

The National Pigeon Association of Great Britain Meeting of the National Committee, 27th April 2025 held at Holiday Inn, Coventry.

Meeting commenced at 10am

Present; Mark Rudd, Helen Seed, David Iddon, Colin Ronald, Ken Goodman, Graham Bates, Colin Jeckell, Keith Brain, Nick Dawyd.

1) **Chairman's Welcome.** Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for giving up their time of behalf of the association.

2) **Apologies from Absence.** Jamie Vaughan and Evan Murray

3) **Minutes of meeting held Feb 25 & Matters Arising**

CR (Welfare/EE) and RH (Trophy) both agreed to roles

Date in heading to be changed.

KB Seconded proposal for MR to be Chairman.

4) **Committee decisions made between meetings.**

It was agreed the Blackpool and West of Scotland should receive a Salver in line with the other multibreed championship shows MR to obtain costs.

Judges List there was a list given to HS at the meeting of deceased and deletions from the committee.

5) **Membership/Ring Secretary's Report.**

CJ recapped the number of members and figures are only a little down compared to 2024, 464 compared to 455.

2025 so far see 7 patrons, 76 new, 21 returning, with 15400 rings sold.

ND asked if it is possible to obtain a list of breeds the members keep. This was discussed and it was felt information could from breed club secretaires, form at shows, show rep report or a form added to Facebook.

6) **Treasurers Report.**

The accounts report was look over and to date the accounts are still looking in a positive position for 2024/5, there is income still to come in from outstanding fees and expensive from the magazines still to be published and remaining honorarium fees to be paid

7) **NPA Management.**

a. NPA Accounts - Committee to review Income & Expenditure. The committee feel that this is regularly looked at and is looking in a strong position.

b. Honorariums DI recapped his proposal from Sept meeting that there should be an increase in honorariums. MR stated we should be thankful for the good position that the NPA accounts are in and it's a much better place than a few years back. KG stated that honorarium increases should be looked at each year, annually reviewed.

It was proposed that there should be a 10% increase in honorariums, reviewed annually at April's meeting, to come in from 2025/26 year, seconded by CR. All in favour. (note - no votes from anyone who rec's an honorarium)

- c. Welfare Policy. Everyone agreed that the welfare/safeguarding policy needs to be adapted by the NPA, for inclusions within the C&R. Policy to be worded according and KG to be the point of contact for any issues relating to this for the committee.
- d. EE. DI asked what we get for our fees and are we to remain a member? It was agreed that we should remain a member and continue to pay the fees. The committee also discussed the movement of pigeons and with time hopefully rules will be introduced that allow the movement of pigeons to and from the EE, with greater ease than at present.
- e. NPA Show Calendar HS read through the list of dates for the shows and dates received - all OK to publish. Some dates not confirmed yet.
- f. Animal Welfare/Cruel Breeding. There was a lengthy discussion around best practices for all breeds of pigeons. ND explained that there had been changes to the written word for the Brunner regarding the legs.
GB stated that the NPA need to be proactive and ensure that any wording within the standards reflects this.
No extremes and encourage vigour in all breeds.
ND to write an article for FPW, committee to approve.
- g. Website/Social Media There was a discussion if everything was on the website that was needed and the appearance of the website on some devices. Although some documents on the website are slow to load, it was felt that these contain all that is needed, and items can be added as required.
CJ to provide ring list to be updated to website and Champ Show dates to go online
- h. NPA Supreme Champion - NPA Certs
There was a discussion regarding added another tier to the NPA Certs but for now to leave as is.
- i. Ring nomination competition 2026 - CJ to circulate, approve and ballot as required.
- j. Ballot - Following on from February's meeting it was thought that there should be something in the rule book to reflect the number of votes relating to the number of people standing. Committee to agree and ballot as required.
- k. NPA Multibreed Show Schedule. The committee discussed the costs, and this idea has saving for all clubs should they choose to participate. Hopefully this could be done for 2026.
Schedules ready mid/end July with a postal date mid-August.

8) **Positive Management and Promotion.**

- a. Fancy Pigeon World. Breeders Cards. The committee discussed in combining fees for the affiliation and club registers £20.00 to be discussed further as the majority pay both and this would save chasing of monies
Breeders card are included up to end of the first issue of the year, if not paid before June's issue these are removed.
- b. Pigeons of Today.
There are still a number of pieces on the breeds outstanding, and decision needs to be made about how these are going to be included when information is lacking
ESFT - CR, Mooker (BT) MR, Muffed Tumbler (SM) ND, Chinese Owl (MI) CJ Indian Fantail MR, Jacobin MR, BCS KB/CR, WEFT & EX Tippler, Rollers CJ/KB. Possible cut Swallows and Trumpeters.

c. Publicity Funds

Jim Mullen will be doing the display of pigeons - Offer to pay travel expenses.

JE - the committee still need to agree how to use the donation left by John Elsdon

9) **Correspondence.**

Sally Hustler - Cambridge FPS - accept affiliation, and ask to provide contact details for Officers as part of the Club Returns information

Duke of Norfolk's Donation - Suggestion to be a Patron and contact to be made for agreeance.

10) **Any Other Business.**

Junes Meeting - Plan is to host this meeting via Teams, committee to download and access. Date to be set.

HS advised all of her current personal situation and that the committee could be reassured that everything would be done as needed for the association, the committee offered support and would take care of any tasks that don't need to be done by HS