

## **The National Pigeon Association of Great Britain Meeting of the National Committee, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 held at Premier Inn, Coventry.**

Meeting commenced at 10am

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

- 1) Chairman's Welcome. Mark welcome those present to the meeting and thanked them for giving up their time for the fancy. There is a Quorum to hold a meeting to vote items through as required.
- 2) Apologies from Absence. Jamie Vaughan, Keith Brain, Nick Dawyd, Colin Ronald.
- 3) Minutes of meeting held April 25 & Matters Arising

ND has spoken to Sean Morrow with regards to the tumbler article for PoT  
Article for Welfare of Pigeons is in progress  
Ballot and Ring Nom Rules; ballot paperwork to be completed at February's meeting  
Junes Team meeting didn't happen as there was poor commitment from the committee to hold this meeting, Chairman and President decided to cancel  
In person meeting dates to be set for 2026

Proposed by KG and Seconded by GB that minutes are a true record, All in favour.

- 4) Committee decisions made between meetings.  
Further correspondence was received from the SJC, which has been replied to stating our position was still this same, one breed club. It was proposed by CJ, that he wanted to conduct an investigate into the matter, this was seconded by DI, the majority of the committee wasn't in favour, not passed.
- 5) Membership/Ring Secretary's Report.  
Colin had his sent is report in the week prior to the meeting to the committee  
Membership is 443 which is 5 down on previous year, with 17300 rings sold and 564 rings transferred.

2026 rings have been ordered 18800 and 250 Junior rings.

- 6) Treasurers Report.  
Notes as 31st August as circulated via email  
Outstanding Fees unpaid from Clubs - £295.00, Cheque Banked but not cleared - £30.00, Payments issued but not cleared - £231.45

Accounts balances; PayPal - £0.00 Reserve Account - £49845.30 Current - £4558.74

Income for 2024/25 - £28777.63  
Expenditure for 2024/25 - £25479.38  
Surplus/Profit for 2024/25 - £3298.25

## 7) NPA Management.

- a. NPA Accounts - Committee to review Income & Expenditure - End of Year  
These had been discussed in previous item and both the Membership/Ring Sec and Treasurer Reports and very good and positive.
- b. Awards, Hall of Fame, Master Breeder, Junior, Lifetime  
Hall of Fame - Gladys Graham  
Junior Fancier - Harry Henderson  
Lifetime - Brian Coulson and Bryan Watts  
Life Member - Nomination Received but vote against proposal.  
No Master Breeder nominations  
Brian Joyce hasn't received his award from last year yet, but GB and CJ will ensure this will be done.
- c. Ballot - Committee  
There will be no ballot for the committee this year, only three nominees  
Graham Bates, Ken Goodman and Helen Seed
- d. Ballot - C&R  
There had been one proposal for ballot which is a Welfare Policy to be added to the C&R  
This will go to ballot, paperwork in Decembers FPW
- e. Policy/Working Practice Handbook/Appendix to C&R Book  
HS asked would it be a good idea to put all working practices of the committee in a handbook instead of everything in the C&R but it was felt that everything could be in the C&R or shared as knowledge amongst the committee.
- f. Judges List  
List has been updated with the changes to committee made and will be further updated once the Club Returns are received early 2026  
There had been some members expressing interest in going on the judges list which they felt comfortable judging which the committee felt was positive and that judges could be added by the committee if this was of benefit to the championship shows and members should be encouraged to go to the breed clubs to be added. CJ disagreed with the suitability of the member in question being added to the judges list.
- g. Scottish Jacobin  
This matter has been discussed at length, at times been heated and made personal by some. Some comments had to be retracted for the purposes of the minutes. However, the majority decision remains that the fanciers of the BJS and SJC need to come together. As not all committee are present today, this matter will be deferred till February 2026 meeting  
CJ stated he will put another proposal to the committee on email.
- h. Trophies  
It was agreed by the committee that West of Scotland and Blackpool to receive Salvors in line with the other Championship Shows. Aberdeen's

Salver could now be passed on to West of Scotland with a new one purchased for Blackpool, called 'Show of Year' Salver MR to purchase.

i. Correspondence from GG

The committee had received emails from GG which had an unsavoury tone to them, and this was promptly addressed by members of the committee. GG also asked the committee to consider the AGM to be held within a show, the committee still feel February is the correct timing of an AGM as it allows dedicated time for discussion.

8) Positive Management and Promotion.

. Pigeons of Today.

Everyone agrees that this is a much harder and time-consuming project and this needs to be published in 2026 with no further delays. We must go ahead with what we have. CJ to send to HS all the documents he has, typed for others

CJ wanted in minuted that he proposed that PoT is dropped, no seconders

. Publicity Funds - JE

It was discussed that perhaps some of the monies left to the association by the late John Elsdon could be used at Affiliated Agricultural Show in the form of rosettes/prize maybe 6 in 2026, GB to speak to Beverley.

. Show Reps 2025/26

Newark KG, Sufex CJ, Airdrie MR, Lancs GB, W/Scotland MR, NCS MR, BPSS KB, Reading JV, Blackpool KB, Swansea KP, Egremont JV.

9) Correspondence.

Aberdeen FPS has ceased to be

Evan Murray resigned as Vice President, the committee wish him well, with his house move and his singing.

David Iddon had resigned from his role as President due to matters concerning the SJC discussions and difference of opinion on how to deal with this matter.

10) Any Other Business.

CJ advised the committee that he placed a notice in FPW for summer shows that might not be affiliated to the NPA. Rob Kellaway had written a good article of FPW.

CJ to circulate an article written by Russell Higham for Countrylife.

CJ asked for it to be minuted that he is very disappointed with the committee members commitment and attendance at meetings, with some only attending one meeting a year.