

The National Pigeon Association of Great Britain Meeting of the National Committee

15th September 2024 held at Premier Meetings Coventry East (M6,J2), Gielgud Way Coventry
West Midlands CV2 2SZ

Present; David Iddon, Mark Rudd, Helen Seed, Graham Bates, Ken Goodman and Colin Jeckell.

Meeting Commenced 10.15am

- 1) **Chairman's Welcome.** Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
- 2) **Apologies from Absence.** Graham Giddings, Keith Brain, Jamie Vaughan, Nick Dawyd and Colin Ronald.
- 3) **Minutes of meeting held June 2024** (KG to add as present) Proposed by GB and Seconded by KG as a true record, all in favour.
- 4) **Committee decisions made between meetings.** The committee have agreed not to continue with the Squills advert, and an order has been placed for 'white slips'
- 5) **Membership/Ring Secretary's Report.** CJ reported that the membership numbers for 2023/24 remained consistent from the previous years. The system appears to be working well and without problems.

CJ raised the question about potential showing with 'marker rings' on pigeons as some fanciers are using these when their pigeons fly out, it was agreed that this wouldn't be acceptable with the shows.

- 6) **Treasurers Report.** The committee had seen the full end of year report for 2023/24 and although this showed a loss it was a good improvement on the previous year and saving had been made.

7) **NPA Management.**

- a. **NPA Accounts** - Committee to review Income & Expenditure.
The committee discussed how to increase the number of breeders cards and Patrons and to push for these with an insert in December's issue.
Affiliations and Club registers will be sent out separately.
DI proposed and KG seconded that the committee look at ways to increase honorariums by 5%.
HS to renew Public Liability and Certificate to be circulated.

b. **Awards, Ballot & AGM.**

Lifetime Awards

The Hulse Family
Geoff Dawson

Life Members, the committee agreed to add the following members

Francis Bradbourn
Brian Joyce
John Graves

Junior Fancier 2024

Poppy Savage

Master Breeder

K&G Robson - Chinese Owls
Thomas McGowan - Show Rollers

Hall Of Fame

Nigel Wycherley
Sean Morrow

AGM

The same venue in Wakefield wasn't available for the date first discussed but it was agreed to keep the same venue and change the date to the 9th February.

Committee Ballot

HS had received 7 nominees from the committee and there are 5 places available, 3 for 3 years 2 for 2 years
All nominees to provide a resume for Dec FPW by 1st November

Members forward for election are

Keith Brain, Graham Giddings, Colin Ronald, Jamie Vaughan, Finlay James, Nick Dawyd and Colin Jeckell.

GG had suggested that stamped envelopes to be included for the return of the ballot papers, this wasn't passed by the committee due to costings, time and it wasn't felt this would increase the returns to warrant it.

There was a discussion concerning GG applications and previous comments regarding stepping down from the committee and whether this would reopen the discrepancy in the Honorarium taken, it was agreed that the committee hadn't corresponded on this with enough clarity for this to be the case and the application should be allowed.

- c. **Updated Ring Size List.** CJ to provide copy for website, post hard copy to new members only
- d. **John Elsdon,**
- Donation - paperwork complete for solicitors
 - Life Member - KG to present Beverley with this and the next available opportunity
 - Tribute - possible options JE rosette to agricultural shows and Junior keepsake trophy to be named in memory of John
- e. **Welfare.**
MR reminded the committee that we need to be careful when articles are submitted to FPW do not call into question any welfare issues.
- f. **Committee Emails.**
General reminder again regarding manner of emails
- g. **Membership Form** - How to inc £1.50 P&P
It was agreed to add the £1.50 to all membership forms and would be included on all Paypal transactions
GB to alter the membership form as HS was on holiday after the meeting
- h. **Show Reps**

CJ asked that all information on show rep returns needs to be shared with CJ to compile results.

Blackpool - K Brain; Reading J Vaughan; Newark M Rudd; Egremont G Bates; Airdrie M Rudd; NCS C Jeckell; Lancashire D Iddon; BPSS G Giddings; West of Scotland H Seed; Aberdeen S Sharp; Swansea G Giddings; Sufex K Goodman

8) Positive Management and Promotion.

- . Fancy Pigeon World.
 - . Decembers Card form to go in December's issue, ballot loose leaf
- . Lapsed Members Report.
 - . CJ to send email to all lapsed members and report back 90 (approx.) Members to email
- . Give back to members - Sponsorship/Vouchers
 - . Vouchers to continue as previous agreed
- . Pigeons of Today.
 - . Recap on task list was had by the committee and a big push was needed now to finalise the remaining content. CJ to type up the handwritten content.
 - . G Boyd to perhaps assist with photos

9) Correspondence.

Wealds Insurance quote

10) Any Other Business.

KG had good press regarding Towcester show

GB - look into possibilities of holding a meeting via Zoom or the option for people to log in the meeting - investigate costs

Judges List has been added to internally over the season and will be updated accordingly after the club returns have been completed.

It was raised the possibility that CPH number registration may trigger questions from HMRC regarding sale and profit from pigeons.

CJ Membership Cards have been handed over from HS today

The committee on the whole were pleased to see the first version of a combined show schedule.