**Minutes of the meeting of the National Committee of the National Pigeon Association held on Sunday 26th June 2022.**

**Meeting commenced at 10.00am**

Present; Ken Goodman MBE, Colin Jeckell, Mark Rudd, Graham Giddings, Helen Seed, Graham Bates, Nick Dawyd.

1. Chairman’s Welcome. Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminding all present that we are here of the best interests of the fancy.

2. Apologies from Absence. Colin Ronald & Jim Mullan.

3. Minutes of 1st May. Proposed by GB and Seconded by CJ All in favour.

4. Matters Arising. No Matters arising

5. Committee decisions made between meetings. No decisions between meetings.

6. Membership/Ring Secretary’s Report. 474 members to date with few at this time left to be renewed which means numbers will be down for 2022 along with a downturn in ring sales. The committee will look again at September’s meeting.

7. Treasurers Report. Graham had circulated figures prior to the meeting, although numbers are down it is still looking like there will be a ‘surplus/profit’ made this year. It was asked then for an extra column to be placed at the end of the spreadsheet so to show an easy comparison on the previous year. Graham would action this.

8. Positive Management and Promotion.

a) Fancy Pigeon World. Content has been and the June’s issue has been produced in good time. There as been a few new contributors which is good to see. Printing costs are increasing, and the last issue was approximately £85.00 more and postage up to £1.31. Additional copies of the magazine are being ordered to use for promotional material.

Thanks passed to Denise for continuing to put together FPW

b) External Advert, BHW Calendar print. As Jim was absent from this meeting, we would be able to receive an update at the next meeting

It was agreed to place the Calendar in BHW and to investigate Racing Post or Pictorial.

Past articles from FPW to be used for promotion with the permission of the authors.

c) Pigeons of Today. The committee agreed that now the publication needs to be worked to completion and aim to publish summer 2023. Articles deadline of 31st December 2022 with any outstanding to be complied with assistance of the committee.

d) Champions Award for Sections. Graham B bought with him a sample of the glass diamond paperweight that could be awarded for the section champion winners. It was agreed to go with this option and have the NPA logo engraved on the top face.

Once up to date the share location of all the documents to be shared with the committee

9. NPA Management.

a) Membership. The committee discussed ways in which to further promote the hobby, including more modern methods such and Instagram and TikTok.

It was agreed to discuss frther ideas at the committee meeting and must always be the focus of this committee.

It was discussed that we also need to focus on retaining members as well as seeking new members.

There were so many factors now influencing the hobby which now also includes the increase in cost of living.

Topics to think about for the next meeting;

*What would our members like to see from the NPA?*

*What could fellow members do to help you?*

*New ideas taken from our young fanciers*

b) Rising Costs, postage, printing extra. With the ever-increasing costs, the committee looked in to the costs around producing FPW. The original budget of £10.00 per member. The costs now are closer to £15.21 per member per year.

It was agreed that the subscription costs for 2023 should increase for FPW only.

UK £20.00 Europe £40.00 World £50.00

All other fees to remain the same.

The committee also discussed in detail the increase in membership fee, which would have to go to the membership for ballot.

We discussed possible increases of £3 or £5.00 to cover the increases in costs the association faces.

It was agreed that Colin J would write an accompanying piece to go with the potential ballot proposition of all the ‘give back to the membership’ and benefits of the association.

It was also discussed putting the inflation linked membership increase to ballot, the committee agreed that this must go in as a separate proposal to the increase in fee.

Graham B and Colin J to circulate their emails on the above for agreement and in time for ballot.

c) Judges Register. The committee went through the current judges register to check for an errors. This can now be placed online and circulated to the shows as required.

Club returns are pure this year from the breed clubs, hopefully 2023 will be better. Remainder to go online.

d) Secretaries’ roles. There was a frank discussion around the manner of emails being circulated by certain committee members, that they are not of the manner expected. Helen stated she finds this manner of the emails totally unacceptable. Mark reminded the committee that decisions are made by the whole committee on individuals.

Those not present today will be reminded at the next meeting.

Helen shared the information of the initial agreement when the roles where divided and the current workload and the shift to more and more being passed to her. After Mays meeting invoicing was agreed to go back to being with the Treasurer as originally agreed but Graham G now states he is not doing them and wants a new format to the invoices. This was done following Jamie’s resignation from the committee and some of his roles passed onto Helen.

It was explained again these decisions are to be made by the whole committee not by individuals, the hours taken to reformat all the invoices, some 250 would take considerable time, something which Helen would not be prepared to do given at Mays meeting, the workload was to be lighten.

After a lengthy discussion if Helen produced a template, then Colin J to populate all invoices and safe file copies which Helen would then use.

All invoice chasing to be carried out by Graham G and compile any files/records he requires.

e) BPSS Barnsley. The committee discussed the NPA National Show and the ways in which the association could support them.

Graham B circulated the balance sheet from the BPSS. After much discussion it was proposed that the NPA would support the show by;

£1000.00 Cheque and provide new prize cards of NPA design to the BPSS. Support the show with an NPA table and by creating a new NPA 4 bird class with sponsorship.

Proposed by GB, Seconded by GG this was passed.

There were conditions applied to this offer which was to be put to the BPSS and if in agreement then the committee would offer the sponsorship as stated.

The conditions where more NPA presence at the show, on schedules and catalogue. Return the main award to Best in Show not Supreme, support in full the ten breed sections as per NPA lists and streamlined judging process. All exhibitors to have free entry to the show on both days regardless of number of birds enter.

10. Correspondence.

Letter from Helen Seed, this was placed on hold with the matter to reviewed over the coming months.

11.Meeting dates – 18th September

12. Any Other Business.

Obituaries Secretary to be Colin Jeckell.