**Minutes of the meeting of the National Committee of the National Pigeon Association held on Sunday 28th April 2019, held at Premier Inn, Rugby.**

Meeting commenced 10.30am

Present: Ken Goodman (Vice President), Mark Rudd (Chairman), John Surridge, (President) Graham Bates, Richard Henderson, Paul Littlewood, Colin Ronald, Helen Seed, Graham Giddings.

Chairman’s Welcome; given by Mark Rudd, Chariman. Mark thanked the committee for giving up their time for the fancy and reminded everyone to make decision based on what is good for the whole fancy.

1. Apologies for Absence; Jamie Vaighan, Richard Henderson
2. Minutes of the meeting of 17.02.2019: Proposed by KG and Seconded by GB All in favour.
3. Matters arising: The committee referred back to the actions from the last meeting, highlighted items are carried forward. (other items are on the agenda for this meeting)

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| Fold Out Stand | Mark Rudd – Obtained and Used already |
| Letter to Show Secretaries | Helen -Done Letters/Emails sent |
| Section Cert Details in FPW | Helen – Done submitted to FPW |
| Contact Gary Eaton | Mark – Done and confirmation received re L&E |

1. Committee decision made between meetings; Committee were advised we are going through security check on PayPal account, as previously account. Also the website fees have been paid for another year.
2. Secretaries Report. GG report was promising with membership increasing and ring sale coming in. More C &D rings have been ordered.

Membership is at 487

Ring Sales – 20,380

FPW Subscriptions – 36

Transfers – 332

HS & JV commented that there was very little outstanding from affiliations and show invoices and the remainder would be chased.

1. Treasurer Report; GG had previously circulated the report. GB had a query over the franking machine and postage cost GG to breakdown a figure of £720.00 for GB.

Auditor it was agreed that GG to retain the same auditor and contact to be made.

All happy with the current positions and thanks from all was given.

1. Positive Management and Promotion.
2. Fancy Pigeon World. (GB)

June Adverts are ready to send in this week by HS

Opening piece was required which KG volunteered to complete this task.

Breeders Card uptake is down on 2018

JS suggested to make the magazine Bi- monthly but due to cost and content it was agreed to remain quarterly.

Currently enough surplus copies for upcoming events.

It was agreed to look into creating extra pages or separate print for the junior members once a year – HS

GB asked GG to restructure how the labels are printed for FPW – OK

Calendar and Ballot info to go in Junes issue.

1. Select Shows for Young Bird Special. (HS)

Egremont and Newcastle were chosen from the hat.

1. Junior Mascot design. (GB HS)

GB Carried Forward

1. Report from Newark. (MR HS) & e. Report from Coal Mining Museum. (MR HS)

MR gave a run through of both events and they had both been successful with lots of people showing an interest in the pigeons and the committee plan to continue to do these events. The Coal Mining Museum would like to be present at BPSS show in December and this was agreed and details to be exchanged.

1. Section Award. (ALL) HS had brought a few ideas which she should the committee. The new design was worked on and a final design agreed upon.

Printing and details for Junes meeting

JV needs to add additional columns to show returns paperwork

1. Pigeons of Today. (CR MR HS)

Breed list was discussed and agreed

Letters to be sent to members who had paid for adverts and clubs to be written to for their content.

All adverts to obtain written acceptance prior to print.

1. Promotion and Advertising of Shows. (ALL)

Advert for BHW was agreed and in same format as previous to go into September issue, prior to our show season starting.

1. Promotional of NPA National (GG)

GG asked if we could consider advertising the NPA national more, in general it was a good idea and could be brought to the committee.

1. NPA Management;
2. Comments regarding accounts/historical balance sheets made at AGM, RH PL – findings (MR)

Following an email received from RH a couple of days before the meeting it was agreed that this item becomes top of Junes agenda for RH to explain.

Concerns had been directed to the Chairman that related to the comments made at the AGM regarding the associations money. The Chairman said he would get answers to the members and reassured them.

1. NPA Money and Investments. (GG)

GG suggested that some money be moved from the current account into an investment/saving account, which was agreed a good idea.

MR to check with an accountant the implications of this and advise the committee.

GG to make contact with the bank as to options.

1. Quantity of Rings – Junior Members. (GG)

GG informed the committee that there are a few Junior members under more rings than what you would think a Junior would order.

Different coloured rings and limiting rings was discussed.

GG to provide information as to quantities and ring sizes that are being bought by juniors so that the committee could decide if Junior coloured rings is a viable option.

1. Championship Show Calendar. (ALL)

Dates are now complete and will be included in Junes issue. Information from the show secretaries is still slow and requires chasing.

Details to go online also.

1. Judges Register. (ALL)

Complete and to be circulated.

1. Business Plan for New Secretary. (carried forward) (RH GB)

This will be carried forward in light of 9a and RH absent from meeting.

1. Proposed New Salver. (carried forward) (PL)

This will be carried forward again as no costings

1. International Affiliation. (MR)

Mr & HS had received a question from a member regarding International Affiliation. This matter was discussed and it was agreed that a certificate could be p[resented to any country/club (outside UK) but not as affiliation.

1. Club Returns & Show Matters. (ALL)

All going well – MR, GG and JV all in regular contact

1. Correspondence JS gave MR a letter he had received from Gary Eaton confirming that London & Essex had ceased to existing and that any remaining funds had been donated to charity.
2. Meeting Date; 23/06/19 & 15/09/19
3. Any Other Business; None

Meeting Closed at 14.35

**ACTIONS**

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| Business Plan for employment of secretary | Richard & Graham B Carried Forward |
| Salver  | Paul Carried forward |
| Junior Mascot Design | Graham Bates carried forward |
| Section Cert Design, prices and paper | Helen |
| Breakdown figure under Postage | Graham G |
| Pigeons of Today – contents letter | Helen, Mark & Colin |
| BHW Advert | Helen |
| Coal Mining Details to BPSS | Helen/Mark |
| Historical Account queries | Richard H |
| Investment/Saving Account | Graham G/Mark |
| Breakdown of Junior Ring Sales | Graham G |
| Show Calendar to be published | Helen |
| Judges Register to go online | Helen |