

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AVICULTURE.

Minutes of the National Council for Aviculture Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 9th April 2016 at the Charnwood Arms Hotel, Coalville.

1. **Chairman's welcome.** The Chairman, Chris Smith opened the meeting promptly at 11.05 by welcoming those present.

2. **Attendees.** The following were in attendance:

Chairman: Chris Smith

British Bird Council: Bob Partridge, Robb Brown

Budgerigar Society: Ghalib Al-Nasser, John Cosby

Canary Council: Brian Hogg

Foreign Bird Federation: Dave Paine, Dennis Webster

Apologies were received from Barry Mills and Dave Allen (Canary Council), Beverley Hutt (Budgerigar Society), Craig and Julie Walker (British Bird Council), Graham Lee and Peter Collins (Foreign Bird Federation), and C. Jackson and Alex McEwan (both Life Members).

3. **Minutes of the 2015 AGM held on 11th April 2015.** The minutes of the 2015 AGM were checked for accuracy and unanimously approved as a true record, proposed Bob Partridge, seconded Brian Hogg.

4. **Matters Arising.** No matters were raised from these minutes.

5. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman tabled a written report (appended). Main points were:

- He expressed his thanks to the members of the Management Committee for their help and support throughout the year. He felt that it was an honour to have been Chairman in the 70th Anniversary year of the NCA.
- He believed that he had found a fancier who might be willing to take on the important role of CBS Liaison Officer
- He reported on recent events which potentially will have an impact on Birdkeeping. The long-awaited report from DEFRA on new measures for the trade in captive birds has at last been published. Government is also considering a new across the board registration scheme in an attempt to stop the illegal trade of animals and birds entering the country. This may impact on the Stafford shows The question is who would pay for this. The view of DEFRA on what might happen if the UK exits Europe will be sought.
- He noted that whilst he had enjoyed his two terms as NCA Chair, he would not seek a third term in this Office.

6. Treasurer's Report. A copy of the detailed Treasurer's audited report for the period 01.01.15 to 31.12.16 is appended to these minutes. Ghalib Al-Nasser reported that the year had yielded a small profit of £310.63 compared to a loss of £317.36 in the previous twelve months. In particular he noted the interest on the investment bond (£259), increased Insurance (£186), and sales of badges and Diplomas (£201). The balance at end of year showed £28,541.16. The Balance Sheet was approved unanimously on a motion by Dave Paine, seconded by Brian Hogg. The Investment Bond of £25,000 needs to be re-invested this year. After discussion it was agreed that a new two- or three-year bond for £20,000 at the best rate of interest available should be sought.

7. Secretary's Report. Ghalib Al-Nasser then tabled his Secretary's report (also appended), and highlighted the following points:

- All Life Members and Affiliated Societies have received a copy of the AGM Agenda, Balance Sheet, and Secretary's report by post or e-mail.
- 2015 had been a very successful 70th Anniversary year, and the newly designed diplomas had been a great success. A modified version celebrating the Parrot Society 50th year will be available for 2016.
- The Management has met on three occasions during 2015. A main topic on each agenda has been a report on Governmental activities potentially affecting Birdkeeping. Ghalib thanked the SUN organisation, especially Chris Smith, and Bob Partridge for their efforts in this area. He wished to thank Chris also for his attendance and promotion of the NCA at events like the London Pet Fair, Stafford shows, etc. In addition, he thanked Barry Mills (Press Officer) and Dennis Webster (Minute Secretary) for their work during the year.
- The Public Liability Insurance scheme remains popular with specialist and Cage Bird Societies.
- COM-UK entered a slightly smaller team for the 2016 World Show in Portugal, but achieved better success, receiving a total of 22 medals (14 in 2015). The show entry was 21,883 from 2,739 exhibitors representing 23 countries. The 2017 event will be on January 20/22 in Almeria, Spain.
- A number of Societies have put forward names to be included both onto the NCA Roll of Honour and in the Hall of Fame, and well as for the Long Service badges.

Dave Paine raised a problem from Grantham CBS, who did not get their rosettes last year. Ghalib promised to get all awards out quicker this year.

8. Inauguration of President for 2016. Brian Hogg was inaugurated as the NCA President for 2016, and said that he was very honoured to take on this post. He thanked the outgoing President, Bob Partridge, for presiding over a very successful year.

9. Election of President Elect. Beverly Hutt was unanimously elected President for 2017.

- 10. To Appoint Honorary Life Vice-Presidents.** Bob Partridge was elected to Life Vice-President. Proposed Ghalib Al-Nasser, seconded by Dennis Webster.
- 11. To Receive the Names of the Management Committee.** Four names (to include a reserve) were put forward by each Parent Body:
- BBC:** Bob Partridge, Robb Brown, Craig Walker, Julie Walker
- CC:** Brian Hogg, Dave Allen, Terry Salt, Barry Mills
- BS:** Ghalib Al-Nasser, Beverly Hutt, John Cosby, Maurice Roberts
- FBF:** Dave Paine, Dennis Webster, Graham Lee, Peter Collins
- 12. To Elect an Auditor.** Paul Tiller was re-elected as Auditor for 2016
- 13. To Determine Rates of Subscription.** It was agreed that subscriptions remain the same.
- 14. To Consider any Resolution Submitted in Accordance with Rule 14.x**
- (a) **Rule 10 (i)** to be changed to “Parent Organisations 3 votes each. The Parent Body votes to be allocated so that each of the three members representing the PB has one vote each”.
- (b) **Rule 13 (vi)** to be changed to “A quorum at a Management Committee meeting shall be 50% plus of the members representing the Parent organisations”
- These resolutions were formally proposed by Dave Paine and seconded by John Cosby. Both were approved by the meeting.
- 15. To Consider any Matter Referred to the AGM by the Management Committee.** None.
- 16. To Consider any other Relevant Business Notified to the Secretary at Least 14 Days before the Meeting.** None.
- 17. Date and Venue of the Annual General Meeting 2017.** The 2017 AGM will be held at the Charnwood Arms Hotel on **Saturday 8th April 2017.**

The Chairman thanked everybody and closed the meeting at 12.30