**MINUTES**

 **NATIONAL PIGEON ASSOCIATION 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT BROWNSOVER HALL HOTEL, RUGBY ON 10th FEBRUARY 2013**

The President opened the meeting at 11.00 am.

**PRESENT**
There were 24 members present plus the President, Chairman & Secretary.
 **ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES**
Apologies were received from John Harrison, John Surridge, Sally Hustler, Mr & Mrs Graves, Ray Hetherington, Gladys Graham, Dave Richardson, John Gregg, Robin Pratt, Colin Jeckell, Brian Joyce, Paul Littlewood and Mike Knaggs.

**ITEM 2 - OBITUARIES**
Mark Rudd read out a tribute to those members who had passed away in the previous year followed by a minute's silence as a mark of respect.
 **ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM**
The minutes were proposed as a true record by Graham Bates & seconded by Richard Henderson; carried unanimously.

**ITEM 4 - MATTERS ARISING**
There were no matters arising.
 **ITEM 5 - CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO THE AGM**
There was no correspondence received.

**ITEM 6 - PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

This had been published in the NPA News Bulletin. The President thanked everyone for attending the meeting and everyone that had helped him through his first year in office and making it enjoyable.

**ITEM 7 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
This had been published in the NPA News Bulletin. Apart from that, there was not a lot else to report as had not been a great show season with entries down generally, better support was needed from exhibitors to keep shows going especially the smaller ones otherwise they will not survive. Vast improvements had been carried out at Pickering that made the show a great success, as well as the show at Blackpool. The Committee are constantly trying to bring the fancy forward but to do so we need the support and input from you the fanciers.

 **ITEM 8 - SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Secretary reported that there had been quite a few applicants for his job and that the Committee were going to discuss this matter immediately after this AGM. He went on to say that he would stay in the job for as long as it takes to find a suitable replacement. The main reason for his retiring as Secretary was that in the future he would be away for most of January and this was a very busy time of the year as Secretary. The 3 tier membership which was advertised in the Bulletin has sadly had to be withdrawn and will be balloted for next year.

Membership for 2012 was 742 out of which there were 174 entirely new members to the fancy and 63 junior members (some in as partnership with an adult). 33,080 rings were sold and 1140 pigeons had been transferred.

Accounts for 2011 and 2012 had been distributed and read and it was proposed by Jim Mullan and seconded by Mark Rudd that they be accepted; carried.

Graham Bates commented that the Committee needed to increase revenue for the NPA and this would be looked at. Richard Greenwood commented that it was a credit to the Committee that they had forfeited their travelling expenses for this year.

**ITEM 9 - PRESENTATION of AWARDS by the PRESIDENT**
There was no applications for Hall of Fame or Junior Fancier of the Year award which is a great shame. Master Breeder awards have been approved for Tom Elton (Modenas) and Ian Jackson (Fantails); both are absent so will be presented at a show at a later date.

**ITEM 10 - DECLARATION OF BALLOT RESULTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The RPRA were asked if they would like to be the scrutineer for the NPA ballots. As they never came back to us, John Elsdon was asked who has done an excellent job in the past.

There were 4 vacancies on the Committee (1 for one year only) the results were:

Jim Mullan 97 votes, Evan Murray 171 votes, Colin Ronald 119 votes and John Thomson 101 votes.

**ITEM 11-** **DECLARATION OF BALLOT RESULTS OF RULES**

New rule 1 “all pigeons exhibited at Championship Shows held under NPA rules must be vaccinated against PMV1”

For 72 Votes, Against 146 Votes.

New Rule 2 “Any breed of pigeon without an approved Club Standard shall not be eligible to compete for a BIS award at any approved NPA Championship Show”.

For 145 votes, Against 72 votes.

The Chairman stated that although Rule 2 had been passed it should never had got to Ballot as was flawed and did not allow for a lot of the flying breeds. A long general discussion ensued with the outcome being a vote taken whether it was deferred for a year. This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Graham Bates; carried.

**ITEM 12- YOUNG FANCIERS**

Helen Seed distributed some sheets showing how the new website for young fanciers was going and gave a short talk about what she proposed doing for the juniors in the future. She was congratulated on what she was trying to do in encouraging juniors to take up our hobby.

**ITEM 13 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS (only items specific to the AGM allowed)**

Richard Greenwood raised the topic of having a stand alone National show; this matter was on the agenda for the Committee meeting following the AGM. Kevin Pratt thanked the Secretary for all the work he had done into bringing the fancy forward.

Graham Giddings

Secretary of the NPA