

Notes from period April to September 2020, no meetings in person could be held for the safety of the committee due to COVID19

Participating: Mark Rudd, Ken Goodman, Colin Jeckell, Helen Seed, Graham Gidding, Jamie Vaughan, John Surrridge, Nick Dawyd, Graham Bates.

The committee received monthly reports from the Ring Secretary with membership and ring sale information.

The topics below are what have been covered and details items that are carried forward to the next in person meeting in September.

These are summaries and outcomes of the email discussion to provide a record for the association.

6. Positive Management and Promotion.

a) Fancy Pigeon World.

The production and printing of the magazine was able to happen almost normally through this period. Extra content was sort during this time due to the lack of activity with the fancy and this may be someone the committee will need to be mindful of going forward for the next few issues.

Junes issue saw the first Junior Insert and the announcement of the name of the new Junior Mascot.

b) Give back to member.

The committee received a letter from Kevin Pratt on behalf of the H Shrives fund asking for the £30.00 donation to the funds. The committee agreed and this has been completed with a letter of thanks received from Kevin Pratt.

The NPA currently has 5 shows without NPA Salvors, Mark raised this point and we agreed that these should be purchased. They are 10" and £800.00. The engraving details are still to be agreed and how and when to present to the shows involved, possible AGM.

Graham B raised the question of giving/sponsoring Best in Show Packages for the winners of each multi breed championship show.

Also mentioned was the possibility of 'sponsorship' based on average entries per bird given back to each multi breed championship show. Cash prizes was also discussed but the majority didn't feel that this was right for the NPA and to explore the other options.

Graham shared some calculations of possible options of how we could make this work, this needed further discussion based on the current situation of shows and Covid19.

Jamie to provide information if he had this on numbers of entries at the shows.

c) Website

Updates have been carried out and the addition of be able to transfer pigeons and purchase ring nominations have been added. Updated to 2020/21 membership also done.
Few items to complete due to ever changing Covid19 situation.

d) Pigeons of Today.

This needs further work by more people in order to produce a book that is at the standard we would like. A guide for content has been produced and needs all the article reading and checking with alterations being sought if required.
Opening pieces of the book have been agreed to be done by Colin J, Nick and Jamie.
More information and work load splitting to be done and a launch date given some thought.

e) Section Champions.

Certificate design to be done and other/more options thought about.

f) Pull up banners re pigeon health.

No ideas from the committee as yet, more input needed ahead of the next show season.

7. NPA Management.

a) Covid19 Planning for Shows.

The committee agreed at the time to announce to allow all shows that were going to try and run within the guidance the option to submit schedules without judges' names, provided these were supplied at the time of their show. Also, all shows were granted a free advert for their events for this year only as there is so much uncertainty.
The committee put together and conducted a survey of the fancy, using email, Facebook and website. The results were compiled and issued for all to see.
Throughout this period many shows have cancelled their events.

b) Increase in Membership.

The general feeling amongst the committee was producing a formula where the fee increases in line with inflation was a workable idea, but it was agreed that now wasn't the time to put this to the ballot.
Graham B is to formulate a plan for the committee to agree for the ballot in 2021
Graham G, suggested increasing the ring cost due to postage but it was felt that we should stay with the separate P&P costs on ring orders.

c) Standards Update.

Mark issue Graham G with an email to be raised at the EE meeting, this was then cancelled due to Covid19.
Dialogue with the EE standards committee has been reopened and John Louis Frindell will update the tracker document soon.

d) Cloth Patches, Rosettes and Champ Bird Certs

Details to be brought to Septembers meeting for approval.
Jamie – Cloth Badges
Helen – Rosettes and Champ Bird Certs

e) Judges List

Currently offline due to format change, this is now ready to go back online and has been updated.

8. Correspondence.

Email correspondence has been received from David Swales, this has been put on the agenda for September

Committee Ballot form received

Junior Nominees Received

Lifetime Nominees Received

Master Breeder Nominees Received

9. Meeting Dates.

It was agreed to hold September's meeting in person but the venue was changed more Covid secure.

10. Any other Business.

2021 Rings have been ordered

BHW Advert for another year agreed

Squills advert done.