

**Minutes of the National Pigeon Association of Great Britain 2023 Annual General Meeting held at Holiday Inn Wakefield on Sunday 18th February 2023 at 11am**  
**Meeting commenced at 11am**

Present; G Bates, K Goodman MBE, S Goodman, M Rudd, H Seed, K Brain, R Partington, A Hopson, N Dawyd, J Vaughan, D Lockwood, H Hobart, J Elsdon, B Elsdon, D Iddon and C Ronald.

President Mr Ken Goodman MBE welcomed everyone to the AGM.

1. **Apologies for absence.** K Pratt, C Jeckell, G Giddings, J&B Glew, M Goodenough, R Henderson.
2. **Obituaries.** A read out the list of people who have passed away since our last in person AGM, followed by a minute's silence.

Roy Bennet, John Lennox, Will Van Toll, Kevin Wood, Tommy Gardiner, George Miller, Robin Pratt, Carol Glew and Audrey Bush.

3. **Minutes of the 2022 AGM.** Proposed by Graham Bates and seconded by Sheila Goodman as a true record, all in favour.
4. **Matters arising from those Minutes** - None.
5. **Any correspondence relative to the AGM** - No Correspondence had been received.
6. **President's report.** Ken addressed those present by thanking everyone for giving up their time to attend. Ken went on to say that it has been a privilege to serve this wonder hobby that he loves and believes to with this committee made a tangible different to our hobby.  
To recap the committee has continue with the section awards, giving something back to the membership, continued to offer Show secretaries the confidence to run their events with the various regulations affect society. Ken feels that shows have been well attended and during his presidency has been making time at the shows to engage with Junior members. Fancy Pigeon World produce in house continues to be a credit to out hobby and thanks to all involved. Pigeons of Today will be back on the agenda now the pandemic has past and we will work hard to see this to completion.  
Ken closed by offering thanks to all the committee members and the work they carry out and that he has had a most enjoyable time as VP & President and wishes the next President the same.
7. **Chairman's report.** Mark addressed those present saying that 2002 had been in general a good year for the fancy with most shows seeing an increase in entries and to be grateful that unlike our friend in the poultry fancy we are very lucky as we can hold our events and show our pigeons. My thoughts go out to those fanciers who have been affected by the AI zones, who had to abide by the rules and not show.  
Thanks to the Ken as outgoing President, we will miss his guidance and Ken will be a hard act to follow, but hopefully Ken will be remaining a committee member for a further 3 years.  
Thanks also to all those who work to produce Fancy Pigeon World and to Denise our editor, a reminder to you all that this is nothing without content and I encourage you all to write.  
Membership numbers are positive and Mark reminded everyone present that we all play our part in encouraging new members.  
Special thanks to Mr & Mrs Elsdon for being our scrutineers for the ballot once again and best wishes to you all for the forthcoming show season.

**8. Secretary/Treasurer's report**

Graham Giddings wasn't present at the meeting but had sent in the following reports.

Membership

I am sorry I am not with you today but as I live in South Somerset it is a 500 mile round trip and about 4 and a half hours drive each way which is a bit of a bridge too far for me at the moment.

Our membership was down in 2021/22 to 478 which was the same as it was in 2017/18 before Covid struck and membership figures went up afterwards mainly because everyone was in lockdown and wanted something to do. At the 14th February 2022, 372 had rejoined and at the same date this year 355 have so far, so 17 down. Last year out of the 478 we had 84 new members and 28 Junior members. I am getting more and more phone calls and e mails about joining, mainly from ex racing people who have given up racing and still have their pigeon lofts so turning to fancy pigeons, I think this is where we will hopefully see a growth in membership coming from which is encouraging as cannot see it really coming from anywhere else, we have had 6 new members in the last two weeks.

Ring Sales were down last year to 21,320, compared to 25,670 in 2020/21 and 22,980 in 2017/18 when membership was the same as it was last year.

#### Treasurer

I think the accounts are self-explanatory and you can see from the balance sheet, we are in a very healthy position at the moment with most of the money at the bank in a deposit account. With the downturn in Membership, having face to face committee meetings, paying out of Special Awards, supporting the cancelation of Lancashire show £795, and not charging for NPA Certificates this has reduced the amount of surplus money compared to previous years, down to £1,320, but at least a surplus which is good. A lot of members now pay via the NPA web site using PayPal, mostly as a guest using a credit or debit card, this seems to work very well. If any of you have won any of the NPA section awards, could you send them to me please, I have only had 10 so far, when I get some more in, I will start paying out at the end of the month, one of our members Andrew Stables has donated his to the NPA which is a nice gesture. The committee that are at the meeting will only be able to answer some questions if there are any you need answers to, please e mail me and I will reply. We use professional auditors that do a superb job, everything is photographed and put on file after approval, and they keep for 7 years as per government rules.

The Accounts for 2022 were present for all at the meeting, it was proposed by Graham Bates and Seconded by Jamie Vaughan that these are a correct record, All In favour.

N.B Accounts are prepared by an accountancy firm and not audited.

9. **Report on "Fancy Pigeon World"** Graham Bates gave an overview of the last year of FPW. Although there has been increases in cost of postage and printing the production of FPW still remains viable. Although costs need reviewing as an extra of £10.00 allowance per member back in 2014. Some print runs are 750 with the surplus being used as a promotional tool, where a print run of 600 could save some monies, Content and therefore the number of pages is good maintaining 24-32 pages through the year. Ken Goodman gave vote of thanks and to pass on his thanks to Denise our editor. No questions from the floor.
10. **Election of President.** K Goodman proposed and Keith Brain seconded that Colin Jeckell becomes President and serves for the next two years. All in favour.
11. **Election of Vice President** Graham Bates proposed, and Jamie Vaughan seconded David Iddon for the position of Vice President and serves for the next two years. All in favour.
12. **Declaration of ballot results for election of Committee Members.** There was no postal ballot as only 3 candidates forward G Bates, H Seed, K Goodman all to serve for 3 years
13. **Declaration of ballot results proposed amendments to the Constitution.**  
Proposal for the increase of Membership fees to the National Pigeon Association for Adult and Partnership Members by £5.00, therefore increase from the current fee of £30.00 to £35.00 per year. No Change to Junior Membership Fees.

519 Ballot papers were sent out 60 returned/members voted 11.6% return rate. No spoilt or late papers

51 (85%) votes for, 9 (15%) against, 0 no votes.

#### **14. Presentation of Awards by the President.**

These had been awarded throughout the show season. The awards are as follows;

Hall of Fame - David Bramley

Junior Fancier - Joseph Morrow

Master Breeder - R Gibbins for Muffed Tumblers

Lifetime Awards - Roy Whetherill, John Mitchell, Rodney Platt, Brian Joyce, Dave Marshall.

#### **15. Any Other Business** (only items specific to the AGM allowed)

Thanks were giving to the NPA for the sponsorship of Lancashire SPS due to cancellation (Avian Flu) and from Kevin Pratt for the sponsorship of NPA Certs for all championship shows.

**Meeting closed at 11.35am**