

**The National Pigeon Association of Great Britain Meeting of the National Committee,
28th April 2024 held at Premier Meetings Coventry East (M6,J2), Gielgud Way Coventry
West Midlands CV2 2SZ**

Present; Colin Jeckell, David Iddon, Mark Rudd, Helen Seed, Jamie Vaughan, Nick Dawyd, Graham Bates, Graham Giddings and Keith Brain.

1) **Chairman's Welcome.** Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) **Apologies from Absence.** Ken Goodman.

3) **Minutes of meeting held February 2024.**

There was a full recap over the letter received relating to the Jacobin Club for those not present at the last meeting and all agreed that the course of action taken was correct.

Proposed CJ Seconded JV All in favour as a true record.

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

It was agreed via email that we would accept the increase in costs from the editor of £50.00 per issue, taking the fee to £550.00

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

Colin recapped the membership number provided and to date the figure was 422 members which is like this time 2023

It was agreed that the monthly report on membership numbers to be presented as they have been previously with past years figures included so that a comparison can be made easily.

6) **Treasurers Report.**

The reported circulated for end month was looking through at all the committee are happy with the current position of the accounts.

DI asked for asked for a summary to be included on HS thoughts as to the position of the accounts going forward.

7) **NPA Management.**

a. Decorum.

Again, there was a very frank exchange of words regarding the recent emails being sent and the way they are written towards other members of the committee, all agreed there is to be no further occurrence of this.

b. Roles & Responsibilities.

Committee (ALL) responsible for accounts and activities of association.

Any actions made by any member of the committee is made on behalf of the whole committee for its members of the NPA. All agreed.

c. NPA Accounts

The committee reviewed the income and expenditure and although there may be a small loss shows in the 2023/24 accounts, this is being carefully considered at each meeting and expenditure controlled carefully and all cost saving options are being considered.

d. NPA Calendar Year.

GG recapped the change for accounting year from Sept to Sept changing it back to Jan to Dec and changing the date of the AGM to closer to the end of the financial year

Currently most felt there was no immediate need for change but could be rediscussed if any ideas were forthcoming as to how changing it back would be beneficial.

These decisions need to take into account the show season and committee members time.

e. Club Returns and Fees Paid.

HS went through the fees not paid by the clubs and members and all fees not paid to be chased.

It was agreed to place a reminder in Junes FPW regarding nonpayment of Breeders Cards

f. Judges List.

The committee to sense check the judges list which has been circulated via email, before publishing and sending to show secretaries.

g. NPA Championship Show Calendar.

All shows dated was discussed and agreed upon and the show calendar was now ready to be published.

h. Updated Ring Size List.

CJ to circulate the new ring list for publishing and this had now been updated.

i. Import/Export, Bird Movement.

MR & ND to look into the Import/Export of Pigeons and report their findings. This was agreed by all to be a worthwhile exercise.

j. New & Current APHA Regulations.

The committee looked through the new paperwork which now need to be completed for all fancier who keep pigeons regardless of the numbers. This varies in England, Scotland and Wales.

It was agreed to put a piece in FPW advising all members of the new regulations from APHA for captive birds and to all Show Secretaries.

k. Investment.

The options for investing the NPA monies was discussed, and it was agreed that current the 'saving account' being used was in fact the better option and this is to remain.

I. Ring Costs.

The cost of increasing the fees charged for rings was discussed and there was proposal from GG to increase to £6 for 10 but this was felt too much of an increase and wasn't seconded. There was a counter proposal of £4.00 but as the committee did not have the cost increases from the ring supplier and it was agreed that once all costs had been obtained then a discussion could be made via email. CJ to obtain costs from ring supplier.

8) **Positive Management and Promotion.**

a. Fancy Pigeon World.

Championship Show Schedule Edition of FPW, this was still considered to be a good idea and that it would save monies for all the Multibreed Championship Shows, the committee to discuss how this could be implemented.

b. Pigeons of Today.

Editor available and fee, GB to obtain this from Denise.

A full recap on breed list and content was gone through and more tasks allocated out to the committee to complete. This item to remain on the agenda until complete.

c. Promotion and Advertising of Shows

It was agreed not to place adverts in BHW or other publications for this season in order to save monies. HS to cancel the adverts currently in place.

d. Rep Report Returns

2023 Season show rep reported where discussed and ring checks have been carried out and any letters regarding non transferred pigeons have been posted.

There was a discussion regarding entry numbers at shows but on the whole this appeared to be a positive season.

e. BPSS National Show

It was proposed by DI and seconded by GG that the sponsorship for the BPSS Show to be £1200.00 including the printing of the schedule in FPW, this was passed by the committee.

9) **Correspondence.**

Scottish Jacobin Letters - A further reply stating no change to the decision made by the whole committee.

10) **Any Other Business.**

The committee send their best wishes to John Elsdon who currently was in hospital.