

1. Opening of meeting by the Chairman

Meeting opened at 10:25 am.

2. Apologies: Rebecca Ispen, Jodie Urquhart, Belinda Vorkapic

3. Attendees.: Club Delegates :Christine Magson, Jen Ballin, Gordon Plain, Joanne Collins, Lyn Henry, Anne Clelland, Lily Clelland, Penelope Webster.



Committee members: Donna Wright, Peter Wright Jan Loutitt, Kathryn McKay, Stephen Robson, Melanie Barnes.

4. Acceptance of Minutes of the last meeting

Kathryn thanked everyone for coming and asked the minutes of the last meeting be moved accepted I CC seconded Bayside CC.

5. Business arising for last meeting

1. QCC Face Book page. Kathryn – the page was set up and seemed to be successful. Melanie stated that the motion passed was for the page to be set up for communications to affiliated QCC clubs, and yet the page had a lot of members from interstate. Question was raised who had added the members - The admin on the page. Moved to general business.

2. Subcommittee - Kathryn said she had a report from the subcommittee. – moved to general business

6. Correspondence in: – emails received through the webpage mainly from members of the public asking for details for their local club, which I have passed on. Also notifications from the ANCC that have been passed on. Just recently had a enquire from someone asking how do they start a club, up in the Wide Bay area. I have not responded to her yet. I think this highlights that we need to have some guidelines on how to start a new club. I know we do have some guidelines/rules on new clubs wishing to affiliate.

7. Correspondence out: just replies to incoming.

Committee reports:

8. Presidents report:

Firstly I would like to welcome everyone who has made the trip to be present at the AGM, especially those people who have needed to travel considerable distances to be here. I would firstly like to thank the QCC executive committee for all their hard work over the past twelve months. It is only through the unpaid time and effort that they and all the other volunteers put in that we can hold two shows of the calibre that the Queensland Cavy Council does. Peter and Donna in particular put in a considerable effort leading up to the State Title and the Christmas Show and I would personally like to thank them for this. I would also like to thank Melanie as Secretary who has to keep everything under control in regards to liaising between all our clubs and the ANCC and Jan as Treasurer who has the big task of keeping the books in order. And a special thanks to Vice President Stephen, who has been my sounding board and friend through what has been a tough 12 months for me personally. As some of you may know I lost my father last November, and my husband Alex suffered a critical brain injury in February. For this reason I will be standing aside as President and not be accepting any nomination to fill this role. I wish

whoever my successor is the best of luck. This fancy run on volunteers, at a club level and a state level and it is important that all of us recognise that. Somebody has to volunteer to organise venues, prizes, food and judges. These things don't magically happen so if you enjoy the shows ask your committees what you can do to help, it doesn't have to be big, if lots of people do little things it will make things easier for clubs all around. Something else I want to touch on is an issue I feel we need to be aware of. Last year a group of anti-breeders tried to push the state government into looking at legislation that would limit some of our activities. At least one club wrote to the Minister to counter their argument. The issue is these people want to stop animal breeding and although we may feel safe because we are not cats or dogs, the reality is it is already happening in other states. Many Victorian Councils are severely limiting numbers of caviies that can be kept. Clover Moore in NSW continues to agitate for animal rights legislation and I feel it is far better that the QCC is proactive in these matters. This could include helping clubs work with their local authorities to develop good relationships as well as positively promoting responsible breeding with purpose. Again, thank you all for your help and patience. Kathryn McKay QCC President 2016/17

accepted SCCC seconded Cairns CC

9 Secretary's report: Asked that clubs that had a club email as a contact also notify the email of their club Secretary, president and Delegates and to include their personal email address as it will be easier when sending out notices of items for voting etc. as sometimes club emails are not checked regularly. Accepted Cap CC seconded BCC

10. Treasures report. Attached.

Acc ICC seconded SCCC

11. Show secretary's report. I did expect this year's States titles to come in at a loss, because we had airfares and accommodation for two NZ judges as well as lower entries, but given the healthy bank account of QCC we can afford a small loss this time, as long as we don't have this all the time.

Thank you to everybody that helped out at the show. Results are ready to be sent out. I have confirmation of judges for the Christmas show, Sarina Etherington (NSW) and Jill Yates (Vic) I have had to ask Jill 18 months ago as judges are getting booked further in advance due to the demand. I am working on judges from the UK for the 2018 Christmas show but will need to have approval from the QCC to spend the money. The exhibitor entry fee has been included to cover the cost of the hall hire, since introducing this it has helped to cover the cost.

Accepted BCC, seconded COBS.

12. Judges Panel report: There are now 2 probationary judges Donna Wright, Jen Ballin and two new Trainee Judges – Daryl Ispen and Tracie Painter. We also had to deal with complaints, One Judge – Janene Guazzo has resigned. The Judges panel would like to ask clubs for show dates and officiating judges so a training schedule can be in place for trainee judges. Trainee and probationary judges will be provided badges so exhibitors can identify the people behind the table and understand their roles. It also looks official. We also need to elect two judges from the QCC Judges panel for the ANCC Judges Panel, this will be done at the Judges next meeting as its need to be done by the ANCC AGM. Accepted SCCC seconded ICC

13. Webmaster's report After a series of delays, mainly due to Alex's illness I am pleased to report the updates of the web page are nearly complete.

I am hoping to have the last of the champions lists updated in the next week or so, with photos. It has a new format as well.

I would also like to provide access to another person on the committee, maybe the Secretary/Publicity Officer in case of emergencies, though for continuity purposes it is best to have only one person making changes to the website.

14. Proposals

Proposals : from COBS

1) *That the QCC place a statement dealing with animal welfare on its website.*

Proposed Welfare Statement: The Queensland Cavy Council believes that cavies should be treated humanely at all times. Cavies (Guinea Pigs) should have access to fresh water and appropriate food to remain healthy and disease free. They should also be housed in a manner that keeps them safe and comfortable. If a cavy is sick or injured it should be treated as soon as possible and if necessary given appropriate medication. Some medications that may be necessary to treat a sick animal can be expensive so this must be factored in when purchasing a guinea pig. The QCC would encourage all member clubs to consider the health and wellbeing of cavies to be the highest priority. If predicted temperatures are to be more than 32 degrees Celsius clubs should consider cancelling or postponing events if air conditioned venues can't be found. The QCC does not support the indiscriminate breeding of guinea pigs, regardless of whether they are Standard Breed or Pet cavies.

Ipswich questioned that the statement regarding temperature would affect nearly all their shows. Suggest the sentence on temperature be removed. COBS removed the sentence *.(If predicted temperatures are to be more than 32 degrees Celsius clubs should consider cancelling or postponing events if air conditioned venues can't be found.)* vote on amended proposal : PASSED unanimous.

Proposal from COBS

2) *the QCC AGM – That all affiliated clubs submit their proposed show dates to the QCC by the end of the preceding year. These dates will then be displayed on the QCC website and on the Facebook page. Emphasis on proposed dates.*

3/5 PASSED.

3) *That all voting at the QCC AGM will be by the way of secret ballot.*

WITHDRAWN

4) *The QCC appoint a formal Returning Officer 28 days prior to the AGM. This person will not be a committee member or nominated for any committee position. All affiliated clubs will be informed as soon as the appointment is made.*

WITHDRAWN

15. General / New Business:

QCC Championship – Lyn asked that the Championship application be advertised as some people were unaware of how to go about getting a championship title. Peter will update application form.

Face book page - – there seems to be a lot of admin on the page and people are added quite quickly. It was discussed to remove all extra admin and only have the executive QCC members as admin. It was also added that the QCC was to set guidelines for the page and that had also not been done. Peter mentioned that he had thought that we did need a page just for QCC members only to discuss QCC business. The page would also be for advertising QCC shows, It was raised about northern NSW members if they are members of a QCC club they will be added. It was decided: that the QCC face book page be changed to a closed group and that the QCC executive be the admin.

Incorporation Subcommittee:

Incorporation sub committees report. :

Due to a variety of issues, some personal on my part, some due to the complexities of changes and re-drafting the document the sub-committee was unable to report back to the QCC last year.

However the majority of the sub-committee are hopeful to have a completed document ready for the Clubs to begin acting on by the QCC QCC Show in December. We envision that we would be able to roll out the proposed document a few months ahead of any vote so Clubs can examine it properly.

We also realise for purposes of simplification and ease of understanding that the current document is unwieldy and could risk interfering with what Clubs and the ANCC already have in place. To solve this we are looking to greatly simplify the current document, but include a rider stating in areas not raised in this Constitution the Act prevails, and attach a copy of the Act and Model Constitution purely for reference for the Secretary and other Committee members or Clubs.

The QCC executive proposed that the current subcommittee be dissolved the incorporation of QCC will become the business of the QCC.

Accepted: Cairns CC seconded SCCC.

Voted by delegates: PASSED unanimous

QCC acknowledge the work done by the subcommittee and thank those involved for their effort.

Capricornia CC asked– can we have place cards for the age groups at the state titles and Christmas show.

Treasurer – suggest that the account have the option to have internet banking access to at least check the statement. Jo commented that when the incorporation went through the bank account name will need to be changed again. Suggest the treasurer check options with the bank.

Show manager- Peter has proposed 2 UK judges for the 2018 State titles show, Suggested that these judges be exclusive only to the QCC State show. Perhaps NZ will pay some of the airfare if they wish to use the judges. Peter to investigate the cost of airfares from the UK.

Proposal to have 2 judges from the UK that the QCC offer the cost of return airfare.

Accepted: COBS seconded ICC

Voted PASSED unanimous.

16. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

President-

Peter Wright (nominated SCCC / Cairns) Stephen Robson (nominated COBS BCC)

Votes 5/3 New president P. Wright

Vice President-

Kathryn McKay(nominated Nth Q/ COBS) Stephen Robson (nominated ICC/SCCC)

2/4 (CCC abstain) New Vice President S. Robson

Secretary –

Melanie Barnes (nominated Cairns/COBS)

Elected unopposed

Treasurer –

Jan Loutitt (nominated COBS) (J. L. declined nomination) Donna Wright (nominated BCC/Cairns)

Elected unopposed

Show Secretary: Peter Wright (nominated SCCC/CCC)

Elected unopposed

Assistant Show Secretary

Donna Wright (nominated COBS/Cairns)

Elected unopposed

Show Steward: Gordon (nominated CCC/SCCC)

Elected unopposed

Publicity Officer: (nominated CCC/SCCC)

Elected unopposed

Webmaster: (nominated Kathryn McKay COBS/ICC)

Elected unopposed

Delegates for the ANCC ADM

Nominated Jen Ballin (SCCC CCC) Stephen Robson (ICC COBS) Peter Wright (declined)

2017 QCC Delegates Jen Ballin & Stephen Robson

2017- 2018 QCC Committee

President: Peter Wright

Vice President: Stephen Robson

Secretary: Melanie Barnes

Treasurer: Donna Wright

Show Secretary: Peter Wright

Assistant Show Secretary: Donna Wright

Show Steward: Gordon Plain

Publicity Officer: Joanne Collins

Web Master: Kathryn McKay

Elected President:

Kathryn to pass on details of password to the secretary. Also pass on the constitution document at whatever stage it is at over to the secretary for the executive committee to take over.

Meeting closed 12:25pm.

Treasurers Report.

QUEENSLAND CAVY COUNCIL

CHEQUES

117	A & J LOUETTIT AIR FARE C. THIRD JUDGE STATE TITLES 2016	\$471.37	
118	M. BARNES JUDGES COATS/EMBROIDERY	63.39	
119	D. WRIGHT ROSETTES/SASHES STATE TITLES 2016	391.50	
120	P. WRIGHT	437.00	
121	ENHANCE CARE HALL HIRE STATE TITLES 2016	193.50	
122	STACEY BATTEMS PIES STATE TITLES 2016	38.00	
123	D. WRIGHT JUDGES PRESENTS TITLES 2016	292.27	
124	D. WRIGHT RAFFLES TITLES 2016	80.00	
125	A & J LOUETTIT REIMBURSEMENT CANTEEN FLOAT	146.00	
126	S. ROBSON CANTEEN TITLES 2016	249.00	
127	A & J LOUETTIT REIMBURSEMENT FUEL J. COLLINS JUDGE	120.00	
128	A.N.C.C. PUBLIC LIABILITY	1116.00	
129	P. WRIGHT AIR FARE M. GARDNER & TONER FOR SCHEDULES	521.55	
130	A.N.C.C. AFFILIATION FEE	125.00	
131	MORETON BAY COUNCIL HALL HIRE QCC QCC DEC 2016	182.75	
132	MORETON BAY COUNCIL DEPOSIT HALL QCC QCC	500.00	
133	P. WRIGHT	673.67	
134	P. RICCI AIR FARE JUDGE QCC QCC	703.00	
135	D. WRIGHT RAFFLE/JUDGES GIFTS QCC QCC	144.33	
136	CANCELLED	-----	
137	S. ROBSON CANTEEN SUPPLIES QCC QCC	220.00	
138	MORETON BAY COUNCIL ADDITIONAL HALL HIRE QCC QCC	53.75	
139	D. WRIGHT ROSETTES/SASHES QCC QCC	306.50	\$7,028.58

CHAMPIONS JUNE 2016 TO MAY 2017	\$	290.00	
PHOTOS JUNE 2016 TO JAN 2017		90.00	
ENTRIES STATE TITLES 2016		3059.00	
ENTRIES QCC QCC 2016		1997.00	
ENTRIES STATE TITLES 2017		1621.00	
REFUND HALL HIRE QCC QCC		500.00	
ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT (SEE LETTER)		37.60	
BANK INTEREST		3.36	
PUBLIC LIABILITY/AFFILIATION FEES RECEIVED FROM QLD CLUBS		1156.50	
CASH DEPOSITS JULY 2016		325.00	
NOV 2016		199.50	
DEC 2016		467.00	
FEB 2017		1131.20	\$10877.16

BALANCE IN BANK ACCOUNT AS AT 31/5/2017 \$10680.80

QUEENSLAND CAVY COUNCIL

QLD STATE TITLES 11TH JUNE 2017.

CHEQUE 090	CABOOLTURE RIVERSIDE MOTEL	\$520.00
	ACCOMMODATION L. HARMON	
	D. LAURIE	
CHEQUE 091	REIMBURSEMENT TO J. LOUTTIT	\$1050.00
	AIR FLIGHTS L. HARMON	
	D. LAURIE	
CHEQUE 092	ENHANCE CARE	\$436.50
	HALL HIRE	
CHEQUE 094	P. WRIGHT	\$384.76
	CRYSTAL	
	TOTAL	\$2391.26
ENTRIES	\$1,621.00	
CALCUTTA	182.00	
CASH PHOTOS	25.00	
RAFFLE	250.10	
	TOTAL	\$2078.10

LOSS \$313.16

STILL TO COME DONNA (RIBBONS/SASHES ETC)
STEPHEN (CANTEEN)

\$682.00