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THE BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB OF VICTORIA Inc.

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Minutes of Meeting held on

14 October 2015

Venue: Burwood Uniting Church Hall, Cnr. Hyslop Street & Warrigal Road, Burwood. Melway Map 60 Ref G6

Meeting Opened: The President, Gary Clark, opened the meeting at 8.08pm.

Apologies: P Naumovski & M Sammut.

The apologies were moved by P Ilic, seconded by K Muller & were carried.

Minutes: The minutes of the September meeting were confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and were carried on the motion of J Duke and seconded by J Spiteri.

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Inward: Nil

Outward:

- Letter to Bunnings applying for a sausage sizzle to raise funds for the Club.

The correspondence was moved by P Stephens and seconded by G Poulos and was carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence: G Kendrick briefed the members on what is involved in organizing such an event. Members noted that the Club can raise \$1,000 in doing this, provided members volunteered to run the sausage sizzle.

Treasurer's Report:

• Opening Balance	\$ 4,466.37
• Income	\$ 345.00
• Expenditure	\$ 99.00
• Cheque Account closing balance	\$ 4,711.47
• Petty Cash	\$ 200.00
• Total Funds	\$ 4,911.47

The report was moved by J Yardin and seconded by K Muller and was carried.

Reports: Nil

General Business:

- **Judges' Panel Meeting:** Members of the Judges' Panel were reminded that a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20th October. Deadline for the submission of items for the agenda is Sunday 17th October.
- **Tonight's Raffle:** Members noted that the prize for tonight's raffle has been donated by P Ilic.

Meeting Closed: There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.19 pm and was followed by a talk by P Stephens on the proposed judging procedure for the Club's 2016 annual show & an explanation for members of the Sweepstakes.



MANY THANKS TO JOHN DUKE FOR THE CUP OF TEA/COFFEE AND "BITE TO EAT" - THANK YOU ALSO TO THOSE WHO BROUGHT A PLATE OF FOOD



**Raffle Roster for November
Peter Kalogeropoulos**



October Raffle Winners - Kevin Horrigan

**This Month 11h November
1st Young Stock Show
Nest Feather Only**



Judge - Open & Novice: Paul Stephens

This Month, 11th November



**5 Minute Talk
presented by Graeme Kendrick**



Next month in the birdroom

- Young birds can be transferred to flight cages and trained for showing.
- Feed the birds sprouted seed, soft food, green food, hard seed and tonic seed as a treat.
- Remove any stale food regularly. Soft food containing egg should only be given in small quantities and any remaining discarded, especially as the days get warmer.
- Breeding pairs require the same treatment as in October and November.
- Give baths freely to both young and old birds.
- Begin separating the breeding pairs and returning them to flight cages or aviaries when they have finished with their young.
- Stop the artificial light programme this month.

Courtesy: *The Australian Canary Handbook* (J Leaney & F Williams)



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Christmas Hamper Donations

Would any member/s wishing to make a donation towards the Christmas Hamper Special Effort please make your intentions known as soon as possible to Joseph Yardin.

Nomination of Sweepstakes Rings

Please note Nominations must be made by this month's meeting
11th November 2015.

\$1.00 per ring up to a maximum of 25 rings
Rings must be in blocks of consecutive numbers



Please remember that



Annual Subscriptions Were Due

on 1st August.

*If you have not yet renewed your subscription
please do so as soon as possible.*

Newsletter Circulation

In an effort to reduce production costs of the newsletter, your Committee seeks the co-operation and assistance of all members wherever possible, by electing to receive their newsletters by email.

Would any member willing to assist in this regard please notify the Secretary of their email address as soon as possible.

Your participation in this cost saving exercise would be greatly appreciated.

BFCCV Lotto

There are numbers still available in the Club's Lotto.

Please contact the Secretary if you wish to participate and purchase a number.

Worms can be around even in pristine habitat

Many canary fanciers believe it is not necessary to worm their birds because they are usually kept in enclosed bird rooms and it is rare to have a worming problem according to veterinarians.

In reality canaries are only taken to a vet when a serious problem seems to occur. For an inexpensive pet such as a canary it is not usual for a vet to be involved.

However no matter how careful you may be with your birds the possibility that they will be infected exists. Perhaps we have become too complacent.

Once infected it can spread through an aviary or bird room and becomes difficult to eradicate. Even a pampered pet in a single cage can be infected. We should at least regularly check for the existence of worms.

If you have an open flight where the birds can enjoy sunshine there is the possibility of droppings containing worm eggs entering the area from wild birds. Even if the roof is covered the droppings can enter via the sides as wild birds fly past.

Many wild birds are infected with worms and they can be passed on to your birds in several ways. Green food from the garden or from a shop can be contaminated with droppings and even though you may rinse the green food there is still the possibility that worm eggs could be lodged in unwashed areas.

Always remove the root area and soil when feeding plants from your garden.

Insects can also transfer worm eggs.

The risk of introducing worms into your birds may be small but once a bird gets worms it will easily spread to your other birds. Symptoms are weight loss (going light), lethargy or sudden death.

When you introduce a new bird to your bird room there is no way of knowing what that bird has been subjected to in its last housing. Even a bird from a known fancier should be treated with caution.

All new birds should be quarantined for at least three weeks before joining your own birds and a worm treatment should be performed while in quarantine.

The cage must be thoroughly cleaned after quarantine because worm eggs can remain viable for some time.

There are many types of worms, including threadworm, hairworm, roundworm and several others.

A worm infestation may not appear to affect a healthy bird until the bird dies suddenly.

If you suspect a worm problem a vet can examine droppings under a microscope to look for signs of worm eggs or if you have a microscope you can do that yourself.

Even a small hobby microscope of 150x magnification can show the presence of worm eggs in droppings.

They will appear as small, clear circles with a dot in the centre. Collect droppings by placing a flat dish beneath a perch. Paper is not suitable because it is absorbent. The droppings need to be moist so they can be spread onto the microscope slide.

The most common types of worms in canaries can be eliminated by using Ivermectin on individual birds or Moxidectin for canaries in a flight or aviary.

There are other treatments which are especially made for worming birds so check what is available from wherever you get your vitamins, etc.

Other problems are that most worm treatments are dangerous if given in the incorrect dose and some are not really effective for certain species of worms.

Even Ivermectin and Moxidectin are not fully effective on some types of worms. If a worm problem is discovered it pays to get expert advice from a vet on the correct worming solution to use.

Wormout Gel from Vetafarm is very suitable because it is water soluble and can be given in drinking water.

The treatment is for two days and all other water - such as baths or green food - must be removed from the cage.

Keep an eye on the weather and choose a day when mild weather is forecast.

Many canaries can detect strange products in their drinking water and refuse to drink so keep a watch on them during the treatment. The treatment should be followed a week later and again another week later.

Not all worm eggs are in droppings.

Many remain in the canary and are not affected by the treatment. By following up one and two weeks later the worms from those eggs will be killed after they hatch.

Canaries are masters at hiding signs of sickness. What may appear as a healthy bird will fluff up and look miserable when you depart.

That is an inherited natural trait for protection against predators which look for sickly birds to attack. In times of danger a sick bird will pull itself together and act as though nothing is wrong.

Keep a lookout for birds which are sitting still and slightly fluffed up and then as you approach they come alive and appear normal. Unfortunately the symptoms of a worm affected canary are similar to other health problems weight loss, loss of energy, poor breeding performance, fluffed up, off colour and finally sudden death.

A worm infected parent can pass worm eggs to the babies while feeding or from droppings on the cage floor so the problem continues.

It may sound alarming but a regular preventative treatment twice a year or four times a year if you have an outside flight should contain any problems.

The moult is not the best time for treatment because most involve feeding the birds a form of poison. During the moult canaries are not at their fittest.

At the end of the moult and a month before the start of the breeding season are the best times. With open aviaries the best times are at the end of the moult - February or March - then May or June for the next treatment, August or September before the breeding season and finally in December as the breeding season comes to an end.

Canaries love to forage on the floor of their cage or flight and can easily pick up worm eggs and start the worm problem again. Cages must be regularly cleaned, especially those with deep litter because it provides an ideal area for dormant eggs.

Do not give a preventative worm treatment during the breeding season because hens drink a lot more water at that time and treatment could result in an overdose.

The same goes for a hot day when birds are likely to drink more water. If you do have to treat a bird during those periods the dosage may have to be reduced.

During worm treatment floor coverings and fittings should be regularly cleaned because treatment kills only adult worms and not worm eggs.

If a worm problem is known to exist it will be necessary to repeat the treatment because birds can be reinfected by eggs remaining in the cage or in their body. Always carefully follow instructions accompanying the worming product.

Worming is a preventative treatment which will help to control introduction of worms into your stock.

It is not a medicine and great care must be taken to ensure that the treatment is administered properly. It should not be overdone.

A maximum of four times a year is ample unless an outbreak of worms has occurred, when you would follow instructions from your vet.

Thorough cleaning of open flights and perches must be done regularly, followed by a safe residual insecticide spray.

Wild birds introduce worms plus other parasites such as lice and red mite. With enclosed bird rooms treatment would only be required for new stock.

Otherwise regular worm treatment is not necessary but checks by examining droppings under a microscope should continue.

Courtesy: *Talking Birds (May 2015)* Author: *J Leaney*

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B F C C V Inc SCHEDULE - 2015 / 16

- 09 Sep • Breeding Season Preparation & Winnower Demo.: Speaker: Peter Ilic
- 14 Oct • Proposed Judging Procedure & Sweepstakes: Speaker: Paul Stephens
- 21 Oct • Judges Meeting
- 11 Nov • 1st Young Stock Show (Nest Feather only). View the judging.
 - Nominate Sweepstakes rings by tonight, \$1 per ring up to a maximum of 25 rings (rings must be in blocks of consecutive nos.)
- 09 Dec • 2nd Young Stock Show (Nest Feather only). View the judging.
 - Christmas Celebration
- 13 Jan • 3rd Young Stock Show (Nest Feather, Broken Feather, Fully moulted young birds permitted)
- 10 Feb • 4th Young Stock Show (Nest Feather, Broken Feather, Fully moulted young birds permitted)
- 17 Feb • Committee Meeting
- 09 Mar • 5th Young Stock Show (Nest Feather, Broken Feather, Fully moulted young birds permitted)
 - Show Preparation & Exhibiting: Speaker: George Poulos
- 16 Mar • Judges Meeting & Workshop
- 19 Mar • Garden Show, G Poulos' residence.
 - (6 Classes - Yellow Cocks / Hens, Buff Cocks / Hens, White Cocks / Hens) - Any Age Birds.
- 13 Apr • 2016 Young Bird Championship (Aggregate points awarded) &
 - 2016 Border Cup (Young Birds only - Aggregate points awarded). Optional Dual Entry. View the Judging
- 11 May • Heavily Variegated & Self Bird Championship (Any Age).
 - White Night (Any Age). No aggregate points. View the Judging.
- 18 May • Committee Meeting
- 04 Jun • 2016 Derby & Oaks - Benching no later than 8.30am. Judging 9.00am
- 08 Jun • Sweepstakes (6 Classes - Yellow Cocks / Hens, Buff Cocks / Hens, White Cocks / Hens) - Young Birds only, no aggregate points. View the judging.
- 25 Jun • 61st Annual Show
- 02 Jul • Bird Sale 9.00am - 11.00am & Annual Dinner
- 13 Jul • Talk by John Duke
- 20 Jul • Committee Meeting
- 10 Aug • Annual General Meeting
- 17 Aug • Committee Meeting