

Minutes of the National Pigeon Association of Great Britain Annual General Meeting 2021 held at Holiday Inn Coventry Hickley Road, Walsgrave, Coventry, Warwickshire, CV2 2HP Sunday 20th February 2022

Meeting commenced at 10am

Present; G Bates, G Giddings, B Glew, J Glew, M Goodenough, K Goodman MBE, S Goodman, C Jeckell, M Manser, J Mullan, K Pratt, C Ronald, M Rudd, H Seed.

President Mr Ken Goodman MBE welcomed everyone to the AGM.

1. Apologies for absence; N Dawyd J Vaughan, D Richardson, Robin Pratt, R & S Henderson, John Surridge, Mr & Mrs Elsdon, J Gregg, G Graham, A Dyka, P Littlewood.

2. Obituaries; Mark Rudd read out the list of people who have passed away since our last in person AGM, followed by a minute's silence.

J Bragg, A Blair, R Brown, L Lawrance, J Pratt, R Poore, J Herron, T McGarvey, G Atkinson, G Shaw, S Boyd, G Eaton, D Glazebrook, T Brownley, J MacCallum, C Featherstone, I Walker, J Downie, R Greenwood, T McCabe, P Evans, D Buckingham, L Jones.

3. AGM of 2020 as published in Fancy Pigeon World due to Covid 19

- Approved Minutes of the AGM held 1st December 2019 Proposed by G Bates, Seconded by M Goodenough as a true record, All in favour.
- Matter arising from those minutes - None
- Reports are as printed for AGM 2020 – KG recapped the minutes and reports of the previous AGM that couldn't be held in person
- Approved accounts for the period 1st Sept 2019 – 31st August 2020 (full set of accounts for those present) inc. financial review of Fancy Pigeon World for same period. Proposed by C Jeckell, Seconded by B Glew as a true record, All in favour.
- Confirm the results of the 2020 Ballot – KG recapped the results of the ballots
- Confirm the results of the 2020 Awards – KG recapped the award
- Approved minutes of the AGM held via FPW and today's recap for period 1st Sept 2020 to 31st August 2021. Proposed by C Ronald and seconded by C Jeckell as a true record, all in favour.
- Matters arising for those minutes. K Pratt gave thanks to the committee for the H Shrivess donation.

4.Any correspondence relative to the AGM – none received.

5.President's report – Ken addressed the meeting, and this was his first time as President to do this face to face, due to the unprecedented times we have been through.

Although the committee has still be working hard on behalf of the fancy; introduced section awards at our multibreed championship shows. Carried out cost saving with regards to the roles of secretaries, dividing the duties, savings in expenditure which you are now seeing in a healthy balance sheet.

These funds are now there to offer support to our shows should they have to cancel due to through no fault of their own, also the NPA donated to a long running memorial award so that this award can continue for years to come.

Fancy Pigeon World continues to be a great tool for us all to communicate.

Ken thanked the committee for their hard work and reminded members that this committee is very much a listening committee.

6.Chairman's report – Mark addressed the meeting with a positive recap of the year after the previous difficult year, although Covid restrictions have eased the situation surround the impact of Avain Influenza hasn't and could affect the fancy for years to come.

Mark was pleased to report the members levels have remain buoyant through this time and hopefully this will continue and that show entries have been positive.

Pigeons of Today will now be back on the agenda to push for completion but this will need more input from the clubs and members that what currently has been received with regards to the history of the breeds. This needs to be a publication we can be proud of.

Mark advised those present that given the cancellation of a whole year the committee had decided to extend the time periods of the current serving President and Vice President by one year.

7.Secretary/Treasurer's report.

Graham Giddings gave summary of the membership and accounts

Membership has been fairly consistent of the past three years 2019; 510, 2020; 505; 2021 528 which is positive to see. Ring sales were up in 2021 to 25,150 up from 23,750 in 2020.

The years accounts had been made available for all to see at the meeting and there were no comments from the floor regarding these.

The Income for the year was £24,176 with an expenditure of £17,811 showing a surplus income of £6365, leaving the association in a healthy financial position currently.

Proposed by J Mullan and seconded by M Goodenough as a true record, all in favour.

8.Report on “Fancy Pigeon World” Graham Bates gave an overview of the last year of FPW.

Although there has been increases in cost of postage and printing the production of FPW still remains viable and shows a slight profit on the year even with the committee supporting the shows with free advert for this season. Content and therefore the number of pages is good maintaining 24-32 pages through the year.

Kevin Pratt wished to pass on his thanks to Denise our editor.

9.Declaration of ballot results for election of Committee Members, there were 3 spaces for 3 years and one for 2 years.

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N Dawyd 68 votes; G Giddings 96 votes; C Ronald 66 votes; J Mullan 30 votes

ND, GG, CR to serve for 3 years, JM for 2 years.

Ken welcomed them to the committee

10.Declaration of ballot results proposed amendments to the Constitution

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Amendment A 87 votes for, 7 against, 12 no votes

A – B1 The date and issue and duration of issue, the price and fee for transfer for the ensuing year will be determined by the National Committee of the Association.

Amendment B 86 votes for, 9 against, 11 no votes

B – C1 The nominee for Master Breeders must have been a member of the NPA for 10 years consecutively prior to the application.

Both Amendments to be adopted by the NPA.

11.Presentation of Awards by the President. This year's awards had been presented during the show season.

Master Breeder Roy Nicholson, Modenas. Trevor Mason, Show Rollers

Junior Fancier India Worley

Lifetime Colin Jones

12.Report on Breed Standards – Mark gave a brief update on the breed standards, updates from the EE have been slow over the past couple of years but constructive dialogue has now resumed, and more updated drawings have started to come through and will be circulated to the information.

13.Report on Facebook & Website- Helen Seed, gave a run through on Facebook and it's still proving a very useful tool for keeping up to date with our membership quickly. Members are welcome to send in updates, photos etc to Helen for posting to the page.

The website is also a very useful tool, especially for members renewals and payment of fees.

14.Any Other Business (only items specific to the AGM allowed)

Kevin Pratt gave thanks to the committee for the extra support offered to the championship shows.

It was agreed that the next AGM to be held in the 'north' with a start time of 11am.