

MINUTES
OF
THE COLIN J. McKECHNIE MEMORIAL MEETING
HELD AT THE ESTONIA HALL JEFFCOTT STREET NORTH ADELAIDE
MARCH 8th 2011

The meeting was opened at 8:05 pm by Vice President Kym Sandercock, deputising for President Richard Chilton who was in hospital.

Attendance totaled 63 with apologies being received from: B.F. Evans, G. DeBrenne and L. Warren.

All member services were available.

Dennis Lomman outlined the Photographic Contest and screened some examples of bird photos he had taken.

Dennis stressed the value of the prizes on offer, and advised that the overall winner would receive a large Limited Edition framed print by Jeremy Boot, a Jeremy Boot hand-painted bone china mug plus a \$50 Vetafarm product voucher.

The overall winning junior will receive a one year subscription to Australian Bird Keeper magazine, compliments of Sheryl Steele-Boyce, plus a cash prize of \$50.00. There will also be sectional prizes for both open and junior entrants.

The Guest Speaker for the night was Maureen Foale of "Cockatiel Haven", supported by Jo Barnett, who gave a very informative talk on their methods of training companion birds and methods they use in retraining and correcting wayward bird behaviour. The address prompted many questions from the members present, and opened up much discussion on problems associated with companion birds. Tony Melbourne made a presentation to the speakers on behalf of members present.

The Raffle was then drawn and Kym Sandercock thanked those members who donated prizes on the night and thanked our corporate donors for their continued support.

The Secretary reminded members of the Society's coming Bird Sale, gave an outline of the UBSSA Seminar and gave details of the Seminars Speakers. The Society is now receiving Vetafarm Vouchers for the raffle. One pleasing announcement was the successful negotiations the *UNITED BIRD SOCIETIES OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA* (UBSSA) had with Biosecurity regarding the PIC programme, resulting in aviculturists being excluded from registration. UBSSA Councilor Kevin Goulter paid a leading part in the success of the negotiations with Biosecurity and should be commended for his efforts in a successful outcome to this threat to our hobby.

As there was no further business Kym closed the meeting for supper

Tony Melbourne --- Secretary