropriate to age, but whilst size is preferable it should not be at the expense of quality.

Disqualifications: Rosettes on the cavy.

Vote:

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Item 3. Glossary

The Standards Review Panel recommends that the following definitions be added to the glossary in the standards book.

Cobby - (Type) - Broad across the shoulders continuing through to the rump with the same body width throughout. When looking down on the cavy it should be rectangular in shape with rounded corners.

Rosette – Abyssinian/Peruvian / Alpaca - Hair that radiates from pinpoint centre outwards, that evenly.

Crest – Cresteds/ also applies to Coronet & English Merino – A symmetrical rosette on the forehead between the eyes and ears. Radiates evenly from a pinpoint centre.

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Item 4. Dalmation

It has come to the Standard Review Panels attention that the breed Dalmation is often spelt Dalmatian. The panel's view is that the correct spelling is Dalmation as per the spelling used by the Dalmation and Roan Cavy Club in the UK. We recommend that for consistency this should become standard practice for all clubs affiliated to the ANCC.

Discussion ensued. VIC noted that even on the UK Website mentioned it was spelt both ways. A brief history in the naming was outlined by the SRP Chairman, that Fred Holmes one of the originators of the breed, had wanted it called DalmatION and that there were still misunderstandings in UK as to the spelling.

A quick vote by the delegates to indicate which of the spelling is preferred was taken, with NSW, VIC & QLD voting IAN, SA voting ION, WA indicated that it was willing to go either or!

In view of the above the SRP recommendation was defeated

Vote:

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The Chairmen noted that the issue of the spelling of the name itself was resolved and that the correct spelling shall be Dalmatian.

Item 5. Dutch

The Standards Review Panel were to conduct a survey of interested fanciers regarding changes to the Dutch Standard that occurred in the UK in 2003. Due to a series of computer problems at a critical time of the year there was insufficient time to satisfactorily attend to this matter before our deadline. We regret this but in order to attend to the matter appropriately we feel that we needed to carry it over to next year.

It was noted that this was not to be a 'voting' item but rather a courtesy explanation, and that the SRP reserves the right to prioritise items submitted.

Item 6. New Full Standards

The British Cavy Council has listed new full standards for the Alpaca and the Merino in the March issue of Cavies. The Standards Review Panel has appraised these standards and recommends that the Alpaca and Merino standards be adopted as Australian standards.

The Alpaca Standard

Coat-texture and density	25
Coat-chops, shoulders, sides and sweep	25
Frontal	15
Head, Eye and Ears	10
Body	10
Presentation	10
Belly	5
Total	100

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Coat- texture and density: The coat should be soft and springy to handle, clearly showing rexoid characteristics, be free flowing, shown clean and unmatted. The coat should be full and dense, especially near the body where the undercoat is more evident.

Coat-chops, shoulder, sides and sweep: The chops should be even, dense and well furnished, and of a length in keeping with the age of the cavy and the length of the shoulders. The shoulders should be broad with hair of appropriate length continuing evenly around the sides. The sweep should fall over the hind quarters of the cavy and be full and of even length, being generally a little longer than the sides. When viewed from above, no gaps, thin areas or uneven length should be evident. Allowance should be made for the fact that the coat will appear thinner at the ends in older exhibits, because the undercoat will not be as long.

Frontal: The hair constituting the frontal should originate from the shoulders and be brushed so as to evenly cover the face, with no gaps. At the side of the head, this hair should meet hair from the 'chops' of the cavy and fall in a manner producing a 'curtain effect' at the front of the cavy. The frontal should be even and of a length in keeping with the age of the cavy and the length of the shoulders and chops.

Head, Eye and Ears: Head to be short and broad with good width to the muzzle. Eyes to be large and bold, well spaced and may be of any colour. Ears to be large rose petal shaped, drooping and set with good width between.

Body: to be firm, fit and of good size appropriate to age.

Presentation: The cavy should be in good condition, with plenty of firm flesh, being clean and tidily groomed. . It should be presented on an appropriately sized board and must be shown with a central parting.

Belly: The belly should be curly, woolly and dense.

Remarks: The Alpaca is genetically bred from the Peruvian, as such two rump rosettes are essential to the breed to have the coat growing forward, from these rump rosettes, towards the head. The placement of these rosettes is also important in producing density in the sweep. If the rosettes are high, more hair is pushed into the sweep and it has sufficient density to support its extra length. With low rosettes, the sweep can lack density and as it grows, cause it to hang to show a 'split' in the sweep. Given good placement of the rosettes, there should be no problem with the development of the sweep.

Note: Alpacas may be shown in any colour, or mixture of colours.

The Merino Standard

Coat-texture and density	25
Coat-chops, shoulders, sides and sweep	25
Coronet	15
Head, Eye and Ears	10
Body	10
Presentation	10
Belly	5
Total	100

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Coat- texture and density: The coat should be soft and springy to handle, clearly showing rexoid characteristics, be free flowing, shown clean and unmatted. The coat should be full and dense, especially near the body where the undercoat is more evident.

Coat-chops, shoulder, sides and sweep: The chops should be even, dense and well furnished, and of a length in keeping with the age of the cavy and the length of the shoulders. The shoulders should be broad with hair of appropriate length continuing evenly around the sides. The sweep should fall over the hind quarters of the cavy and be full and of even length, being generally a little longer than the sides. When viewed from above, no gaps, thin areas or uneven length should be evident. Allowance should be made for the fact that the coat will appear thinner at the ends in older exhibits, because the undercoat will not be as long.

Coronet: The coronet is on the front of the head, being a rosette that should radiate from a small pinpoint centre. It is to be well formed and symmetrical; and should be in keeping with the head, eyes and ears of the cavy to give an overall balanced appearance.

Head, Eye and Ears: Head to be short and broad with good width to the muzzle. Eyes to be large and bold, well spaced and may be of any colour. Ears to be large rose petal shaped, drooping and set with good width between.

Body: to be firm, fit and of good size appropriate to age.

Presentation: The cavy should be in good condition, with plenty of firm flesh, being clean and tidily groomed. It should be presented on an appropriately sized board and must be shown with a central parting.

Belly: The belly should be curly, woolly and dense.

Note: Merinos may be shown in any colour, or mixture of colours.

To eliminate confusion in the fancy the Standards Review Panel recommends that the word English should be dropped from the breed name in Australia.

Vote:

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SA	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	WA	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	TAS	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Result:

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15. General Business

- 3 monthly newsletter (2000 G.B. 14.e)
The Secretary noted while reading past meetings minutes, that in 2000 General Business it was decided to have a quarterly newsletter issued by the ANCC. No action it seems was taken regarding this and it was included here to resolve the issue.

It was felt, after discussion, that with the decision to create a website, the newsletter was no longer needed, this was generally understood but never actually noted in any minutes.

It was suggested that aside from the secretarial duties, the ANCC Website be the main avenue for dispersing information from the ANCC. The ACBA website touted as an example.

It was moved to rescind motion 14 e of the 2000 ADM, which instigated the production of a quarterly newsletter.

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- Guidelines for Club Affiliation (2001 G.B.)
The Secretary noted while reading past meetings minutes, that in 2001 General Business it was decided to create a guide to clubs wanting to affiliate with the ANCC. No action it seems was taken as there is no evidence of any list, either as computer file or in hard copy form regarding this and it was included here to resolve the issue.

It was noted that the requirements are listed in the ANCC Constitution and that any inquiries from clubs wanting to affiliate are to be sent the Constitution with the relevant sections pointed out. However, if the Secretary is willing she can create a separate 'guide'.

It was felt that it didn't matter **how** new clubs were informed, just that they **were** made aware.

- Host State Obligations
When the Secretary assumed the position last year, found there to be no actual documentation on procedures and having no experience with what is required after the ADM & National show, decided to collate the various written and unwritten! rules. With the guidance of others more experienced a Host State Obligations list is submitted for acceptance.

Discussion ensued, it was noted that the standard sum insured for insurance is \$10 million not 5, SA commented, that for an extra fee in the hiring of the Pavilion/hall for the National, the Narrandera Show Society's public liability is extended to cover the Show, if this option is taken a Certificate of Currency cannot be sent to the ANCC. In reply, the Secretary said that a copy of the receipt showing that option taken would work just as well. Anything to indicate that the Show is covered by insurance would suffice.

The Schedule of Events point, under the heading 'For the Exhibitors' was queried by several people. The Secretary explained that the Host State isn't required to host anything other than the Show and Presentation but they can include it in the Entry information. She gave as an example, that earlier today, SA held a BBQ at the Complex and that all were welcome, but not many knew about it.

The Secretary went on to further explain about the second point – to provide fresh bedding etc, she stated that at present most Host states are doing this already as a courtesy and that it is up the Host State as to what it provides.

In regards to the 2nd point under the heading 'Post Show', at present there is no list of Club Newsletter Editors nor a list of current newsletters, similar to the Club Secretaries List, it was suggested the Secretary compile a list to be made available as per Judges, Club Secretary etc.

It was also noted that the word 'audited' be removed from the 3rd point under the heading 'Post Show' as there isn't a need for the statement to be audited, and is an unnecessary expense. The Secretary noted that particular rule also was in the General Rules & Regulations 3e with the word audited.

Moved by QLD seconded by SA that the Host State obligations checklist be accepted with the following amendment – change the figure of \$5 to \$10 million and remove the word 'audited' from General Rules & Regulations 3e

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- **ANCC Website**
Website manager stated that she is just waiting on some information from clubs to fully complete the site and asks if there is any suggestions, criticisms or is everyone happy with they way it is shaping up?

It was reiterated that this is to be the main way to provide information to not only members but also the general public, Some suggestions offered are
a Buyers Guide – a list of Breeds with the Studs who have them with location and contact information
A small profile on each Judge with contact information, divided by state.
More Breed photos – it was suggested to contact Paul Livingston and ask.
- **Insurance**
The Secretary noted in her outline of the situation, that this matter is becoming very important, especially as a few clubs are now finding it very expensive to obtain. She also noted that unless she can get specific details Insurance companies will not give a quote. If a quote is obtained, it is only valid for 30 days, certainly not enough time to make any decisions. After much discussion, it was suggested that to leave things as they are for the moment, and for the Secretary to keep investigating, get as the information required from the clubs, and closer to the next ADM get a quote for the various ideas talked about here.
- **Any Other Business**
 - ◆ **Standard Books**
The cost of producing the Standards book was discussed, and ways of improving the availability. Even though it was agreed that the style – coloured and full of graphic examples, was excellent, it was queried as to whether the colour photos were really needed. To reduce the costs involved a Black & White version was suggested and to have it professionally printed. It was also pointed out that, with the various ‘versions’ around, there was nothing to indicate which was the ‘latest’. A suggestion was made to have the year printed on the cover with the colour of the cover to change with each new version. It was also suggested that two versions could be printed, one a black & white, no pictures at a reduced price and have amendments made available for download from the website, the other, a full colour version printed biannually with the year noted on cover.
With the suggested changes noted the Standards Book Coordinator is to determine the costs and advise a price.
 - ◆ As per 14.2 The Chairman called for 4 volunteers for the Investigating Committee, VIC indicated that Cory Haugh is interested, Ken Hart noted that as it was a WA motion, that he was willing to serve, as long as he didn’t chair it! Glenys Forrester indicated she was willing and with some encouragement, Stephen Robson assented.

**The ANCC Investigating Sub Committee consists of:
Cory Haugh (Chairman), Ken Hart, Glenys Forrester and Stephen Robson**
 - ◆ The Secretary brought up the General Rules & Regulations point 4C where the Rule is conflicting with the Standards Review Panel main objective. The Chairman explained that this was actually discussed at the inception of the SRP and that the Secretary of the time was to have edited the Rule as per directed by the minutes of that meeting.
 - ◆ VIC requested that the ANCC investigate the Melbourne Cavy Clubs use of Non recognised Judges and if found to warrant, take the appropriate action of not renewing affiliation. An issue of the Clubs newsletter was submitted as evidence.
 - ◆ NSW delegate Glenys Forrester, asked if it was possible to pay Pam the same amount of \$240 or similar - what was paid to Brenda Peet - for her work on the current website, even though it isn’t finished, and in her opinion is already a lot better than the old one. Pam, embarrassed, but flattered, declined.

- ◆ Barbara Grieve wanted to warn all and to ask Delegates to warn others, not to use any of the 'Mala' products, briefly explaining of insecticide poisoning, and giving personal anecdotal evidence of experiencing it.
- ◆ It was also suggested that as there were entries in the unstandardised class this year, all judges attending the National and any interested exhibitors, gather at the time of the class and discuss the breeds entered.
- ◆ *Standards Review Panel*
Current members of the SRP are:
Ken Hart (Chairman)
Robert Brown
Karen Nichols
Peter Wright (Standards Book Coordinator)

As per established protocol, one member of the SRP must stand down after a 3yr period. Robert Brown stood down. The Chairman called for nominations, Robert expressed interest to restand. Elected unopposed.
Karen Nichols to assume the chair for 2004-05.

16. Election of Chairperson for year 2005

Current Chairman vacates Chair, Secretary calls for nominations

Nominations: Ken Hart, nominated by SA. Seconded by VIC No other nominations, Elected unopposed
Ken Hart takes the Chair.

17. Election of Office Bearers

Committee stands down, Chairman calls for nominations

Secretary: Pam Bardell. Elected unopposed

Treasurer: Gwen Parsons declined to stand again.

Carol Norton nominated by VIC, Accepted, Elected unopposed

Studs Registrar: Elizabeth Hodson. Elected unopposed

Standards Book Coordinator: Peter Wright. Elected unopposed

2005 Executive Committee

Chairman: Ken Hart

Secretary: Pam Bardell

Treasurer: Carole Norton

Stud Registrar: Elizabeth Hodson

Standards Book Coordinator: Peter Wright

18. Close of Meeting

Next meeting to be held on Friday the 19th August 2005 at 6.45pm at the RSL Club Narrandera.

Queensland will host the 2005 National Show to be held on Saturday the 20st August at the Narrandera Showground.

Meeting declared closed at 10.58pm