



Australian National Cavy Council Inc.

National Cavy Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING

Held On

Friday 19th August 2005

At

Narrandera RSL Club, Narrandera

1. Meeting Declared Open.

The Chairman, Mr Ken Hart declared the meeting open at 7.10pm 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 Paul Livingston.

2. Appointment of Minutes Secretary

Secretary asked for Minutes Secretary. Ken called for volunteer, Glenys Forrester accepted, to take the minutes

3. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Stud Registrar Elizabeth Hobson and second Tasmanian Delegate Diane Carroll.

4. Identify State Delegates and Proxies

The Office Bearers welcomed and identified;

Chairman	–	Ken Hart
Secretary	–	Pam Bardell
Treasurer	–	Carole Norton
Standards Book Coordinator	–	Peter Wright

The State Delegates welcomed and identified;

New South Wales	-	Karen Nichols & Glenys Forrester
Victoria	-	Robert Brown & Cory Haugh
South Australia	-	Pauline Exley & Avril Gerlach
Western Australia	-	Glen Macey & Danny Orr
Queensland	-	Peter Wright
Tasmania	-	Bronwyn Dodge

A Quorum is present.

5. Minutes of 2004 meeting

The minutes of the 2004 meeting were read.

Moved by Glenys and seconded by Karen, that they be accepted.

Vote: Unanimous, Minutes Accepted.

6. Business arising from previous minutes

No business arising

7. Correspondence IN

Pauline pointed out typing error – email dated 3/10/04 is from CCSA not SACC

Moved by Cory and seconded by Pauline that the Correspondence In be accepted with the amendments noted.

Vote: Unanimous, Correspondence In accepted.

8. Correspondence OUT

Ken noted that reply to Aristopet's request not listed, Pam apologised and said was omitted by mistake.

Moved by Cory and seconded by Pauline that the Correspondence Out be accepted with the amendments noted.

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 Carole.

Report attached

Moved by Peter and seconded by Robert that the Treasurers Report be accepted.

Vote: Unanimous, Treasurers Report accepted

12. Auditor's report

No report at this time, Carole explained that she couldn't get the same arrangement that the previous treasurer enjoyed. On further investigation, engaging the use of a certified accountant/auditor would be very expensive. After discussion it was agreed that to audit the books, a person with bookkeeping knowledge and not directly involved in the fancy is sufficient. Cory offered Richard Latimers services to do the 2004/05 audit. Carole is to find appropriate person for future audits.

Moved by Peter and seconded by Robert that the Auditors Report be completed and sent with the minutes.

Vote: Unanimous

13. Registrar of Studs report

Report presented

Report attached

Discrepancy between the Treasurers figures and the Stud Registrars is still happening, Closing date for registering new studs is 30th of June.

Stud List availability on disc is still a concern as the 'security' of the file is questionable it was suggested to be made available for download from ANCC Website in PDF form.

Moved by Cory and seconded by Glen that the Stud Registrar Report be accepted and that the Registrar to implement the changes.

Vote: Unanimous, Stud Registrar Report accepted.

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

1. Proposed By: **Western Australia**

Proposal: **The ANCC standards book be made available on the ANCC website as a free download.**

Rationale: With the advent of the Standards Review panel many standards are receiving a very much needed review and subsequent updating. While this is a good thing for the fancy a serious problem has arisen. That is that a new version of the standards book is being published each year. This means that every fancier, including judges, need to purchase a new copy each year. We believe this is an unreasonable cost.

Further there have been serious distribution problems with the standards book over the past three years. For example many fanciers are not aware that a new version was put out shortly after last years delegates meeting.

The most serious outcome of these problems is that fanciers, especially judges, often do not have current editions of the standards book. This potentially has serious implications at the judging table.

It is in the best interests of the ANCC and the fancy in Australia that everyone who requires a copy of the standards has a current version.

Having the standards available as a free download on the ANCC website will go a long way to ensure this is the case.

To those that would argue the revenue from the sales of standards books is important to the ANCC, I would remind you that two years ago the annual profit from standards book sales was a mere \$7. The response by the ANCC was to increase the price. If we continue with the present arrangements, then as prices increase over time this is obviously the only response that is possible. This will make the book even more expensive and the problem of fanciers, especially judges, not having a current version even more wide spread.

Discussion Ensued: It was noted that not all breeders are able to download a copy, it was suggested to have hard copies still available for purchase at the current price. With the Standards available for free download it will considerably reduce the pressure for the Standards Book CoOrdinator to print the books.

Vote:

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

Result:

Accepted Defeated

2. Proposed By: Victoria

Proposal: Chronological Register of Accepted/Approved ANCC Proposals

The CCV would like to see a Register of accepted/approved agenda items introduced. This register would contain the following:

- Year of Proposal
- Proposal
- Voting Result
- Other relevant information, ie. if proposal supercedes a previous proposal then the reference details can be listed.

Rationale: The introduction of a register for proposals would enable a single depository for the ANCC's accepted/approved proposals enabling quick reference to be made for clarification. We feel that this is important as in recent years reference has been made to a proposal and time has been lost wading through minutes etc. looking for the proposal and the voting outcome. If approved we recommend that, logically, this register be backdated as far as is deemed reasonable and that the register be maintained by the ANCC Secretary.

Discussion Ensued: It was suggested that the Register be divided by topic and in reverse order back to 1979

Vote:

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

Result:

Accepted Defeated

3. Proposed By: Victoria

Proposal: Exhibition of cavies purchased from a Judge

The CCV proposes that the current ANCC rule, "Stock purchased from a cavy judge cannot be exhibited under that judge at a National Show until the expiration of three months from the date of purchase." be updated to:

"Stock purchased from a cavy judge cannot be exhibited under that judge at a National Show until the expiration of six months from the date of purchase."

Rationale: The CCV has been quite concerned for some time now about a lot of rumour, innuendo and gossip relating to judging results where judges are judging cavies that they have bred. In particular this unwarranted and most definitely unwanted speculation has been aimed at the longhair breeder/judges. We feel that the extending of the three month rule to six months would eliminate the bulk of this speculation due to the length of time that the exhibitor would have to maintain and prepare the cavy before it being eligible to be exhibited under the breeder. This in turn would go a long way to protecting the reputation and integrity of these fine members of the cavy community. The CCV wishes to make it clear that in no way do we believe or give credit to any of this speculation, but as it is having an adverse impact on the fancy that it needs to be addressed. We also wish to state that this proposal has the endorsement of the judges that we believe this rule change would help to protect. If this rule change is approved we would hope that all states adopt this rule so that it is uniform for all cavy shows in Australia.

Discussion Ensued: Concern was raised as to whether this would affect all shows, Victoria assured that it referred to the NATIONAL SHOW only and not general club shows despite the last sentence of the rationale.

Rule 4 of the List of Rules for the National Show in the Standard Book, will be amended and will take affect 30 days from ADM.

Vote:

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

Result:

Accepted Defeated

4. Proposed By: **New South Wales**

Proposal: That the green carpet squares supplied at the National show be discarded/sold off and exhibitors bring their own carpet squares or show boards to the show. Dimensions and general colour guidelines to be decided by the ANCC.

Rationale: There has been ongoing problems in the cavy fancy with fungal infections afflicting stock. While fungal spores are readily transmitted by air and judges' handling, most exhibitors feel more assured when they know the history of the carpet squares they use at shows. Measures are taken at the National to protect the health of cavies sharing carpet squares, however it is felt by NSW exhibitors that it is preferable to show on their own squares/boards. The existing squares are of a significant age now and often become very damp with repeated sprays of disinfectant. NSW suggests the size of the board/square be 20cm x 20cm and light blue, as most animals show well on that colour. Agreement by Delegates on the size and colour for these is requested.

Discussion Ensued: Rationale was disputed as to the "Fungus" problem and was noted that there was a greater risk of 'infection' from the Judges with the handling of the cavies than from the carpets.

All agreed though that the carpet squares were showing their age. It was agreed that to maintain uniformity and help comply with Rule 15 of the List of Rules for the National Cavy Show that colour and size to remain the same, that is, green with yellow trim and 30cm square. As Qld is the host of the National for this and next year and as they provided the original carpets, they will be able to assess the number needed, and to investigate costs. The ANCC Secretary to maintain a count. Victoria suggested that exhibitors be given a set number of carpets- depending on number of entries- with a deposit fee structure. Further discussion when numbers and pricing information are available to take place at a later date.

It was suggested that the proposal be amended to reflect the decisions discussed.

Vote on the Amended Proposal:

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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:

Accepted Defeated

5. Proposed By: **Queensland**

Proposal: That the ANCC provide a Judges pack to all qualified judges and trainees at a small cost to the individual

Rationale: We feel that it should contain a badge with the ANCC logo on it and the recipients qualification (e.g. Judge or Trainee). We believe that it also should contain documentation on Judges Code of Ethics/Rules and Etiquette on handling different breeds. e.g. Longhairs

Discussion Ensued: It was felt that with there being no national Judges training scheme, that State Councils in fact oversee the training of new Judges, it would only seem fair that the State Councils provide some sort of 'judges pack'. However an official ANCC Judges Badge could be provided by the ANCC.

Victoria moved to amend the proposal to read “**That the ANCC provide an official ‘ANCC Judge’ badge for Judges recognised by the ANCC.**” Seconded by Tasmania Vote: Unanimous

Cory offered to pursue designs and prices and to liaise with Executive.

Vote:

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Result:

Accepted Defeated

6. Proposed By: **Queensland**

Proposal: That amendments to the Standards Book should be printed separately and be available for sale instead of having to purchase a new book each time a standard is amended, as this can get quite expensive, especially for Judges and Trainees.

Rationale: This is in the ANCC General Rules and Regulations numbers 4c and 5a.

Not having the updates sent out is actually a contravention of 5a. By doing this it will keep the printing costs down for the ANCC and still provide the current updated standards to all cavy enthusiasts at a reasonable cost.

Proposal was made redundant with the Acceptance of proposal No 1 and withdrawn

7. Proposed By: **Queensland**

Proposal: That the ANCC should have an Australia Wide Fundraiser to help cover the cost of the National.

Rationale: We feel that States with smaller clubs and less exhibitors will struggle to find the funds to enable them to host the National. If EVERY club in Australia had a fundraising event, and donated \$50 to ANCC, that would go a long way towards the running costs.

Vote:

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

Result:

Accepted Defeated

8. Proposed By: **Queensland**

Proposal: That the ANCC should have an Australia Wide fundraiser to buy the ANCC Secretary a laptop computer

Rationale: We feel that a laptop would be a much cheaper and more efficient means of handling ANCC business than conventional means. Not only is it portable and can be handed over and transported with ease, it can be used to update our ANCC Website. Also people who are computer literate but don't own their own computer can offer their services as Secretary at nomination time

Discussion Ensued: It was noted that if a member of the Executive needed equipment to help discharge their duties it would be up to that person to make the proposal. Qld withdrew proposal.

9. Proposed By: **Queensland**
Proposal: That the current Coarse Coat Group be changed from 'Coarse Coat' to become ROUGH COAT.

Rationale: The name Coarse Coat is now obsolete and has never been a good description of ANY of the breeds of cavy that are currently catered for in this group.

'ROUGH' is a word that describes the APPEARANCE of the cavy not a MINOR feature of an overall standard! This is a meaning of the word from a dictionary - ***Having a surface marked by irregularities, protuberances, or ridges; not smooth.***

By changing the Coarse Coat Group to Roughcoat you are allowing room for expansion, with the inclusion of the Ridgeback and (even) the 'Sheba'. This might also help to get rid of the misconception that the coats have to have a coarse texture to the coat as THE most important thing. *(Thereby letting future judges examine CLEAN cavies for once not the dandruff, dirt and pee riddled specimens we so often see at the moment because exhibitors are trying to present coarse coated cavies!)*

The most IMPORTANT things we should be looking at in the breeds are the coat qualities that give these cavies their unique appearance – the ridges and rosettes on Abyssinians, the thick dense (and ideally) short coats of the Rex and the tousled (Rough) and rosetted appearance of the Sheba Mini-yak. AND eventually the Ridge on a Ridgeback!

By changing the group name to Rough would bring it into line with all the other groups which have descriptive VISUAL names - SATIN, SELF, TICKED, MARKED, CRESTED, LONGHAIR and ROUGHCOAT

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:

Accepted Defeated

10. Proposed By: **The Chairperson**
Proposal: That the delegates discuss the implications of members breaching Australian copyright law through club publications with a view to forming an instruction to members on how to ensure that all editors are aware of their basic responsibilities.

Rationale: It has become apparent that many clubs are breaching Australian copyright laws. I consider some breaches to be quite serious. Most of these breaches are done out of ignorance of the laws rather than deliberate theft of intellectual property.

There are quite severe penalties for breaches of copyright as well as there often being a requirement for recompense to the copyright owner. What is unclear is exactly who is liable when copyright is breached.

I believe it is in the best interest of all members as well as the ANCC to ensure that all editors of magazines and newsletters are aware of the basic responsibilities of themselves, their club and its members and the ANCC and its affiliates with regard to copyright. And the use of intellectual property owned by others.

The Australian Copyright Council is an independent not for profit organisation. It provides information, advice and training about copyright in Australia. The council run a number of courses and provide publications that I believe would be very useful to all editors of club magazines and newsletters.

I have consulted with Paul Livingston, who is a research librarian with the National Library, as to what courses and publications would be most suitable for the needs of our editors. Paul has recommended a course called "copyright essentials", which is conducted in all capital cities once each year. Paul believes that editors would only need to attend session 1 (2 hours). The topics covered include; what copyright protects; Who owns copyright; scope of the copyright owners rights; infringement of copyright: actions and remedies; and other related issues.

There are also publications that may be useful to editors:

- A User's Guide to Copyright (July 2002; supplement March 2005)
- Ownership of Copyright (April 1996; supplement September 2004)
- Copyright Rights (June 2000)

There is of course a cost involved, which I do understand some clubs may find prohibitive. All I can suggest is that while the cost of education may be high, the cost of ignorance might prove to be outrageous.

The cost of the course 'copyright essentials' is \$100 for session 1. The cost of the publications appear to be \$38 each and the supplements another \$10.

More information is available from the Australian Copyright Council website, www.copyright.org.au. Paul Has also prepared some information which I believe is very useful reading for all state delegates that will be attending the meeting.

Further reading

Attachment 1: Cavies and copyright by Paul Livingston.

Attachment 2: Helpful hints for editors by Paul Livingston.

<http://www.copyright.org.au/publications/infosheets.htm> Look under E for editors. Article G80.

Discussion Ensued: Paul Livingston was invited to speak and further elaborate on the articles provided and answer questions. While everyone understood the need for further education on the topic, the logistics involved and the cost to the Club of sending their Editor to attend the suggested Course is prohibitive to most. It was suggested in the course of the discussion that a National newsletter/magazine with Clubs and Councils contributing information for their members, was one way to oversee what was used in terms of copyright etc and the ANCC could afford the costs of the Course. While this was greeted with cautious optimism, no one could suggest a person to be Editor!

Even though Clubs couldn't afford the Course, it didn't stop them from learning all they could on the subject of copyright and that more information is available at the website www.copyright.org.au

Motion: ANCC require that Clubs and Councils producing newsletters, make themselves aware of copyright issues by downloading Information at the Australian Copyright Councils website

Moved Cory Seconded by Karen

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:

Accepted Defeated

11. Sub Committee Reports:

Standards Review Panel – 2005 Report

Item 1

Objective: That the SRP investigate the correct nomenclature for the breed name Tortoise and White.

The name used by the Tortoise and White club in the UK is Tortoise and White. It is common and accepted practice in the UK to use the terms TW's, tort-whites, torties, but under no circumstances Tortoiseshell and White.

Recommendation: that the term Tortoise & White be accepted and used in all descriptions of the breed when used on any official club Show Schedule within Australia and that the following list be acceptable terms for use in everyday conversation when referring to this breed

- TW's
- Tort-whites &
- Torties

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:

Accepted Defeated

Item 2

Objective: SRP review the following amendments made to the Dutch standard in the UK.

Remarks

Feet: Feet stops must not go around the hocks and are necessary on both feet. The ideal stop should be halfway between the hock and the toe ends. The minimum requirement for a stop is that the toes be covered with white hairs and carry three white toenails.

Disqualification

One stop, no stops or stop(s) above the hock. Any coloured toenails.

Recommendation: The view of the SRP is that a disqualification for dark nails is too harsh, given the status of the breed in Australia and that the amendment to the Remarks, Disqualification and Faults sections be accepted as follows:

Remarks

Feet: Feet stops must not go around the hocks and are necessary on both feet. The ideal stop should be halfway between the hock and the toe ends. The minimum requirement for a stop is that the toes be covered with white hairs.

Disqualification

One stop, no stops or stop(s) above the hock.

Faults: any coloured toenails.

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:

Accepted Defeated

Item 3

Objective: In the Satin AOV standard, under faults the phrase “ with the exception of the Rex, Abyssinian and Sheba Mini Yak” be added after the words ‘harsh texture’.

After much discussion this amendment was viewed as an acceptable one for the time being, while the full effects of the satin gene on AOV breeds are being explored. The SRP suggests holding over any permanent change to the standard until more satin coarse coats have been bred and examined by judges. Because these breeds are relatively new and we do not understand the full effects of the satin gene on coarse coats we believe it is sensible to observe the interactions more before making any permanent change to the standards.

In this way the Panel can try to avoid being intuitive about how the satin gene works with coarse coats, and can gather experiences from what is presented on the table, in the absence of any information from the UK.

Recommendation: that the AOV Satin standard read:

Faults: Woolly or sparse coat, lack of sheen and harsh texture (with the exception of the Rex, Abyssinian and Sheba Mini Yak).

Coat: to reflect the coat qualities of the base breed

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:

Accepted Defeated

Item 4.

Objective: Review the new Satin Standard in UK.

The standard for Self Satins was changed at the April meeting of the British Cavy Council (BCC). The panel found the proposed BCC standard to be inconsistent with all other satin standards.

Recommendation: that all satin standards be uniform, with 30 points allocated for satinisation and the remaining points being reduced pro rata.

The standard for the self satin to read:

Satinisation	30
Colour	21
Type	18
Coat	10
Ears	7
Eyes	7
Presentation	7
Total	100

THE SELF SATIN

Head and Body: Head to be short with a broad roman nose with a good width of muzzle and rounded at the nostrils. Body to be short and cobby with very deep broad shoulders, firm, fit and of a good size appropriate to age.

Eye and Ears: Eyes to be large, and bold. Ears to be rose petal shaped, drooping and set with good width between.

Coat: Coat to be short, fine, silky and well groomed.

Satinisation: Due to the clarity of the glass like hair shell and its ability to reflect light, the Satin cavy has a distinct sheen on its coat, and this should be pronounced on all body areas. To assess the degree and quality of the sheen, judges should handle the cavy in such a way that the coat 'catches the light' to its fullest advantage.

Colour: Any self colour but must be even throughout, although allowance should be made that the shorter hair on the face may make the colour appear darker than the body. Undercolour should be carried down to the skin. Colour and pigmentation to conform to a recognised ANCC self colour.

Condition: Must be fit clean and firm to handle.

Vote:

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

Result:

Accepted Defeated

Item 5

Objective: that in the Texel & English Merino standard under Features description – Coat Quality, the sentence to be changed to read “Coat is crimped, soft & springy to handle, ………” and that in the Alpaca standard under Features description – Coat Quality, the sentence to be changed to read “Coat is curly, soft & springy to handle, ………”

Discussion led to agreement that all of these breeds have the same basic coat qualities. Younger stock do have a curly appearance in their undercoat, but that changes as the coat grows longer and is unable to maintain the curl. Adults only retain curl in the undercoat and belly.

Recommendation: that as all three breeds have the same coat qualities, that the Features Description – Coat Quality in all three standards read:
'coat is soft and springy to handle, clearly showing rexford characteristics, be free flowing, shown clean and unmatted'.

Notes:

Vote:

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

Result:

Accepted Defeated

Item 6

Objective: Faults - Longhairs

To read “Trimming of longhairs to be penalised at the judges discretion. Length to be in keeping with its age (average of 1” (2.5cm) per month).”

Recommendation: that the sentence “Length to be in keeping with its age (average of 1” (2.5cm) per month” be added as suggested above.

Notes:

Vote:

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

Result:

Accepted Defeated

Item 7

Objective: Progress Review of the Sheba Mini Yak

The discussion around a Working Title for the Sheba Mini Yak is continuing. At this point there has not been sufficient discussion around the major issues affecting the breed (coat length, erect habit of the coat, genotype). Discussion with interested fanciers will continue, with the SMY to be exhibited from now on in the Unstandardised class with a working title to allow judges to examine the animals as breeders work with the SRP.

Recommendation: that the Sheba Mini Yak be moved to Working Title status as recommended in the 2004 Standards Review Panel report.

Vote:

NSW	<input type="text" value="Abstain"/>	VIC	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>	QLD	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>
SA	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>	WA	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>	TAS	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>

Result:

Current Business

- ◆ An application for a Working Title for the Pink Eyed Cream submitted by breeders been received and accepted for review
- ◆ Ridgeback Working Title. A group of Western Australian Breeders have informed the SRP that they are also working on this breed.

Discussion Ensued: It was noted that no working Titles for either the Sheba Mini Yak nor the Pink Eyed Cream were included in the report. The SRP is to submit to the Secretary an Addendum to the Report of the Working Titles to be included in the Minutes.

12. Sub Committee Reports:

ANCC Review Committee Report.

We offer you all the following proposals.

1. Abstention

“That Abstentions be counted as neither “Yes” or “No” but rather as abstentions and that the required majority for any motion shall come from the remaining deliberate votes.”

We offer the following explanation to support this proposal;

The current system of ANCC representation is as follows. Each of the affiliated states sends 2 representatives to the meeting. Each state however has only one vote, making a total of 6 votes. For normal business a simple majority is required (50% + 1 vote). This is usually a minimum of 4 votes.

Changes to the constitution however require a 75% majority. This means that it must be 5:1 as a 4:2 is only a 66% majority. If one state isn't represented there have been occasions where a motion has still required the support of all 5 remaining states as the chairman has concluded that the absentee or abstention is a NO vote. Other chairmen have considered absentees and abstentions as NON votes and only included the remainder of the votes in the final count.

This inconsistency of the chairman's interpretation has been contentious. The current chairmans interpretation is that an abstention is not a no vote. It is a deliberate choice not to vote. Where a state abstains and the vote is 4:1. We believe that we should interpret this as an 80% majority plus one abstention. We don't believe it should be counted as 4:2. It comes down to the question, is it 75% of all eligible votes or 75% of the active votes. As a quorum is required to conduct a legitimate meeting we argue that it is 75% of the active votes.

Item 1 was withdrawn as it is currently in practice

2. Membership to the ANCC.

“The ANCC only accept membership from a state council and that clubs currently directly affiliated to the ANCC be required to affiliate through membership of their state council.”

Currently membership to the ANCC is as follows;

4. MEMBERSHIP (From ANCC constitution)

(a) Membership shall be open to :

(i) Cavy Clubs

(ii) State Cavy Councils

(iii) *If there is only one member club in a state then that club shall be considered to be that state’s council.*

Currently we have a matrix of clubs and councils affiliated directly to the ANCC. This has led to poor communication between the ANCC and its members. Many clubs it seems do not disseminate vital information to their members.

We believe that state councils are far better placed to deal directly with the fancy at a grass roots level in their state than the ANCC is.

State Councils will have a much more direct working relationship with their member clubs than the ANCC will ever have. They have opportunities to mix reasonably regularly, in most cases. The more organised states have only one magazine, the ANCC has nothing. The State Councils have far more opportunities to meet than the ANCC. There are far greater opportunities for members on State Councils to develop strong working relationships than for the ANCC.

If the ANCC only needs to work with six councils then it will be able to develop a more accountable relationship with that group, than has ever been possible with the 20+ clubs that it needs to deal with at the moment.

The ANCC will continue to get its revenue as it currently does, based on the number of clubs that a state council has under its control.

Discussion Ensued*: Karen (NSW) spoke vigorously against the recommendation stating that communication problems between NSW Cavy Club & Northern Rivers Cavy Society would not be resolved by the formation of a State Council. Karen continued to say that the communication difficulties were primarily due to the distance between the 2 clubs. The formation of a council will not remedy the situation. Karen strongly suggested that NRCS affiliate with the Qld Cavy Council as NRCS already involved with Qld in certain matters. Glenys commented that in regards to involvement with QLD it is with written agreement from NSWCC.

Cory (Chair of the review committee) responded to Karen’s comments by saying it was an issue that would have to be resolved by the 2 clubs . A number of other delegates spoke in support of the motion. The Chairman then called for the vote on the recommendation

Vote:

NSW	<input type="text" value="Abstain"/>	VIC	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>	QLD	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>
SA	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>	WA	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>	TAS	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>

Result:

3. Restructure of the Council.

We believe that the following system will benefit the fancy, ensuring that the ANCC has members that have something they wish to contribute rather than people selected by their state to make up numbers, or worse, vacant seats at the delegates meeting. We believe that this would realise a broader scope of interested people to fill ANCC positions. By having people that are more willing and committed to serve on the ANCC there will be more effective communication with state bodies, who are in a far better position to deal with the needs of the fancy at a grass roots level.

The following proposal would also only require a state council or it equivalent to send one delegate to the ADM. This may make it easier for the smaller states to find a single willing candidate, rather than two as is the current requirement.

Following is the proposed model.

- 1 representative per State:
This person shall be elected/appointed by a process determined within each state.
- 6 Elected/Councillors:
These people shall be elected by way of ballot. All adult members (over 18 years of age) of cavy clubs affiliated to the ANCC, through their state council, shall be eligible to vote. Each eligible person shall be entitled to one vote only and members holding memberships in more than one state can only cast one vote. This vote is to come from the state considered to be the home state or the state of residence. Vacancy of these elected positions which accrue during the term, shall be filled by a process yet to be determined.

The ballot will be controlled by a returning officer or committee similar to current ANCC committee format used by the SRP or this investigation committee. It is the feeling of this committee that this person should be ineligible to stand for the six councillor positions, thus avoiding any possible conflicts of interest.

All elected Councillors shall serve for a term of two years. From these elected Councillors the ADM will elect its Executive members, being the Secretary, Treasurer and the Chairman. State representatives will be ineligible to fill these executive positions. This is so as not to disenfranchise the state delegates in any way, rather it is to empower them and ensure that their primary focus is on representing their state without having conflicts of interest.

For example the chairman will not get a deliberate vote, only a casting vote if required. As the chairman does not have a deliberate vote, we consider it would be most inappropriate for a state not to have a vote. If for example the chairman was there as the Victorian delegate it would mean the Victorian delegate could not vote and thus Victoria would not get a vote, unless a casting vote was required. That may then create a conflict of interest. Further, the secretary and the treasurer have management responsibilities that may conflict with a states position on a matter, creating a potential conflict of interest. An example of this would be recommending that an increase in fees is required.

The new make up of the ANCC would have 12 members, with 11 votes and the Chairman having a casting 12th vote.

- Chairman. (Casting Vote Only)
- Secretary (Voting Member)
- Treasury (Voting Member)
- 3 Councillors (Voting Members)
- 6 State Representatives (Voting Members)

Discussion Continued after previous vote*: The majority of delegates including one NSW Delegate spoke in support of the recommendation. Karen (NSW) spoke vigorously against the recommendation, again stating the communication problems between clubs would not be resolved by forming a Council. Karen also stated NSWCC concerns about financial obligations in regards to forming a State Council and on the potential of a single Club or State effectively controlling a State Council and or the ANCC under these changes.

Carole and Cory questioned Karen about the 'other NSW Clubs' and asking why they don't pay ANCC affiliation fees. Karen vehemently replied that there were only 2 clubs in NSW, that the 'other clubs' are effectively NSWCC sub committees, responsible only for the organising of shows in their particular areas on behalf of NSWCC.

Cory responded to concerns mentioned and reaffirmed that at present the Review Committee were only making recommendations for change within the ANCC, as was voted on at last years ADM, and that concerns raised would be addressed by the Sub Committee.

Finally, Ken (Chairman) pointed out that if the recommendations were already in practice, that the number of Abstentions by NSW at this ADM, would be markedly reduced. The Chairman then called for the vote.

Vote:

NSW	<input type="text" value="Abstain"/>	VIC	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>	QLD	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>
SA	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>	WA	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>	TAS	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>

Result:

- It is difficult to separate the conversation for each recommendation, as both were commented on in the same discussion

15. General Business:

Items

(a) Insurance

The question was asked “Do we really need Insurance?” further, “What are we covered for?” unfortunately, the Secretary was unable to give a clear and concise answer due in part to her high fever!

Pam explained that the cover is not just for that one meeting, but is for the 12 months and covers any business done on behalf of the ANCC by any of the Committee, Sub Committees and Delegates. However this confused some even more. It was requested that the Secretary get coverage information, what we are covered for and what we are not.

Ken requested all clubs to return membership details as per the new forms As Soon As Possible, to enable a quote to be obtained for complete coverage of all clubs and the National show. The Chair also asked the Delegates to explain to their clubs that if the contribution was marginally more than current costs that it should be considered that being included in such a scheme would probably save them up to \$800 over two years, based on the current rate, in insurance when they next host the National show.

(b) ANCC Website

No specific comments mainly to keep the information up to date

(c) Any Other Business

o **The new Information Forms**

Ken noted that he had had a number of queries regarding the necessity of them. Pam went on to explain the reasoning behind the forms and noted that only needed information was asked for. She stated that it is her job to administer the paperwork for the ANCC, to gather information, keep records and in some cases enforce the rules. The forms are to help do that in fact all they do is consolidate information that should already be sent to the ANCC. Pam thought that by taking the responsibility off the clubs and councils to regularly update the ANCC of changes, as required in the General Rules and Regulations, and only a few clubs/councils bother to do at that. They would appreciate it. The Secretary would then determine the best times during the year for sending out for completion. Pam didn't realise there would be so much consternation in regards to the forms. Pam also didn't realise that she had to put forward a motion to approve what she considered administration paperwork.

The Secretary moves that the following forms be approved for use in administering the ANCC

ANCC Judges Confirmation Form – for each State Council and some Clubs, it is to confirm the status of Judges, make sure the information listed for them is correct, and a listing of any trainees and at what stage of training they are at.

Use of ANCC Judges Form – to become part of the Affiliation Renewal, and it MUST be completed. Rule 5(b) states that you can only use ANCC recognised Judges, this is to be used to confirm that the club is complying with that rule. It will concern information for the *previous* year, so for this year, the 2005/6 renewal, you will fill in the form with 2004 information.

General Club/Council Information Form – Public Liability insurance information and membership information is to enable to get quotes. Current Executive Committee to update ANCC's information and, general club information for the ANCC website.

Vote:

NSW	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	VIC	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	QLD	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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:

Accepted Defeated

- **Dissolution of Clubs**
The Secretary informed those present of the phone call she had received earlier that day from Mal Ruth of the Melbourne Cavy Club, advising of the clubs dissolution. A letter will be forthcoming advising the ANCC in writing of the decision.
The Secretary also stated that the North East Cavy Association of SA is also no longer operating, this though has not been officially confirmed and she will endeavour to find out.

- **Expansion of the Investigating Committee**
With the acceptance of the recommendations, a broader input of ideas and opinions is warranted to cope with the increased workload. Cory asked that the sub committee be able to increase its number by at least 2 more members. Ken asked for anyone present willing to contribute, Bronwyn Dodge was encouraged by all around and she agreed. Ken also suggested as the matter directly concerns NSW as a State in certain matters, a member of the NSW Cavy Club serving on the committee would be prudent. Karen said she would look into seeing who could serve on the committee. The Secretary will be advised of that person.

As at the time the Investigating Committee will comprise of the following:
Cory Haugh (Chair), Ken Hart, Glenys Forrester, Stephen Robson, Bronwyn Dodge, one to be advised.

- **Standards Review Panel**
Current members of the SRP are:
Ken Hart
Robert Brown
Karen Nichols (Chairman)
Peter Wright (Standards Book Coordinator)

As per established protocol, one member of the SRP must stand down after a 3yr period. Ken Hart stood down. The Chairman called for nominations, Ken expressed interest to restand.
Elected unopposed.
Ken Hart to assume the chair for 2005-06.

- **Use of Funds**
Ken asked that, as the ANCC has some funds built up, for the Delegates to think about some ideas that the ANCC can do with it that benefits the Fancy as a whole.

16. Election of Office Bearers

Current Chairman vacates Chair, Secretary calls for nominations
Ken Hart, nominated by Cory. Seconded by Pauline No other nominations, Elected unopposed
Ken Hart takes the Chair

Committee stands down, Chairman calls for nominations
Secretary: Pam Bardell. Elected unopposed
Treasurer: Carole Norton, Elected unopposed
Studs Registrar: Elizabeth Hodson. Elected unopposed
Standards Book Coordinator: Peter Wright. Elected unopposed

2005/6 Executive Committee

Chairman: Ken Hart
Secretary: Pam Bardell
Treasurer: Carole Norton
Stud Registrar: Elizabeth Hodson
Standards Book Coordinator: Peter Wright

17. Close of Meeting

Next meeting to be held on Friday the 18th August 2006 at 6.45pm at the RSL Club Narrandera.
Queensland will host the 2006 National Show to be held on Saturday the 19th August at the Narrandera Showground.

Meeting declared closed at 11.40pm