

Minutes of the meeting of the National Committee of the National Pigeon Association held on

Sunday 19th February 2023, held at Holiday Inn, Wakefield.

Meeting commenced at 13.05pm.

Present; David Iddon (Vice President), Graham Bates, Nick Dawyd, Ken Goodman, Colin Ronald, Mark Rudd, Helen Seed (Secretary)

Working Party; Keith Brain & Jamie Vaughan

1 Presidents welcome

Ken welcomed everyone to the meeting and to our new Vice President David Iddon

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Colin J, Graham G and Jim Mullan

3 Election of Chairman

Ken proposed, Mark remained Chairman, seconded by Colin R, All in favour.

Mark thanked the committee for electing him as chairman for another year. We were all reminded that we are here to serve the membership and to conduct ourselves in the appropriate manner.

4 Minutes of meeting held September 18th, 2022.

The minutes were proposed by Ken and seconded by Nick as an accurate record, All in favour.

5 Matters arising

There was a full and lengthy discussion around recent correspondence which had taken place via email. The discussion was about the availability of rings, this was a matter that had been agreed to be actioned at September's meeting which had not been and these discussions were a result thereof. It was agreed that those involved acted as the committee had wished and were thanked for ensuring that the membership can be served as needed with a supply of rings. It was discussed that any actions that are passed at a meeting by the committee must

be carried out as instruction, regardless of individual opinions, especially by 'servants of the committee'.

Helen and Jamie showed the committee the paperwork and templates they use to collect information or invoice and all present were in agreement that this format to be continued to be used.

Following on from the query raised at September's meeting regarding the discrepancy in the honorarium figures the committee investigated this further. The committee looked over the documents that had been produced by JH and through the minutes and previous accounts. No record of the figure of £800.00 for the Treasurer could be found. After much discussion it was decided that the honoraria's must be as agreed at Feb 2019 committee meeting immediately effect. Note the FPW fee was differed at this time, since agreed at £300.00.

Extract from 17th Feb 2019 minutes.

10b) Honorarium(s) There was a discussion around the positions and role division. It was proposed by Richard H that; General Secretary - £800.00, Ring Secretary & Treasurer - £3600.00, Show Secretary - £400.00, Website £300.00, FPW Editor - £2000.00 Saving the NPA £2400.00 on previous position of one secretary. This was agreed by all.

6 Committee decisions made between meetings

It had been agreed by the committee after a proposal to acknowledge the achievements of R&K Pratt to award Mater Breeders certificates for Dragoons and Ice Pigeons, these had been awarded at Reading Show and had been well received given the families situation.

7 Treasurer's Report

The committee had seen the report from Graham G and will continue to look at the income and expenditure.

Graham B reiterated what he mentioned at the AGM that these accounts are not audited. Accounts provided at the AGM are a set of figures produced by a firm of accountants.

8 Ring Secretary's Report

The committee had seen the report from Graham G and will continue to look at the membership numbers and ring stock.

9 Election of Officers

Trophy – Richard Henderson

EE – Graham Giddings

Welfare – Colin Ronald

Publicity FPW – Graham Bates

Publicity External – Keith Brain

Standard – Mark Rudd & Helen Seed

Juniors – Helen Seed

Obituaries – Jamie Vaughan

Judging Standards – Nick Dawyd

Co Opted as Working Party Member, British Breeds Register Co-ordinator – Keith Brain.

10 NPA Management

a. Fancy Pigeon World – assign task for issues. Adverts and Registers

March

Opening Piece – Colin J

Patron (Updates) - Helen

Breeders Cards and Club Registers – Helen (GG to advise paid)

Life Members – Helen (no Change)

June

Opening Piece Colin R

Include AGM Addresses – MR & KG

Committee Nominees and Ballot Advert - Helen

Championship Show Calendar - Helen

Membership Form – Graham G

NPA Show Advert – Helen

Agricultural Show List - Helen

Award Winners Articles

D Bramley – MR; J Morrow MR/SM; R Gibbins – Club; R Weatherill – CR; B Joyce & R Platt – GB; J Mitchell - CJ

September

Opening Piece – Keith

NPA Show Adverts - Helen

Membership Form – Graham G

December

Opening Piece – David

Ballot & Voting Papers – Helen

AGM Notifications - Helen

NPA Show Adverts – Helen

b. Promotion & Positive Management, Adverts, Membership Numbers.

The committee discussed the figures so far based on the last report from GG. The numbers are about the same as previous years, the committee agreed to keep a regular check of this and to bring further ideas for promotion to April's Meeting

Keith potentially to look at various poultry magazine to encourage those fanciers to encourage into showing pigeons

It was discussed that the committee need to investigate a more reliable way to store the information as it was clear there was some queries which David stated we must do our best to eliminate such queries and find the best procedures. Helen and Jamie are happy with the use of One Drive which then would mean all information is shared between secretaries and viewable by the whole committee. Helen and Jamie to trial as most of their work is online/digital. If this works well, then all documents would be placed on One Drive and then made accessible to those need it.

c. Club Returns

The club returns have been well received and returns are coming in, some will require chasing. Unfortunately, a large batch of returns appear to be 'lost in the post' The committee felt that going forward scans must be taken of all paperwork and emailed prior to posting the originals, Graham G to be advised.

The committee where all shown the current copy of the Club Returns paperwork and how the data is requested, all in favour that this remains the way information and fees are collected.

The committee looked at some of the information that had been provided by Graham G and there were some queries regarding those present. which will be raised via email after the meeting.

d. Show Dates

The following show dates have been approved.

Newark 8th Oct; Egremont 21st Oct; Airdrie 28th Oct; Dragoon/Smerle 29/10;

Lancs 5th Nov; HOT 11th Nov; Sufex 4th Nov; NCS 25th Nov; BPSS 2/3rd Dec;

Modena 18th Nov; Homer 17th Dec (TBC); Aberdeen 12th Dec;

Swansea 6th Jan; Muffed Tumber 6/7th Jan; Jacobin 6/7th Jan;

Reading 21st Jan (TBC)

e. Pigeons of Today

The committee agreed that there was a need for a dedicated meeting for Pigeons of Today, which those available could attend in a push to get this completed.

This item to be on April's agenda and given more time.

f. New Clubs and Breeds

There was a discussion regarding the proposals from members to form new breed clubs, these were discussed

The Continental Blower Club; all information had been received and was circulated to those present and it was agreed that this club was accepted. The club will need to provide information on club returns and a rule book once available Helen to advise.

United Show Tippler Club; this club has now been reformed and new secretary and committee appointed. Club Returns and fees received. Keith to obtain any remaining items from previous secretary.

All Spanish Cropper Club; Currently this club is without a secretary following the death of George Miller, the committee are aware that there is a person willing to take over the club and once more information is available a further update will follow

Spanish Figurita Club; there are plans to form this club in 2023; help and guidance will be available to Deborah Lockwood the proposed secretary as to what is required.

Helen to send a link to Nick regarding EE Breeds on their website as it can be difficult to locate.

g. Section Awards – Claims, form etc

Helen had prepared a claim for members to use for claiming Section Awards, it was felt that the word section needed adding to the wording but other than that the form was ready to be used. This would be placed online.

It was also discussed that given the information we now record this award to be 'auto' awarded removing the need for the members to claim

This was also agreed, Helen to circulate winners once information is collected.

12 Correspondence

Correspondence was received from;

Neil Newan; regarding Sufex advert, it was agreed that the fee paid for the cancelled 2022 show to be carried forward to 2023. Mark to call Neil as advised him of this along with chasing the information from the Club Returns/Affiliation etc which is still required.

James Mullan, the committee had received a resignation letter from Jim informing of his resignation from the committee. Mark and Ken will reply to this email.

Hall of Fame Application has been received for M Knaggs, Helen believes this has already been awarded. Will confirm, as older records are not readily available.

13 Meeting dates & venue

Proposed dates based on the availability of those present

April 30th

June 25th

Sept 10th

Helen to check these dates with the Holiday Inn Coventry, circulate and book.

14 Any Other Business.

Ken asked if we knew if John Graves had received a Master Breeders award, Helen to advise.

Graham B, said he would like to investigate ways to encourage more members to participate in the Ring Nomination. Challenge Class.

Coloured Racing Pigeon as how a standard could be introduced or not.

Nick asked for 'Outlook of the NPA National and Improvements' to be placed on April's agenda

Meeting Closed 4.15pm