

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
METROPOLITAN
BUDGERIGAR CLUB
OF W.A. (Inc)

This constitution governs the running of

Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc).

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1) Title

The name of the State Body shall be the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc).
The address shall be that of the Secretary in office.

2) Objects

The objects of the club shall be:

- a) To adopt and maintain the Current Standard of Excellence, as laid down by the "Australian National Budgerigar Council".
- b) To assist the progress of scientific knowledge.
- c) To protect the interest of breeders and exhibitors.
- d) To promote good fellowship and understanding amongst all members and kindred Societies.

3) Powers

The Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) shall have the power to do all such things as are necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Club.

4) Non-Profit

The income and property of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc). No portion of the income or property shall be paid, transferred or distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc). Provided that nothing shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any Officer of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) or to any other person not a club member, in return for services rendered to the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc)

5) Affiliations

The Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) has the power to affiliate with another body providing this body's objects do not conflict with those of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc)

6) Subscribing Members

There shall be Adult Members, Family Memberships, Partnerships and Junior Members. Junior Members shall be those who are from seven years of age to sixteen, or will reach the age of sixteen during the current financial year. All other members will be classed as Adult Members.

7) Cessation of Membership

A person ceases to be a member of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) if that person: -

- a) Resigns their membership
- b) is expelled from their Membership (see Clause 8)
- c) is in default for more than one month in payment of any fees, contributions or other amount payable by him/her in accordance with these Rules.

8) Disciplinary Action or Expulsion of a Member

The committee of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) shall have the power to discipline or expel from Membership any member who shall be accused by another member in writing and found by a two thirds majority of those members present, of conduct calculated to bring discredit to the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) or its members, or to impair or to affect the enjoyment of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) by another member. However, any such member shall have the right of appeal to a General Meeting called for that purpose.

Persons who have been expelled from the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) or had their membership refused will not be allowed to attend any Meeting or Show conducted by the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc)

9) Subscription Fees

All Membership fees will be paid to the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc). For a Single, Family, Partnership, Pensioner, Pensioner family or Junior the fee will be that determined by the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc)

10) The Financial Year

The financial year shall commence on 1 November and end on 31 October each year.

11) Management Committee

a) The following positions will be elected at the AGM,

President
Vice President
Secretary,
Treasurer
Show Manager
2 Assistant Show Managers
Show Secretary
2 Assistant Show Secretaries
4 Committee persons,
Ring Registrar
Accessories Officer
Editor
Publicity Officer
Trophy Officer
3 Tea Persons.

b) The business of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) shall be conducted by a Management Committee, the following positions shall have voting rights at Management Committee Meetings.

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Show Manager
Committee persons,
Editor.

12) Meeting of Management Committee

The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to further the interests of the club and its Members.

The following shall be the Committees Order of Business:

- a) Apologies
- b) Minutes of previous meeting to be read
- c) Business arising from the Minutes
- d) Correspondence and Secretary's report
- e) Treasurer's report and accounts for payment
- f) General Business

Should a committee member be absent from three consecutive meetings without sufficient reason, after having been duly notified of the meetings, he or she shall cease to be a member of the Committee and the Committee shall have the power to select a Member to fill the vacancy. However, no person shall be eligible to be nominated for Office on the Committee without their consent.

13) Application for Membership

At all meetings of the Management Committee, any applications for membership, shall be brought before the Committee for approval. The Management Committee shall have the power to accept or reject any application.

14) Quorums

At any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary Meeting Twelve members shall constitute a quorum. For Management Committee meetings called by the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) any six members of the Management Committee will constitute a quorum.

15) Annual General Meeting

The Annual General meeting shall be held in February each year to:

- a) Receive and confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and to deal with any business arising there from.
- b) To receive and adopt the reports of the retiring President, Secretary and Treasurer. The financial statement must be audited and signed as correct by the Auditor.
- c) To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year. Any unopposed Officer of the Committee is automatically returned if agreeable.
- d) Any other General Business which may arise.

The following shall be the Committees Order of Business:

- Apologies
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16) Extraordinary Meeting

The Committee may at any time, call an Extraordinary Meeting on a requisition signed by not less than six members, and stating in detail the purpose of the meeting. No other business shall be discussed at that meeting.

17) Notice of Extraordinary Meetings

A written notice of all Extraordinary Meetings shall be forwarded to all Club Members at the address which appears on the Secretary's Register of Members, at least seven days before the date of such meeting.

18) Voting

At Annual General Meeting or any other meeting called by the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) the following fully paid up members have voting rights. Adult Member over the age of sixteen (1 Vote) Single Pensioner membership (1 vote) Pensioner Family (1 vote) Partnership members (2 Votes), Family Memberships (1 vote). At all meetings voting shall be on a show of hands unless a secret ballot be requested. Proxy Votes are permitted for Extraordinary Meetings. In the event of voting on a subject being equal, the Presiding Officer shall have a casting vote. On all voting matters the majority shall rule. All Committee members have equal voting rights.

19) Alterations to the Rules

The Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) may, at any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary Meeting make rules and regulations not inconsistent with these Rules, to govern any particular phase of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) activities as may be deemed necessary and desirable. Additions and alterations shall be made to the Rules and Regulations only when written Notice of Motion containing the Proposals for addition or alterations and naming the meeting at which the proposal is to be made, is handed to the Secretary of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) at least one month prior to the meeting stated. All Notices of Motion shall be signed by the member intending to make the proposal. Should the member giving Notice of Motion be absent from the meeting at which the motion is to be dealt with the motion shall lapse. Amendments to the rules require the consent of 75% of members voting at the Meeting.

20) Audit of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc). books

All Books of Account shall be audited by a suitably qualified person. He/she will certify as to the correctness of the Books, which will then be presented to the Council at the next Annual General Meeting.

21) Dissolution the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc)

The Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) may be dissolved or wound up at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. No dissolution of this Club or disposal of its assets will take place without the majority vote of 75% of the total membership, voting on the dissolution of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) at the special meeting called for that purpose.

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same must not be paid to or distributed among the members, or former members. The surplus property must be given or transferred to another association incorporated under the Act which has similar objects and which is not carried out for the purposes of profit or gain to its individual members and which association shall be determined by resolution of the members.

22) Duties

President The President, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting shall preside at all annual, monthly committee and special meetings of the Council.

Vice-President The Vice President shall take over the duties of the President in his/her absence. In the absence of both President and Vice-President a Chairperson shall be elected for that meeting.

Secretary The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of Annual General, Committee and special committee meetings which shall be duly made in a book kept for that purpose. He/she shall convene meetings and be in attendance at same, notify members as to the various Rules, receive and dispatch all correspondence and conduct all business pertaining to the duties of a Secretary and to the welfare of the Council and keep a complete register of all memberships.

Treasurer The Treasurer shall receive all monies and place same in such Bank as the Committee may from time to time determine in an account titled the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) He/she shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) and all particulars usually shown in Books of Account, and in conjunction with the Secretary pay all accounts due by the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) He/she shall also furnish an Annual Balance Sheet and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Show Manager The Show Manager shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the management of the showing of budgerigars.

Show Secretary The Show Secretary shall receive all bird entries and entry fees for the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) shows and keep accurate records of these transactions.

23) Inspection of Council Books and Records

Any financial member of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) will be allowed to inspect all books and records of the Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of W.A. (Inc) upon request providing that reasonable notice be given of the intention to do so and that at no time will the said books or records leave the custody of the Committee rooms or Committee member responsible for them.

24) Operation of Bank Account

The Bank Account shall be operated on by any two of the following members signing in conjunction – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

25) Vacating of Position

In the event of any Officer losing office for any reason, or on his/her resignation, it is his/her duty to hand over all papers, books and any other property belonging to the Club to the Officer filling the vacancy or to one of the Executive Committee.

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