

Minutes of the National Pigeon Association of Great Britain Meeting of the National Committee, Sunday September 18th 2022 held at Holiday Inn, Coventry

Meeting Commenced at 10am

Present; Ken Goodman MBE, Colin Jeckell, Mark Rudd, Graham Bates, Nick Dawyd, Graham Giddings, Colin Ronald, Helen Seed.

1. Chairman's Welcome. MR welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded all of the reason we are here.

A minute's silence was held for Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II

2. Apologies from Absence. Jim Mullan

3. Minutes of 12th June 2022 the minutes were voted on as a true record, proposed by CJ, seconded by KG, all in favour.

4. Matters Arising.

Change to e) Sponsorship for NPA National/BPSS increased by £200.00 instead of providing prize cards.

CJ Clarified the details re Obituaries; taken AGM to AGM and information taken from FPW

5. Committee decisions made between meetings.

Address labels were agreed to be sent to all multibreed show secretaires; this was actioned.

Ballot Paperwork and details were agreed in order to meet the deadlines.

6. Membership/Ring Secretary's Report.

GG gave an overview of the membership 2022 membership is 478 down from 528 in 2021

Ring sales are 21,330 down from 25670 in 2021

These figures include 85 re-joined and 4 new and 1 returning are the members numbers to date for 2023

GG to check the database that the membership numbers tally across the spreadsheets.

7. Treasurers Report & Final Year End Accounts.

GG had circulated the end of year accounts and the breakdowns before submitting to the auditors.

The accounts remain in a health position.

We have in our accounts at 31st August 2022:

Nat West Deposit.	£43,310
Nat West Current.	£8,648
PayPal.	£276
Cheques issued but not cashed.	(£181)

TOTAL. £52,053

GG advised the committee that its £500.00 for the BHW advert and as yet the calendar that is published in BHW has yet to be paid.

8. NPA Management

a) Expectations of Committee.

There was a discussion around wording on emails, decorum and civil language to be used at all times, this was led by MR given recent emails. It was agreed to share all information and agreements must be reach by all before actions are carried out.

b) AGM Preparation, Venue and Date.

Date of the 19th Feb was agreed for the AGM at a suitable venue in the north.

Notification and Ballot papers to be in December's issue.

MR to organise scrutineer

CJ to complete the embossing on the ballot forms, HS to send across the documents. GB to post with Dec FPW.

c) Ballot. Accompanying supportive article.

The proposal for increasing the membership by £5.00 was passed by a majority committee vote and will go to ballot this year. Supporting article for the reasons for balloting a price increase to be written by CJ from the points given by the committee.

There had been 4 nominees for the committee, 3 for re-election and 1 new, who unfortunately didn't meet the criteria to stand for election.

The committee discussed possible ways to include this member in a working party till such time they are eligible to stand for election.

d) Awards.

It was agreed by the committee to award the following for 2022

Junior Fancier – Joseph Morrow

Master Breeder – Rob Gibbins for Muffed Tumblers

Hall of Fame – David Bramley – United Fancy Homer Club

Lifetime Awards – M Bradford, B Joyce, D Marshall, J Mitchell, R Platt & R Wetherill

e) Standardisation of Paperwork.

Following on from discussions at June's meeting and the period in between regarding the treasurer invoicing. HS had produced a form to hopefully standardise all the paperwork required by clubs, this was circulated to the committee and was agreed to be used. ND to include an explanation in FPW article. Forms to be sent to all clubs.

f) Roles, Responsibilities and Honorarium.

This discussed continued from June's meetings and is something that requires monitoring as there is a shift in workload more and more to the secretary, something the committee need to be mindful of.

MR raised a discrepancy that had come to his attention, the honorariums that are being paid do not match with the minutes where the figures were agreed, Feb 2019.

MR asked why and this was to be investigated by all.

It was agreed by all that GG had to purchase a mobile phone for use as the main line number for the association. This could then be forwarded to landline or anyone who covers his holiday periods.

g) Rings – Emergency Supply.

MR asked that a supply of emergency rings to be with Helen in order to provide a service to the members when GG is on holiday, as this year proved difficult without them. GG to bring to Reading.

h) Show Reps.

Newark – N Dawyd

Egremont - J Vaughan

Airdrie – M Rudd

Sufex – K Goodman MBE

Lancashire – G Bates

Newcastle – H Seed

BPSS – C Ronald

Aberdeen – S Sharp

Swansea – G Giddings

Reading – C Jeckell

Reps are to complete the Rep Reports and complete the vouchers. This will be sent out by HS

Agreed dates for vouchers 19th Feb (claimed after)

9. Positive Management and Promotion.

a) Membership - Retain/Gain Members.

There was a discussion about a possible decline in membership numbers due to world events and it was agreed to look at lapsed members.

It was agreed that HS would be sent the full membership database by GG to provide the other committee members a list of names to contact.

b) Fancy Pigeon World.

The closing date for content is the 27th Sept meaning anything ballot related would-be loose leaf given the timings

Breeders card form to be included also

Resumes still to be published even though there would be no ballot

It was asked that the image on the front cover of FPW going forward included the Owners Name and Breed

c) Show Season Ahead.

As Avian Influenza is still causing concerns it was agreed that should any club have any out-of-pocket expense as a result of restrictions, these would be looked at on a case-by-case basis, with the information provided by the club.

d) Publicity Update.

Sally Hustler had asked via KG for an update on Champion Pigeons, HS to ask for this information from Jamie Vaughan.

It was agreed that if the committee are to submit any promotional articles or adverts on behalf of the NPA then the committee need to be aware and in agreed before this is done.

e) Show Tippler Club

No correspondence had been received by to the letter sent by HS although the affiliation had been paid. The members who wish to reform the club are to try and make contact again and HS to write again with a deadline for response from the current secretary of the USTC.

Proposal for new club and cheque to be placed on hold for now.

f) Romanian Fanciers & Galatz Roller.

More information is still required to accept this breed and the formation of the new club.

EE standard to be sourced and then a meeting arranged with the new clubs proposed secretary to discuss the information required.

g) Judging Etiquette and Standard.

There was a follow-on discussion on this topic to find a workable way to improve the standard of judging across all shows. It was discussed that this should perhaps first start at the BPSS NPA National. ND raised the possibility of having A and B judges, although a good idea how this could be formulated or put into practise wasn't clear.

The committee then went on to discuss section judging and it was felt by the committee that this was an area that could perhaps provide an area where recommended section judges list could be created from the current Judges List

HS during the meeting ran a quick scenario on the blower section producing a list of possible section judges based on the number of breeds they can judge in that section. The committee discussed this list and it produce a workable list.

Upon the next update of the judges list this formula to be applied across all breeds for discussion by the committee.

10. Correspondence

None

11. Meeting dates - AGM

19/02/2023

12. Any Other Business

Idea and thoughts to hold online meetings, both for cost saving and time. Possibly look to trial this.

Insurance for Public Liability – to be renewed and circulated ASAP

NPA Stand to be updated

Banner to be gathered up for Newark and passed around the show circuit

Crystals for the Section Champions to be bought and passed onto G Boys in preparation for engraving as required.