

Minutes of the National Pigeon Association of Great Britain 2023/24 Annual General Meeting held at Brownsover Hotel, Rugby on Sunday 18th February 2024 at 11am
Meeting commenced at 11am

Present; G Bates, K Goodman MBE, S Goodman, M Rudd, H Seed, K Brain, N Dawyd, J Vaughan, C Jeckell, J Glew, B Glew, D Iddon and K Pratt.

President Colin Jeckell welcomed everyone to the AGM.

1. **Apologies for absence.** M&J Graves, M Goodenough, Mr & Mrs Elsdon, C Ronald, G Graham and G Giddings.
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.
Henny Hijland, Keith Kinnersley, Ann Ison, Bill O'Callaghan, Eric Hampson, Jan Marcellis, Albert Reynolds and Jimmy Hutchinson
3. **Minutes of the 2022/23 AGM.** Proposed by Ken Goodman and seconded by Nick Dawyd as a true record, all in favour.
4. **Matters arising from those Minutes** – None. CJ not present at previous meeting 22/23
5. **Any correspondence relative to the AGM** – No Correspondence had been received.

6. **President's report.**

Colin addressed those present by thanking everyone for giving up their time to attend. Colin went on to say he had spent three years as Vice President and now a year as President due to CV19. Being President is a privilege and the ultimate accolade being recommended by peers. Although Pigeons of Today is long overdue the committee is still working towards this being completed as soon as possible and without compromising the quality. Colin went on to talk about ensuring we all contribute to the success of FPW and that this year's show season luckily has been unaffected by Avian Influenza. Colin then talked about having been in the role of Ring Secretary for the past six months and is finding the role enjoyable and rewarding and he passes on his thanks to Graham Giddings in assisting in the handover. To date there are 340 members, little down on 2023, 60 returning and 14,000 rings sold. Paypal is the easier form of processing a membership and ring order and up to date daily so works very well.

7. **Chairman's report.**

Mark addressed those present saying that the association had had a good year with all shows going ahead and hopefully this will continue for the forthcoming season. The association still finds itself in a good position financially and are still able to give back to the membership and clubs alike. Membership numbers always remain the focus of the committee, and everyone needs to do their utmost to retain and gain members. A big positive this year was the return of the Blackpool Fancy Pigeon Show and thanks must go to Show of the Year Committee for allowing this to happen as the show really is a good shop window into the hobby. Special thanks to Mr & Mrs Elsdon for being our scrutineers for the ballot once again and best wishes for John's recovery and to you all for the forthcoming show season.

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

Membership this year is down from 478 to 453 and ring sales are 20,520 from 21,320 which although down from the previous years it isn't by much.

Graham went on to say that the rings are now coming in split deliveries which should help avoid delays and customs and that Colin who has now taken over from Graham will continue to do this.

The Accounts for 2023 were present for all at the meeting, it was proposed by David Iddon and Seconded by Kevin Pratt that these are a correct record, All In favour and thanks sent to Graham Giddings.

Helen read out Graham Giddings report in his absence, in which he highlighted that accounts are circulated to the committee for commented and that they are mindful of expenditure and income. Graham stated that the monies earned in interest from the deposit account still covers the sponsorship of the NPA National Show.

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. The figures still show that the magazine is a viable asset to the association despite show a loss of £477 but this doesn't consider the cost savings on communication with the membership that would have to take place if the magazine wasn't in place.

Currently the costs are £16.32 for the 4 issues, the biggest changes in costs being postage.

Kevin Pratt gave vote of thanks to all involved and to pass on his thanks to Denise our editor. No questions from the floor.

10. **Declaration of ballot results for election of Committee Members.**

The was no ballot this year for committee members, only Mark Rudd had applied so duly elected and there would be 2 vacant spaces.

11. **Declaration of ballot results proposed amendments to the Constitution.**

Existing rule states: (f) Application for Certificate. (i) Certificates will be awarded from 1st October to the 31st January in the following year.

Change to: f) Application for Certificate. (i) Certificates will be awarded from 1st October to the 14th February in the following year.

Reason for alterations: To extend the show calendar, to ensure that more dates are available for show secretaries.

The change was passed by the ballot; 478 papers were sent out and 28 were returned. This represents 5.9% compared to 11.6% in 2022 For 27; Against 1 No spoil papers and none received after the closing date.

12. **Presentation of Awards by the President.**

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

Junior Fancier – G Wilson

Master Breeder – A J Graves, Lahore; Francis Bradbourn, Ice.

Lifetime Awards – J Glew, W & F Telford and Lynn Scobbie

John Glew thanked the NPA for his award

13. **Any Other Business**

Meeting closed at 11.52am