

MINUTES
OF
THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE ESTONIA HALL
JEFFCOTT STREET NORTH ADELAIDE

President Richard Chilton opened the meeting at 7:45 pm with 62 members and visitors present. Following the Christmas meal the formal format of the meeting was resumed.

Apologies were received from B.F. Evans, M. Milburn, G. Kopsaftis and C. Barwick.

All member services were available.

Minutes of the November 2011 General Meeting, as published in the December 2011 edition of B.K.I.A., were accepted as a true and correct record. Moved: S. McLean. Seconded: R. Hevesi.

There was a question in the Question Box relating to housing different species of young parrots in the same holding aviary. Some were opposed to the idea, but other members considered keeping immature birds in the same aviary was acceptable, but as the birds reached maturity the situation, particularly with Rosellas, could be extremely dangerous.

During the meal a short CD on the Striated Pardalote was shown. The photographs by Kevin showed how he had put nest boxes on the back wall of his house in which the Pardalotes nested and raised young.

Dennis Lomman then screened a DVD, one of the series by American aviculturist Don Kimble, who came to Australia to make a series of films on Australian Parrots. Don's excellent photography covered parrot species in the Northern Territory and Tasmania.

The raffle was then drawn and, due to the generosity of our members, there were more than the usual number of prizes. We also thank our Corporate sponsors, Passwell/Wombaroo, S.A. Bird Co., Magill Grain Store, Shep's and Intensive Farming Supplies. Members who donated prizes are as follow: Bob Hoffmann, John Butler, Richard Wilson, Richard Chilton, Greg Edwards, Tom Massey and Brian Noble.

The Secretary then gave a brief report on the Pigeon Paramyxovirus situation, Guest Speakers for 2012 and the restarting of the Junior Programme with an aviary visit scheduled for Sunday, December 18th. Tony also advised that there would be a drop in seed prices in 2012, but was unsure how long the prices would stay down.

Richard Chilton then announced that the Committee had received a nomination for Life Membership of the Society for Tony Melbourne. The committee had endorsed the nomination and Richard moved the motion that Tony should be granted Life Membership. The motion was seconded by John Williams and unanimously carried. Tony briefly responded, thanking the members for their support. He stated he was very humbled by the appointment and the honor of being made a Life Member of the Society.

As there was no further business the President closed the meeting for supper and wished members the Compliments of the Season and thanked them for their support over the past year.

A. Melbourne
Secretary