

<p>Sainsbury's Bank Card – This was in the name of J S Harrison and could not be transferred. The General Secretary said that he now realised that some items would appear on statements in September and October, for example the room booking for the September meeting and postage/franking of September FPW. It was agreed that the new Treasurer would reimburse such monies.</p>	<p>GenSec</p>
<p>Pitney Bowes Franking Machine – It was agreed that the General Secretary would retain the franking machine until after the distribution of the September issue of FPW and would then cancel the machine. He said that he would not reclaim any early cancellation fee.</p>	<p>GenSec</p>
<p>Electronic Files – It was agreed that the electronic files be transferred onto pen drives for each of the posts/roles. It was agreed that the Chairman have a 'master' copy of all files.</p>	<p>Gen/Sec</p>
<p>MR thanked the General Secretary for the work he had done, for the provision of information and for clearly laying out the necessary process' for a smooth transition. MR said that whoever receives the post of General Secretary would have a hard act to follow.</p>	
<p>7b Promotion of the Fancy:</p>	
<p>HS said that she had now received articles or promises of articles for publication from John Elsdon, Kevin Pratt, Jack Grant, Roy Partington, Dan Jordan and Bob Benson. She said that there was a need for an article on the healthy way to keep pigeons to try and overturn the myth that pigeons are 'flying rats' and it's unhealthy to be near them! HS said that the articles would be sent out one at a time to various publications, in rotation so that they all appeared in each magazine if it is possible. It was agreed that HS approach the following publications 'Cage & Aviary', 'British Homing World', 'Fancy Fowl', 'Small Holder', 'Fur & Feather', and 'Country Weekly'. HS said that she would provide/source photographs to go with the articles. She said that there was a need for many more articles if the promotion was to continue. HS said that suggestions of magazines she could approach would be welcomed.</p>	
<p>The General Secretary asked what had happened about the 'shows' advert to appear in BHW? HS said that she would send the General Secretary a copy so that he could submit it in middle of August, to appear in the middle of September.</p>	<p>HS</p>
<p>7c Positive Management of the decline:</p>	
<p>MR said that much of the discussion under 7a had been very good evidence on managing the decline. KG said that he felt it was important that members were able to easily recognise Officers and Committee members at shows and suggested that all the committee should wear a committee badge at shows. JS said that he would sponsor badges for the Committee. MR asked the General Secretary to obtain prices for badges worded "Committee" together with the NPA logo. KG said that several fanciers had said that the NPA advert in BHW was insignificant and easily missed. KG said that he'd received several comments that many of the Committee did not attend the National Show. MR took the comments on board but went on to remind everyone that there was more than one NPA show on the Show Calendar & the Committee should try & attend as many as possible. HS said that many fanciers did not attend the Barnsley show because it was too expensive and too far to travel, she said that the National show should be moveable so that it became more accessible to members in other parts of the Country.</p>	<p>GenSec</p>
<p>HS said that there was a sharp decline in income from advertising in FPW. The General Secretary commented that many clubs who had previously had a full page or half page had this year only paid for a 'small' advert. It was agreed that there was a need to increase advertising. The General Secretary advised that he had not received payment for the adverts placed by AvianLighting. HS asked that she be sent a copy of the invoice and a magazine and she would take the matter up. It was suggested that the printing of minutes was taking space which could be used for advertising without increasing the cost of production. Following discussion of the C+R relating to publication of the minutes KG proposed that all minutes be posted on the website, circulated to all Club Secretaries, and a hard copy be made available to any member on receipt of a s.a.e. This was seconded by JR and carried. It was agreed that only the minutes of AGM's would in future be printed in FPW.</p>	<p>GenSec HS</p>
<p>MR said that he had received numerous replies to his request sent out with the March issue of FPW, he had circulated some to the committee and would circulate the remainder. He said that many members had commented on the lack of output from the Breed Clubs.</p>	

<p>HS said that in the past two years £50 Specials and a Rosette had been offered at shows, HS proposed that this be continued. Names were drawn from a hat and it was agreed, the two shows selected were Reading and Airdrie & Coatbridge. The General Secretary to advise the shows concerned and order 2 special rosettes.</p>	<p><i>GenSec</i></p>
<p>7d 'Pigeons of Today': HS said that the adverts would all be in colour and from being advertised on the website and on Facebook had sold all the full pages except for 2, and had only 12 half pages left, with many quarter pages remaining. She advised that adverts were Full Page - £75, ½ Page - £45, and ¼ Page £25. HS said that more pages might become available and that it would now be opened up to the Breed Clubs. HS said that she would circulate the Committee with a 'mock up' of an advert, advising that simple ones could be done for no charge, but if there was a complex requirement Thomas Hellmann would work on it for a fee.</p>	<p><i>HS</i></p>
<p>8 Show Matters MR said that many of these matters had already been discussed under other headings.</p>	
<p>8a Tiered Certificate Structure: KG said that it was difficult with minority breeds to win certificates and a change would disadvantage them. MR said that he believed this would be an additional tier not replacing NPA Certificates. It was agreed that the item be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>	<p><i>Carried Fwd</i></p>
<p>HS proposed that an Exhibitor Award or Loft award be introduced. This would be based on Best in Show winners; she said the information is already included in Show Returns and would be easy to calculate. It was agreed that discussion be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>	<p><i>Carried Fwd</i></p>
<p>9 Correspondence: The General Secretary advised that the previous day (9th June) he had received payment from Mr J C Robilliard for the affiliation fee for the Royal Cornwall Show, and noted that the show was on June 7th, 8th & 9th. Accordingly, no rosettes had been sent out. MR told the General Secretary to post the rosettes in case the show wished to forward them to the winners.</p>	<p><i>GenSec</i></p>
<p>10 Meeting Dates & Venues: The General Secretary advised that the meeting room at the Premier Inn (Rugby North) had been booked for the next meeting from 8am to 5pm on Sunday September 23rd as previously agreed.</p>	
<p>The General Secretary was asked to contact Paul Littlewood and ask him if he had found a suitable venue for the AGM. It was agreed that the AGM be held on Sunday February 17th and that if an alternative venue hadn't been found the General Secretary was to go ahead and book the same meeting room used in 2017 at the Premier Inn Castleford Xscape.</p>	<p><i>GenSec</i></p>
<p>11 Any Other Business: JS asked MR whether he had received any response from the RPRA regarding the issue of classing pigeons with poultry in regard to Avian Flu outbreaks. MR replied that he had made several unsuccessful phone calls to the RPRA. He said that he would try again.</p>	<p><i>MR</i></p>
<p>MR said that he was concerned that NPA trophies were not being awarded in the manner intended. JR agreed that NPA trophies must be awarded to Best in Show and not to Show Champion. MR said that NPA trophies must be awarded in accordance with NPA Rules and could not be awarded to a breed without a standard, he said that the Committee must be seen to be 'whiter than white' with regard to the NPA Rules and that NPA trophies must be awarded in the manner they were given. MR asked the General Secretary to draft a letter to send to all-breed championship show secretaries and circulate to the committee for approval.</p>	<p><i>GenSec</i></p>
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 2pm.</p>	