

Minutes of the meeting of the National Committee of the National Pigeon Association held on Sunday 17th February 2019, held at Holiday Inn, Barnsley.

Meeting commenced 12 noon

Present: Ken Goodman (Vice President), Mark Rudd (Chairman), Graham Bates, Richard Henderson, Paul Littlewood, Colin Ronald, Helen Seed, Jamie Vaughan.

1. **Chairman's Welcome;** given by Ken Goodman, Vice President.
2. **Apologies for Absence;** John Surridge & Graham Giddings
3. **Election of Chairman;** Ken conducted the election of the Chairman, there were two proposal; Mark Rudd, proposed by Ken Goodman, Seconded by Jamie Vaughan and Paul Littlewood, proposed by Richard Henderson, Seconded by Graham Bates. Ken carried and out a vote 5:3; Mark Rudd was elected at Chairman
MR welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for giving up their time on behalf of the fancy.
MR reminded the committee that they are here to serve the will/wishes of the membership and to make decisions in the best interest of the fancy.
4. **Minutes of the meeting of 23.09.18:** Proposed by KG and Seconded by RH All in favour.
5. **Matters arising:** The committee referred back to the actions from the last meeting, highlighted items are

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Accounts to be prepared	John H	Done
PO Box, Bank Account	John H & Graham G	Done
Champion Bird Certs	Jamie	Done
Liaise with each other re division of role & updates required.	Graham G, Jamie, Helen & Mark	Done/Ongoing
Rings to RH for holiday cover	Mark to deliver ring to RH from Graham G	Done
Business Plan for employment of secretary	Richard & Graham B	Carried Forward

(other items are on the agenda for this meeting)

N	Book AGM and notification	Helen	Done
P	Pigeons of Today	Colin, Mark & Helen	Done/Ongoing
A	Awards	Helen & Mark	Done
	Reply to R Rudd	Mark	Done
m	Working Plan for Loft awards	Paul	Committee to discuss
o	Salver	Paul	Carried Forward
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le phone could not be reactivated due to the way it had previous been set up.

6. **Committee decision made between meetings;** Committee were advised we are going through security check on Paypal account, as previously account.

7. **Secretaries Report & Update on how the division of the roles are working;**

Treasurers report; handover has been relatively smooth transition. Unfortunately, there appeared to have been issues between the accountant and John Harrison which results in the accounts for the AGM being very late. The questions posed in the AGM to be further explained by Richard H & Paul L at the next meeting.

Although the layout of the accounts is the standard, we need to maintain going forward

The division of the roles between Graham, Helen & Jamie is working well with regular communication. All invoices for affiliations etc have all been done, along with the adverts for FPW.

8. **Ring Secretaries Report;** Graham G had circulated prior to the meeting the membership and ring sales figures which we had all received.

Membership is at 381

Ring Sales – 14,810

FPW Subscriptions – 26

Transfers – 242

9. **Election of Officers;** to remain the same as 2018.

Obituaries – Jamie Vaughan

Welfare – Colin Ronald

Trophies – Richard Henderson

Publicity – Graham Bates

Standards – Mark Rudd & Helen Seed

European – Graham Giddings

Juniors – Helen Seed

10. **NPA Management;**

- a) **Future Planning for Secretaries** Richard H & Graham B hadn't had chance to produce the business plan for the feasibility of employing a full-time secretary, as discussed in Septembers meeting. This has been carried forward to Aprils meeting

- b) Honorarium(s)** There was a discussion around the positions and role division. It was proposed by Richard H that;
General Secretary - £800.00, Ring Secretary & Treasurer - £3600.00, Show Secretary - £400.00, Website £300.00, FPW Editor - £2000.00
Saving the NPA £2400.00 on previous position of one secretary.
This was agreed by all.
- c) Promotion & Positive Management**
Helen S discussed the option of having a 4 page pull on in Decembers issue dedicated to our Junior members, this is agreed
Helen also discussed the possibility of having a 'Junior Mascot'
The AGM brought up the question of having a presence at the European Shows, it was agree that this could be done in time for Austria.
Mark R, discussed the option for having a much lighter weight fold out presentation board, this was agreed was a good idea and Mark to send the price to the committee and order.
Helen, Mark & Jodie to attend Newark Bird Sale with presentation/promotional display.
Helen, Mark & Evan Murray to attend with a display at the National Coal Mining Centre in Leeds on Easter Sunday.
Colin R mention that John Ross has done work with the Charles Darwin exhibitions and Colin to find out more ways in which we could make the most of this.
- d) Club Returns** Jamie V advised the committee all is going well with only one to be return. All information is collated and shared on a spreadsheet between Graham, Helen & the Chairman
- e) Section Awards** Paul L had brought this idea further following previous discussions at the last few NPA meetings and thought this was something we could make work, although not a complete plan the committee discussed this idea further in order for it to be implemented this year. Paul thought that the certificate could be for 5 sections wins per pigeon which could then be awarded a section award. However, some on the committee thought that would be too difficult to achieve being the same pigeon and if too far out of reach making it an award that doesn't get awarded. Also, it was also felt that breeders should be aiming to breed better and better each year with their young bird.
It was decided that the NPA Section Award would be;
5 Section wins by the same exhibit with the same breed.
Sections as follows, 10 in total
- Head & Wattle
 - Form
 - Colour
 - Structure
 - RVPC
 - Blower
 - Tumblers
 - Trumpeters
 - Short Face
 - Flyer
- Winners to be recorded on the Club Returns
Section Award Certificate to be awarded on the day
Details to be sent in show pack
Winners of the Section Award will be automatically awarded, possible at AGM
Shows that the Section Awards will qualify at are; (10 in total)
- Newark
 - Airdrie & Coatbridge

- Egremont
- Lancashire
- Newcastle
- BPSS
- Sufex
- Swansea
- Reading
- Aberdeen

Helen to write to the Show Secretaries

Notice to go in FPW March

New Section Certificate to be design – Helen to come up with ideas

New Section Champion Cert to be design at a later date.

11. **Show Matters;** Gary Eaton had spoken to Graham to advise that the London & Essex and the breed clubs that he is secretary of would cease to be, Gary is putting this in writing. It was felt that the English Owl Club could consider combining with Owl, Frill & Turbit Club and the Runt & Stargard with the RVPC, Mark to make contact with Gary and the clubs.

£50.00 Young Bird Special to be continued and the shows to be confirmed at April's meeting.

Richard clarified the reasons behind the date change and Helen clarified that she has been able to sort the show date for Lancashire for Sunday 17th November. April's meeting for a full calendar of show date.

12. **Correspondence;** A letter from Nick Dawyd was read and out and discussed and raised many valid points that had been discussed by the committee. Some people thought that the content should be altered but it was agreed that if this letter had been sent to our Editor then it must be printed. The letter from Nick was discussed and will form the basic of other discussions in the future.

13. **Meeting Date;** Proposed dates for Helen to circulate, confirm and book are 7/04/19, 23/06/19, 15/09/19 AGM as agreed at this years AGM to be at BPSS on 01/12/19 at 10.30am

Richard to ensure that there's an area available and set up ready to host the AGM, Open forum to follow as normal.

14. **Any Other Business;** Colin, brought to the committee the of Supreme Champion where a bird wins 10 certs but this wasn't thought to be a good idea at this time with running the new section Award Also a member had asked Colin to discuss catering for Coloured Racers but this idea has been discussed before and although some can see the benefit of this, the majority agreed not to pursue this idea.

Meeting Closed at 14.35

ACTIONS

Business Plan for employment of secretary	Richard & Graham B Carried Forward
Salver	Paul Carried forward
Junior Mascot Design	Graham Bates
Fold Out Stand	Mark Rudd
Newark	Helen & Mark

Coal Mining – Leeds	Helen & Mark
Section Cert Design	Helen
Letter to Show Sectraries	Helen
Section Cert Details in FPW	Helen
Contact Gary Eaton	Mark