

## Minutes of the meeting of the National Committee of the National Pigeon Association held on Sunday 15th 2019, held at Premier Inn, Rugby.

Meeting commenced 10.00am

### Present:

1. Chairman's Welcome; given by Mark Rudd, Chairman. Mark thanked the committee for giving up their time for the fancy and reminded everyone to make decision based on what is good for the whole fancy.
2. Apologies for Absence; Colin Ronald
3. Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019: Proposed by KG and seconded by GG, All in favour.
4. Matters arising: The committee referred back to the actions from the last meeting, highlighted items are carried forward. (other items are on the agenda for this meeting)

Scrutineer for ballot	MR organised for Mr J Elsdon to be scrutineer
Respond to ND letter	Done. HS
BHW Advert	Done and in copy present at meeting. HS
Section Awards	Printed and ready to pass onto JV. HS

5. Committee decision made between meetings; Show Packs have been organised and posted/ready to post. Rosettes etc order for Ring Nominations.
6. Membership/Ring Secretary's Report; Membership is at 552 which is very promising, being up on previous year. Also 63 members had already re-joined for the coming year.
7. Treasurers Report; this was circulated by Graham prior to the meeting and all happy, KG stated GG is doing an excellent job keeping up with the account layout and presentations. GG to continue to report monthly to the committee.
8. Positive Management and Promotion.
  - a) Fancy Pigeon World;  
GB commented that the biggest problem for the magazine currently is content, it was agreed that this would be noted in the FPW and the committee would push for content in way of judges reports etc.
  - b) Junior Mascot Design; It was decided that the committee would now launch the new mascot with a naming competition, all happy. HS to do,
  - c) Pigeons of Today; Mark and Helen updated the committee on where we are with the book. The next step now most adverts monies have been paid is to collect advert

information and the articles from the breed clubs. We acknowledge that this will be slow work but letters have gone out to all the clubs and advertising members. Please can everyone where possible send information digitally. Deadline will be published in December's issue and an aim for end of 2020 for publication.

- d) Promotion and Advertising of Shows; Advert in BHW & Report from Countryside Live, GB advised the committee that the show was well worth attending, with good consistent footfall over the weekend.  
GG suggested using Modena and fantail images in adverts, HS said she can if good quality images can be supplied for use.  
EMBBA Bird Show – GG to see if someone can attend on the committee's behalf.  
KG – to see if article could go in Towcester Town Cryer regarding local club show.

## 9. NPA Management.

- a) Ballot & Awards;  
Junior Fancier – A letter was read out from John Glew nominating Ben Roberts, the committee where all in favour of this.  
Lifetime Award – It was decided to award Mr & Mrs Eaton with this award. JS to present either at home or Sufex.  
Hall of Fame – no nominations.  
Master Breeders – Nominations for Tony Savory & Ashcroft & Dea had been received by HS. RH questioned if one had been received for R Gibbins, HS confirmed it hadn't so RH would confirm with the club.  
GB to enquire about options for new order of Master Breeder patches as there are very few left.  
Committee – There were 4 applicants for the committee, Graham Bates, Nick Dawyd, Helen Seed & John Surridge. There will be a ballot and 3 places for 3 years, 1 for 2 years and a vacant space for 1 year.  
RH would be happy to remain as a working party member to keep up to date the trophies; if required.
- b) AGM; 11am Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec at Barnsley. Agenda to be circulated by HS to committee and print copies. Accounts, prior to AGM once received to be sent to all committee prior for approval. Also copies provided for those present at the AGM. GB to complete summary of FPW. All committee to sit together on the top table and RH to organise space ahead of the AGM
- c) Modena Club; There was a discussion around recent events within the club, but we have been reassured that the matter will be dealt with by the club members.
- d) NPA Money & Investments, Details of Investment Account; GG advised that the committee that the current bank balance is £37,500 and asked the committee if it would be ok to transfer £25,000 to the deposit account, All in favour.  
The new deposit account can only transfer money in and out from the current account and requires a 90 days' notice period.
- e) Quantity of Rings - Junior Members; A discussion was held around introducing the purple ring for 2021, this was agreed. GG to investigate and provided numbers of rings and costing involved with this for February.

- f) Recording of Ring Sales; It was agreed to record ring sales under 2 columns, SOLD and REPLACE/LOST. This is to enable a clearer understanding of accounts records going forward.
- g) New Salver; Alan Roscoe Memorial Salver which was £160.00 RH to speak with PL and decide on a location and class for this to be awarded at. RH to confirm.
- h) Re-structing of NPA fees; There was a discussion around restructuring of fees and amalgamating fees to enable recording, invoicing and payments to make this easier for the secretaries and clubs alike. This would hopefully lead to each club receiving one invoice and therefore one payment making for easier accounting. There would be no changes to fees but this would need a little work between HS & JV for 2021.
- i) Defra; With the impending Brexit, it was decided that the fancy should keep watching the website for more details.

10. Correspondence. None

11. Meeting dates; AGM 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.

12. Any Other Business. GB mentioned for Feb's agenda to look at ways to give back to the membership.

NPA public liability insurance to be renewed, HS to action, GG to pay

Meeting closed at 14.50