

Minutes of the National Pigeon Association of Great Britain 2023/24 Annual General Meeting held at Holiday Inn, Wakefield on Sunday 9th February 2025

Meeting commenced at 11am

Present; G Bates, K Goodman MBE, S Goodman, M Rudd, H Seed, K Brain, C Jeckell, D Iddon, John Wheatcroft, Beverley Elsdon and John Farrar. (11)

President Colin Jeckell welcomed everyone to the AGM.

1. Apologies for absence.
Apologies received from R Henderson, G Giddings, K Pratt, S Hustler, B Watts, M&J Graves, J&B Glew, N Dawyd, J Vaughan.
2. Obituaries.
The list of people who have passed away since our last in person AGM, followed by a minute's silence.
Bill O'Callaghan, Anne Ison, John Elsdon, David Savage.
3. Minutes of the 2023/24 AGM.
Proposed by Graham Bates and seconded by Keith Brain 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.
Colin gave his address to the floor, saying he had very much enjoyed his time as President and found it a privilege and an honour. Colin went on to talk about the challenges we face as a committee and that matters have been dealt with as fairly and diligently as possible. Things will continue to change with meeting online; Colin would also like to encourage everyone to write for Fancy Pigeon World and the committee are here to help with that. Finally, Colin went on to say he finds the role of Membership/Ring Secretary most enjoyable.
7. Chairman's report.
Mark gave his address and thanked the committee for their support in the role which he tries to do to the best of his ability. As has been mentioned in FPW the committee has difference of opinions on things as in life, this year there has been negatives and positives. The negative being Avian Influenza & missing pigeons at shows to the positives with the association finances being in a very healthy position therefore being able to give back to the members and the championship shows, entries general on the increase and fanciers coming forward to take on the challenges of running a show and judge.
8. Membership/Ring Secretary Report.
Colin gave an overview of the job role that he was now very much enjoying. Postage costs have been added to all orders to help curb the costs which are increasing.
Transfers 462 completed in the year, peak month April with 71
Memberships (inc Life/Adult/Junior/FPW) - 448 just 3 less than 2022/23
New Members - 82 that's 4 more than 2022/23
Returning Members - 27 that's 13 more than 2022/23
Junior memberships static and same as last year at 15 but if we do have a worry they are reducing generally.
Patrons' static at 8
FPW only 34 that's 2 more than 2022/23
Rings Sold 2024 19,500 total compared to 20,570 in 2022/23
Rings Ordered for 2025 19,850

9. Secretary/Treasurer's report.
The Accounts for 2023/24 were present for all at the meeting, The Income & Expenditure Account showed a surplus of £58.00, and the Balance Sheet showed Net Assets at £59,753. It was proposed by Graham Bates and Seconded by Ken Goodman that these are a correct record, All In favour.
N.B Accounts are prepared by an accountancy firm and not audited.
10. Report on "Fancy Pigeon World".
Graham Bates gave an overview of the last year of FPW, taking into account the savings made by the association as a means of communication FPW is still very much viable, although should a small loss of £312.16. Ken Goodman gave vote of thanks and to pass on his thanks to Denise our editor. No questions from the floor.
11. Election of President.
Colin Jeckell proposed and Sheila Goodman seconded that David Iddon becomes President and serves for the next two years. All in favour.
12. Election of Vice President.
Graham Bates proposed and Colin Jeckell seconded that Evan Murray becomes Vice President and serves for the next two years. All in favour.
13. Declaration of ballot results for election of Committee Members.
Ballot papers were sent out to 503 members 69 were returned, 13.7%. Elected to the committee were Colin Jeckell, Colin Ronald & Jamie Vaughan all to serve for 3 years and Nick Dawyd & Keith Brain to serve for 2 years. Thanks, given to Beverley Elsdon for acting as scrutineer. (Two spoilt papers and one paper received which aren't included in the ballot.)
14. Declaration of ballot results proposed amendments to the Constitution. No Ballot
15. Presentation of Awards by the President.
These had been awarded throughout the show season. The awards are as follows.
Junior Fancier - Poppy Savage
Master Breeder - K&G Robson - Chinese Owls & Thomas McGowan - Show Rollers
Hall of Fame - Nigel Wycherley & Sean Morrow
Lifetime Awards - The Hulse Family & Geoff Dawson
Life Members - Brian Joyce, Francis Bradbourn, John Graves and Beverley Elsdon.
16. Any Other Business.
Helen Seed gave an overview of Facebook and how more use of social media is an instant way to have a reach to a greater audience. Website, which has had a refresh recently is a very useful tool for membership and fees to be paid.

Meeting closed at 11.56am