

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Queensland Action Group for the Preservation of Pure Bred Poultry



Rosewood Poultry Pavilion Showgrounds Complex
1 Railway Street, Rosewood Q 4340

Opening

The meeting opened at 10.10am. Terry Brown occupied the Chair with members recorded below.

In Attendance

Present

➤	Brett Knight	Ipswich Poultry Club	
➤	Bruce Hodgson	Rosewood Poultry Club	
➤	Clive Claus	Rosewood Poultry Club	
➤	Geoff Reimers	Rosewood Poultry Club	(Secretary)
➤	Len Leach	Ipswich Poultry Club	
➤	Mick Bashford	Rosewood Club	
➤	Steve Kavanagh	Ipswich Poultry Club; Queensland Pit Club	
➤	Terry Brown	Warwick Poultry Club	(President)

Apologies

- Christian Johnson
- David and Dejon Simons
- Luke Hancock
- Peter Reinke
- Terry Politch

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Geoff Reimers was called upon to read the Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 October 2010 and, upon completion, it was moved by Clive Claus and seconded by Mick Bashford that the Minutes be accepted and endorsed.

Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

Incorporation

Terry Brown reported that the application for incorporation had been submitted but, to date, no correspondence has been received from the department.

Website

Geoff Reimers advised that the website has been live since the night of 24 October 2010 and since that date has had in excess of 500 hits. The web address is www.qagppbp.yolasite.com

Geoff Reimers has already posted notices about the group on Backyard Poultry, Exhibition Poultry Forum and the Australian Muscovy Forum, and Luke Hancock has posted on Australian Poultry Forum. These posts have created quite a deal of interest.

Geoff Reimers has also sent press releases to Chicken Chat and the Australasian Poultry Magazine.



Barrister

Terry Brown reported that, due to a couple personal issues, he has not been able to arrange a meeting with Shane Hough but will do so in the near future. This will be easier to arrange with Geoff Reimers working in Toowoomba for the next couple months due to his office being inundated during the recent floods.

Treasurer's Report

Geoff Reimers presented a detailed report as follows:

- Finances were fairly promising given the current economical climate and the early stage of the group's development.
- The group has received 3 substantial donations thus far – the first was for \$200.00 from the Rosewood Poultry Club which has been retained by Geoff Reimers as petty cash for working funds whilst the cheque account was sorted out. For ease of identification, this will be called the Petty Cash Account.
- A cheque account has been opened with the Bendigo Community Bank in Rosewood. For ease of identification, this will be called the Cheque Account.
- The state of the accounts is as follows:

Petty Cash Account

<i>Opening balance ...</i>		\$0.00	
Income	Donation - Rosewood Poultry Club	<u>\$200.00</u>	
		\$200.00	\$200.00
Expenditure	Officeworks - stationery	\$31.60	
	Australia Post - stamps	\$60.00	
	Officeworks - stationery	<u>\$1.95</u>	
		\$93.55	\$93.55
<i>Closing balance (income - expenditure)</i>			<u>\$106.45</u>

Cheque Account

<i>Opening balance</i>			\$0.00
Income	Donation – Warwick Poultry Club	\$300.00	
	Donation – anonymous	\$500.00	
	Bank Interest	<u>\$1.47</u>	
		\$801.47	\$801.47
Expenditure	Queensland Government (#001) - incorporation fee	\$120.45	
	Australia Post (#002) - stamps / stationery	\$83.50	
	Bendigo Bank - bank fees	<u>\$0.70</u>	
		\$204.65	\$204.65
<i>Closing balance (income - expenditure)</i>			<u>\$596.82</u>
Total balance (Petty Cash Account + Cheque Account)			<u>\$703.27</u>



Stocktake

- Stamps (approx) 63 stamps
- Paper (approx) 3 reams
- Envelopes (approx) 400 envelopes

As of last bank statement dated 1 January 2011, both cheque #001 and cheque #002 are yet to be presented for payment.

It was moved by Geoff Reimers and seconded by Brett Knight that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and the report endorsed.

Motion carried.

Correspondence

Geoff Reimers read the inward and outward correspondence as follows:

Outward Correspondence

- Introductory letter to all clubs listed on the FCAQ website.
- Letters seeking sponsorship from the following businesses:
 - Kewpie Stockfeeds
 - Riverina Stockfeed
 - Ripley Agriproducts
 - Stocks Produce
 - Brookfield Poultry Equipment
 - Multiquip Poultry Equipment
 - BellSouth Poultry Equipment
 - Smart Incubators
 - West Australian Poultry Equipment
- Minutes, Meeting Notice and Agenda to all poultry clubs and various other interested parties (list supplied to the meeting).
- Letter to the South Australian Poultry Association seeking authority to reprint the SA Code of Practice for Keeping, Showing & Transporting Poultry.
- Various other emails to clubs and individuals (copies available to interested parties).
- Emails to Cathy Newton (North Pine Poultry Club) re by-laws.

Inward Correspondence

- Email from Martin Fullagar requesting copies of Minutes and requesting his email address be added to the mailing list.
- Email from David Simons enclosing updated club contact list and offering his wife's help should we require it.
- Emails from Cathy Newton (North Pine Poultry Club) re by-laws.
- Email from Ross Coe (North Pine Poultry Club) re by-laws.
- Email from Chris Martin (WA Poultry Equipment) refusing sponsorship (very nasty).



- Letter from Alex Fauchner (Brookfield Poultry Equipment) refusing sponsorship but supporting the concept of the group.
- Letter from Riverina Stockfeeds refusing sponsorship.
- Bendigo Bank Statement – November.
- Bendigo Bank Statement - December.

It was moved by Geoff Reimers and seconded by Len Leach that the correspondence be accepted as submitted.

At the conclusion of the Treasurer's Report, Clive Claus moved a vote of thanks to the anonymous donor and he said such support was commendable. This was seconded by Len Leach.

Motion carried.

General Business

Meeting at North Pine Poultry Club

Geoff Reimers advised that he had recently attended the meeting of the North Pine Poultry Club at which the North Pine Patron/Ward Councillor was in attendance. The meeting was well attended and he felt that the Councillor was impressed by the level of support that the club has. He advised that Moreton Bay Regional Council is not swayed by the volume of submissions that are sent through but rather they are looking for one submission with majority support.

Geoff Reimers advised that when he spoke at the meeting he tried to highlight the fact that the QAGPPBP is supporting the keeping of pure bred show fowls and that there is a vast difference between those who breed and exhibit pure bred poultry and the keepers of backyard fowl. He also tried to convey the negative effect the loss of pure bred show fowls in the region would have on the community at large.

Geoff Reimers said he was assured by the Councillor that, should someone be granted a permit to keep fowls, they would be exempt from a future complaint.

Geoff Reimers said he was concerned about the conditions placed on a permit applicant and is worried that, although the Council give lip service to the granting of a permit, the QAGPPBP need to see the criteria for the granting of a permit and that, if this criteria was to stringent, we still lose.

Election of Patron

Geoff Reimers advised that we need to elect a patron for the group and called on nominations.

Terry Brown said he felt that there was only one logical candidate, being Clive Claus, as his support for pure bred fowls in Queensland was unsurpassed. The motion was seconded by Steve Kavanagh.

Clive Claus accepted the nomination and was elected unopposed.

Election of Auditor

Geoff Reimers advised that we need to consider the appointment of an auditor and suggested that it may not be appropriate to have anyone from Terry Brown's office.

Steve Kavanagh asked Terry Brown if he was able to suggest anyone. Terry Brown suggested Andrea Lynham of All Business in Pialba, Hervey Bay. It was moved by Terry Brown and seconded by Brett Knight that she be accepted as auditor pending her acceptance. Terry Brown is to contact Andrea Lynham and discuss her availability and any fee that may be required.



Membership

The meeting was then asked to discuss the issue of membership as raised in the Agenda which was distributed with all meeting notices.

Geoff Reimers advised that he felt that there was a need for both club membership and individual membership. Geoff Reimers advised that his main concern with this was that any club could use its membership to unfairly influence the decisions made by “stacking a meeting”. He suggested, as advised in the Meeting Notice, a system where only club membership be given voting rights.

Steve Kavanagh suggested that, whilst this system would have merit, it would disadvantage individuals who are members of a club that did not wish to be a member of the group as they would not have voting rights at all. Steve Kavanagh suggested that everyone be given voting rights with stipulation that no person be allowed to have more than two votes, that is, a vote as a club delegate (nominated prior to a meeting) and a second vote as an individual member.

Following discussion, it was moved by Len Leach and seconded by Brett Knight that there would be two classes of membership, being:

Club Membership

- Each club is entitled to one vote.
- Each voting delegate must be nominated in writing either annually with the annual subscription or on a meeting-by-meeting basis. Should a club wish to appoint a proxy delegate for a single meeting should the appointed delegate be unable to attend, this must be done in writing and signed by a member of that club’s executive and be given to the QAGPPBP Secretary prior to commencement of the meeting.
- Club Membership Fee - \$50.00 per year.

Individual Membership

- An individual member is entitled to one vote.
- An individual may also vote as a delegate or proxy delegate for a member club.
- Individual Membership Fee - \$10.00 per year.

No person voting at a meeting of the QAGPPBP will be entitled to have more than two votes, one being as a club delegate/proxy delegate and the other being as an individual member.

Motion carried.

Meeting Program for 2011

The meeting discussed the requirements for meetings for 2011.

The feeling of the meeting was that they would endeavour to conduct meetings at shows throughout the State but would not actually set a full program of meetings at this point in time.

It was hoped that the group might be able to co-ordinate a meeting for the first Saturday of the Brisbane Ekka subject to availability of the Meeting Room.

If any club would like the QAGPPBP to conduct a meeting in conjunction with their show they are to contact the committee with details. The benefits for any club would be that it would likely bring in exhibitors that may not normally exhibit at the show.



Information Booth

It was decided that the QAGPPBP would approach those clubs that run auctions to seek approval for the setting up of an information booth at their auction. Geoff Reimers was asked to write to each club seeking approval to set up the booth at those auctions. The first club auction for 2011 in the region was the Gatton Feather Club Auction. Other auctions suggested were Caboolture, Darling Downs, Beaudesert, Warwick and Allora.

Geoff Reimers advised the meeting that he was more than happy to attend meetings throughout South East Queensland to outline the QAGPPBP's activities. Should any club wish him to attend they are welcome to contact him over the phone of a night or email him.

As there was no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 11.30am.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Toowoomba Royal Show on **2 April 2011 at 1.00pm**. The meeting is to be held in the Poultry Pavilion subject to confirmation with the organisers. Geoff Reimers was asked to write to Steve Drysdale from Toowoomba Poultry Club seeking approval from the club.

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Terry Brown, President

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