

**Minutes of the meeting of the National Pigeon Association on 10th September 2023
Held at Holiday Inn, Hinckley Road, Walsgrave, Coventry CV2 2HP**

Meeting Commenced at 10am

Present; Nick Dawyd, Ken Goodman, Graham Bates, Graham Giddings, Mark Rudd (Chairman), Helen Seed (Secretary)

Working Party; Jamie Vaughan

1. **Chairman's Welcome.**

Mark welcomed all to the meeting and thanked those present for giving up their time to attend these meetings. Mark reminded all that we are here to serve the membership as a whole and for good of the fancy.

2. **Apologies from Absence.** Colin Jeckell, Colin Ronald, Keith Brian, David Iddon.

3. **Minutes of meeting held 25th June 2023.**

The were proposed by Graham B and seconded by Ken as a true reflection. All in favour.

4. **Matters Arising.**

In Addition to the minutes regarding investment of monies Graham G thinks there's £1400.00 internet per year on the deposit account. Still need to investigate the possibility of investing monies elsewhere.

Recap given to those not present at the last meeting regarding decisions made, no further questions or queries were raised.

Keith B piece to be posted out in September issue as agreed.

5. **Decisions made by the committee in between meetings.**

It was agreed to change the advert where possible in BHW and to reduce the number of times this goes in print to one per month. Helen to action issue details. Committee to advise on 'new look' to advert they require.

6. **Membership Report.**

Membership for 2022/23 was 453 and Ring Sales at 20,570

Membership has decreased by approx. 10% over the past 5 years.

7. **Treasurers Report.**

Graham G ran through the treasurers report he had previously circulated via email, which has shown a loss for the year of approximately £3800. The committee ran through costings and although it was raised there was not too many areas where saving could be made. Graham G raised the costs of mobile phones for both new secretaries, however two mobile phones are less expensive than the current landline and one mobile phone, saving approx. £200.

It was also discussed that there may be a need to increase the costs of rings for 2025 onwards, this will be discussed further in 2024 before a ballot is held.

It was also decided that where possible the fees for the affiliation and FPW registers be combined into one fee of £20.00 both saving secretaries time and ensure all club information is available to the membership.

Colin J to also use the Franking Machine to post most rings out which will help reduce spend and make better use of the cost of the machine.

8. **Handover for Graham Giddings.**

Graham handed over a pen drive for both Colin J and Helen with documents on from previous years accounts and membership. Plus, details of account logs ins

During the meeting mobile numbers for the log ins to the NatWest account and PayPal were changed so that Helen would be able to access.

No address or contact details had been changed by Graham prior to the meeting so these would need to be actioned by Helen.

Graham handed over the paperwork and membership forms for 2023/24 and corresponding cheques.

It was agreed that the NatWest bank to be correctly mandated and access granted to two other members of the committee to ensure there would be no issues accessing accounts, David Iddon and Jamie Vaughan to be added to the mandate once Helen can swap the information over into her details.

Graham G still needs to provide a finalised set of account for 2022/23.

Also, no paperwork was brought to the meeting for previous years records. Graham to bring these to the AGM, Bank Statements, Accounts, Invoices, Expense records. All banking files relating to End of Year Accounts and all copies of signed accounts.

9. **Positive Management and Promotion**

a) Fancy Pigeon World.

Sept issue will be posted out this week and will include the schedule for BPSS Show. This has come at no extra cost as the BPSS gained sponsorship for this.

Helen stated that this was not necessary and should have been agreed by the committee either way, to form part of the sponsorship to the BPSS or not.

b) Pigeons of Today.

New articles are now all on teams for all to view.

Nick D asked if it was a good idea to include an article on judging standard and procedures, this was thought to be a good idea.

Work to commence as soon as possible on condensing the longer breed standards.

Graham B to seek the information requested regarding printing costs.

Spreadsheet to be updated and more work completed.

c) BPSS National Show

- RH Email/Jacobin Secretary

There had been conversations via email regarding the inclusion of the Scottish Jacobin Club in the BPSS Schedule and the inclusion of a club show. The committee agreed that they Scottish Jacobin Club was not recognised by the NPA and therefore there should be no club show for that club included in the schedule. It was also a discussion regarding the judge change away from the judge given by the British Jacobin Club and Richard H email regarding this and his comments made regarding some of the committee "they are not working for the best of the Fancy." This comment was strongly rejected by some of those present.

Some on the committee also felt that the raffle prize should not have been printed with Scottish Jacobin Club next to it, a personal name yes but not a non-affiliated club, this was to be noted as the schedule had been put through to print. There were comments from the committee that this shouldn't be allowed to happen as this is the NPA National and this should be the best version we can make it and would now leave some of the committee unable to commit their full support to the show. the Chairman stated in no uncertain terms if there was any reference to the SJC in the National Schedule he would have nothing to do with the show, he also stated that this inclusion could lead to undermining our

existing/affiliated breed club and any trouble caused will need to be sorted out by the Committee in favour on the inclusion

It was discussed that there had been an article printed in Junes FPW stating the sponsorship had been agreed by the committee but at the time of print this hadn't been passed by the committee. A vote for the £1200 was passed by the committee.

There have been no costs to the association with regards to the schedule being published in FPW.

The committee also discussed the possibility of having all 10 championship show schedules printed in a special edition of the magazine and the costs associated with this and the saving to clubs.

It was also discussed that it may be worth exploring the options of moving the national show around the country which could in turn lead to greater support for this event.

d) Promotion and Advertising of Shows

The committee agreed to continuing with the BHW membership advert but one per month. Reducing costs. Also, to continue with the Championship Show advert early September.

e) Extensions of Show Season

The paperwork had been submitted for ballot to extend the show season to 14th February.

f) Ring Nom 2024

The committee have agreed to look at ways to make this more appealing to the membership and gain more participation, this will be discussed more for 2025.

10. NPA Management.

a) Impartiality

There was a frank discussion with all the committee members regarding being impartial, the Chairman asked as impartially had been called into question prior to the meeting did anyone want to elaborate or had anyone anything further to ask or add on this, there were no further comments.

b) Ballot & Awards.

The committee discussed and agreed to award the following for the 2023 Season
Master Breeders - John Graves - Lahore and Francis Bradbourn - Ice
Junior Fancier - Grace Wilson
Lifetime - John Glew, W & F Telford and Lynn Scobbie.

c) AGM, division of work, venue and date.

Graham G to provide all accounts paperwork in good time for the committee to review ahead of the meeting.

Venue to be Coventry HI, 18th February, 11am start.

d) Saxon, Swallow & Thuringer Club

The lapsed affiliation had been paid by Graham Bates although this doesn't resolve the lack of response to correspondence. Another letter to be sent with Club Returns information and affiliation for 2024.

11. Correspondence.

None.

12. Meeting Date

February's meeting to be held after AGM

13. Any Other Business.

None.

Meeting closed. 16.24