



Australian Rodent Fanciers Society of NSW

General Meeting Minutes

3rd December, 2017

Opening

The Meeting of the Australian Rodent Fanciers Society of NSW was called to order on 3rd December, 2017 in Box Hill by Jodi Brock.

Present

Catherine Naismith, Jodi Brock, Kath Dalton, Paula Zhao, Katy Jenkins, Bella Burton, Caitlin Wesley, Sandra McLean, Steve Smith, Elly Reed, Kim Sukit, Dianne Osborne, Sarah Joy Cooney, Rachel Sydenham, Tim Carmody, Cindy Phan, Shaun Burrige, Mel Harris, Steph Richardson, Sam Dittmer, Jessica Ryan, Laura Smith, Wendy Culshaw, Tess Hamers

General Business

Patchwork mice is in the preliminary stages of having the standards developed, this is still being discussed and will be live as of February show 2018

Confirmation has been moved back to variety class, kitten and Junior Exhibitor will remain part of the pet class.

New rats classes have been well accepted, with a few minor hiccups which will iron out as time goes on.

Code of Ethics – Reiterated this is purely a guide, not a set of by-laws a purely a guide for those starting out in the fancy, however agreed that some wording may need to be changed going forward.

Code of Conduct – New code of conduct has been implemented given there has been some issues that have arisen in the past few weeks, everyone is to remain professional and raise any issues with committee as they arise.

Background Work – The committee works hard in the background working together discussing any club breaches etc, these are dealt with in direct contact with the individual as opposed to airing on Social Media

Registered Breeder – Background on why being a registered club breeder was introduced, this was to stop people that aren't involved with the club coming to a show and just selling some mice they no longer want or selling mice on our facebook page. Being a registered breeder in the Club gives you access to advertising your rodentry at our shows or on our facebook and as well as selling your rodents and using the club as a platform to do so. If you wish to further register as a breeder contact your local council.

All memberships are due for renewal in August each year, being a registered breeder failure to rejoin by the show after the AGM will see you removed from our webpage as registered, failure to join and pay by our last show of the year will see you needing to go through the registered breeder process again.



In future once the committee has received a registered breeder application we will post on our page who has applied, this gives financial members 7 days to email The Secretary which any issues or concerns they may have. These are genuine concerns as opposed to simple personality clashes if you know the individual, these will be raised via the committee before a decision is made.

We would like to Welcome Rattikins Rattery and Forget Me Not Mousery to our list of registered breeders.

We had 19 responses from 30 in regards to our survey we have already implemented some changes and going forward will continue to do so to make the Club enjoyable for all.

From 2018 we will be moving forward with our new name of NSW Fancy Rodent Society Inc, this has been approved by the appropriate bodies.

We acknowledged Katy Jenkins for her amazing work on our Website and we look forward to seeing what she produces for our new site and also the introduction of our great scoring system. We also paid thanks to Steph Richardson for the design of our logo, What both these ladies have done has saved our Club thousands of dollars and we are very appreciative.

It was raised on that there should be an education on euthanasia for our members, especially for those breeding rats and mice, this was agreed and will be discussed further.

Our Newsletter is on the way to production and we look forward to have Issue 1 of Rodent Tales coming up very soon.

Minutes by Jodi Brock – NFRS Secretary