**DRAFT MINUTES OF NATIONAL PIGEON ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**ON 7th DECEMBER 2008 AT PICKERING**

**PRESENT**

There were 64 members present at the NPA Annual General Meeting.

**ITEM 1 - OBITUARY**

1. Mark Rudd read out a tribute to the NPA members who had passed away in the previous year and then asked all members to stand for a minutes silence to remember them.

**ITEM 2 - APOLOGIES**

1. Apologies had been received from Alan & Mary Roscoe, Anne Ison, Andy Lowe and Hayden Bogle.

**ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM**

1. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Mike Knaggs and seconded by David Frost.

Carried unanimously.

**ITEM 4 - MATTERS ARISING**

1. There were no matters arising.

**ITEM 5 - SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT**

1. The Accounts were circulated and the Secretary went over the various items.

2. It was proposed by Mike Knaggs and seconded by Paul Littlewood that the accounts should be approved.

Carried unanimously.

**ITEM 6 - DECLARATION OF BALLOT**

1. President Brian Brock explained the “Terms of Office” and that there were 4 vacant places on the NPA Management Committee (the 4th vacancy for 1 year only) with 10 applicants.

2. The following applicants were duly elected: John Surridge, Brian Brock and Paul Littlewood. There was a tie for 4th place and Charles Muir and Evan Murray were both asked to attend a meeting after the AGM. (The outcome was that they both would attend the committee meetings for the next year as committee members).

**Votes Cast:**

John Surridge 185, Brian Brock 141, Paul Littlewood 120, Evan Murray 108, Charles Muir 108, Andy Lowe 101, Hayden Bogle 77, Jim Mullan 67, Colin Jones 62, Graham Lowe 59.

**ITEM 7 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

1. The Chairman stated that most items for the year had been covered in his article in the News Bulletin. He went on to add that Welfare would be the main issue in years to come and this is why everyone had received a Code of Conduct booklet specified by DEFRA. He urged fanciers bringing in new breeds from Europe to let the Secretary have a copy of the standard from the country of origin.

**ITEM 8 – AWARDS**

1. Brian Brock presented on behalf of the NPA, Jimmy Dolier with the Hall of Fame Award and Ralph Sargeant with the Master Breeder Award to mark the outstanding achievements they had both achieved.

2. Joe Roper also was awarded the Hall of Fame Award but as he was unable to attend at Pickering this would be presented at Reading Show.

**ITEM 9 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. On behalf of the BPSS, Mike Knaggs thanked everyone for coming to the BPSS/NPA National show and hoped that more breed clubs would have their annual show here in the future.

2. David Frost congratulated Graham Giddings for doing a great job in his first year as Secretary.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 11.00

Graham Giddings

Secretary of the NPA