

## Meeting of the National Committee of The National Pigeon Association of Great Britain held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Brownsover Hotel, Rugby

Meeting Opened 13.39

Present; Colin Jeckell, David Iddon, Mark Rudd, Helen Seed, Jamie Vaughan, Ken Goodman MBE, Nick Dawyd, Graham Bates and Keith Brain.

- 1 **Presidents welcome** - Colin Jeckell welcomed the committee to the meeting.
- 2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Graham Giddings and Colin Ronald
- 3 **Election of Chairman** Nick Dawyd proposed, and David Iddon seconded that Mark Rudd remain as chairman, all in favour.
- 4 **Minutes of meeting held September 2023** These were approved as a true record, Proposed by Ken Goodman and Seconded by Nick Dawyd, all in Favour.
- 5 **Matters arising** - No matters arising, and items required have been added to the agenda.
- 6 **Committee decisions made between meetings** The committee agreed to the reintroduction of Blackpool Fancy Pigeon Show
- 7 **Treasurer's Report** - Helen had provided figures before the meeting via email.
- 8 **Ring Secretary's Report** - Colin and Helen explained that everything was working well with the different split then previously done. The committee were happy that all is well.
- 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) **Committee Decorum** - There was a frank discussion about some of the recent emails and the committee agreed that if they thought there were further emails of the same manner, they would speak up to stop them, not leave it to the few.
  - b) **CONFIDENTIAL Breed Club Issues** There was a very lengthy and detailed discussion around a Breed Club issue which had resulted in multi letters being sent by members and clubs. The committee unanimously agreed that the matter all stems from a breed club issue and that it should remain club business and all parties advise all parties to attend the clubs AGM to resolve this dispute.

With regards to non-affiliated clubs and publicising the same at an NPA event, this issue again relates to a disagreement within the breed club and the committee unanimously agreed that to support the associations ethos of One Breed Club, One Breed standard and to protect the heritage of this British Breed all parties would be wrote to, to advise that promotion anything that puts this at risk would be ill advised at all NPA events. A letter from the BPSS was discussed as part of this matter and the chairman stated his thoughts on the content.

All parties to receive a letter from the committee stance on this matter.

- c) **CONFIDENTIAL Egremont FPS Complaint Letter** – This was discussed by the committee and 100% support is given the Egremont FPS and a reply to reflect this.
- d) **Defaced Schedule sent to MR** – the committee were handed a schedule which had been defaced and did not condone this behaviour.
- e) **Import/Export/EE Show/Bird Movement**; this matter to be discussed by the committee going forward and to keep up to date with changes. Email discussion if required between meetings.
- f) **HOT & Changes**; It was agreed that the changes for HOT to become a multibreed championship show was passed unanimously by the committee as was the change of name to West of Scotland Fancy Pigeon Show Society.
- g) **Fancy Pigeon World** – assign task for issues. Adverts and Registers to be updated for the upcoming issue. Breeders' cards form the be included in March Issue to encourage more people to advertise.  
Opening Pieces to be written by March Colin J; June David; Sept Nick; Dec; Mark  
Outstanding awards pieces to be submitted asap.
- h) **Costs for Editor for Pigeons of Today** – Deferred to Email discussions.
- i) **Championship Show Edition of FPW - Costs and go ahead?** – Deferred to Email discussions but the consensus was this is a way to move forward following the open forum discussions.
- j) **Section Awards and Claims** Crystals to be engraved ahead of the show season by Graeme Boyd. Helen to supply list of names and breeds.
- k) **NPA National Show 2024** – Deferred to Aprils meeting.
- l) **Register of all Breeds recognised and with a standard in UK** This is available for the whole committee on the EE website.
- m) **Ring Size List** – Colin J to update and share.

## 12 Correspondence

Aberdeen had written to the association to ask for a loan/grant to assist the club, Helen to reply for more information.

Bideford had communicated to say that as they have had a change of ring suppliers there ring colours may not align with NPA colours. Judges to be made aware and Bideford to be wrote to advising where possible to align with the colours to save confusion with ring colours and judges but the association note the possibility of colour difference.

## 13 Meeting dates & venue – On emails all booked.

## 14 Any Other Business

Jamie – NPA Champion Pigeons lots of application received and I piece for FPW to be created/written. More Vouchers will require printing ahead of next show season.

Keith – Ask for minutes prior to discussions especially when not present at that meeting. British Breed survey result o be printed in Sept issue of FPW.

Graham B – Quadiant have sent a new franking machine and it's in use.

Colin J – Ask if it was possible to add £1.50 P&P to all orders and on website, the committee saw no reason why this was a problem and Helen to see if this can be done on

the website and add to membership form. Also Ring Costs to be discussed at April's agenda.

Nick - Ask for Investment to be put on April's agenda.

Helen - Overview of Blackpool Show and would advise on the 2025 show when the RPPA have been back in contact.

Meeting Closed 16.45