

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AVICULTURE.

Minutes of the National Council for Aviculture Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 7th April 2018 at the Charnwood Arms Hotel, Coalville LE67 1TB.

1. **Chairman's welcome.** The Chairman, Chris Smith opened the meeting promptly at 10.30 by welcoming and thanking those attending.
2. **Attendees.** The following were in attendance:
Chairman: Chris Smith
British Bird Council: Robb Brown, Bob Partridge
Budgerigar Society: Ghalib Al-Nasser, Beverley Hutt, John Cosby
Canary Council: Brian Hogg, Terry Salt, Saviour Camilleri, Barry Mills
Foreign Bird Federation: Dave Paine, Dennis Webster

Apologies Received from: Adam Kendall (CBS Liaison Officer), and representatives of Crews CBS, Merseyside BFCC, Trent Valley BS, Midlands BA, Norfolk FBA, Nottinghamshire BFCC, Wessex BC, South West Lancs. BS.

3. **Minutes of the 2017 AGM held on 8th April 2017.** The minutes of the 2017 AGM were checked for accuracy, and approved on a motion by Brain Hogg, seconded by Rob Brown.
4. **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising, other than those covered by the agenda.
5. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman tabled a written report (appended). Main points were:
 - In his 7th annual report he started his report by thanking the Management Committee, especially the Secretary/Treasurer, Minute Secretary and Publicity Officer for their work and support during the year.
 - He highlighted the potential threats to birdkeeping from the licensing scheme which becomes law this year. SUN are co-ordinating efforts to combat this on behalf of many hobbyists, and the NCA needs to be active on behalf of our affiliated clubs. A financial contribution may be needed to help fight individual cases.
 - DEFRA are restricting their meetings with SUN to CITES issues, but separate meetings are being held on British Bird issues and the effects of Brexit. DEFRA seem to be content to continue with present systems after Brexit, providing other member states agree.
 - The NCA needs to discuss the proposal to hold a 2-day National Exhibition.

- The NCA/Canary Council ring scheme is up and running.

Brian Hogg, applauded Chris' commitment to NCA's activities. All agreed.

- 6. Treasurer's Report.** (The Balance Sheet is appended).Ghalib Al-Nasser reported a substantially increased profit for the year, with income exceeding expenditure by £3,741.41.The increase is mainly due to uptake in Public Liability Insurance, with 162 Societies taking up the scheme. In October 2016 we invested the sum of £25,000 with the Cambridge Bank as a 3-year Bond at 1.9% gross interest. This yielded about £470 in the 2017 financial year.

Members present expressed their appreciation of the accounts, and they were accepted unanimously on a motion by Barry Mills, seconded by John Cosby.

- 7. Secretary's Report.** Ghalib Al-Nasser presented his written report (appended). Main points were:

- Since the 2017 AGM the Management Committee had met three times (a fourth meeting in December needed to be cancelled), and key points of discussion at each meeting had concerned DEFRA/SUN activities, especially regulations for the movement of birds post-Brexit, and the ring size issue for British Native Birds.
- The World Show at Cesena, Italy, was a huge success, with a total entry of 32,061. The COM-UK entry was slightly down to 205 birds from 34 exhibitors, winning five gold, ten silver, and five bronze medals. The 2019 World Show will be in Zwolle, Holland, 10th-13th January.
- He recorded his thanks to the Chairman for the considerable amount of work that he had done during the year, including meetings with DEFRA/SUN and attending shows and other events promoting the NCA. He also thanked Dennis Webster, Barry Mills, and Adam Kendall for all their work on behalf of the NCA.
- There had been a good number of applications for Long Service Award badges from affiliated Societies during the year.

- 8. Inauguration of the 2017 President.** As agreed last year, David Paine was duly inaugurated as NCA President for 2018 with congratulations from all present.

- 9. Election of the President-Elect for 2018.** Ghalib Al-Nasser had received a proposal from the BBC that Bernard Williams be made President elect. This was accepted with enthusiasm. Bernard will assume the Presidency from the 2019 AGM.

10. To Appoint Honorary Life Vice Presidents. It was proposed by Ghalib Al-Nasser and seconded by Dave Paine that the 2017 President, Beverley Hutt, should be added to the list of Honorary Life Vice Presidents. All agreed.

11. To Receive the Names of the Management Committee. The following names were put forward:

BBC: Bob Partridge, Robb Brown, Bernard Williams.

CC: Brian Hogg, Terry Salt, Saviour Camilleri, Barry Mills

BS: Ghalib Al-Nasser, Beverley Hutt, John Cosby, Maurice Roberts (to be confirmed)

FBF: Dave Paine, Graham Lee, Dennis Webster (to be confirmed)

12. To Elect the Auditor. Paul Tiller, the current auditor was re-elected for 2018 (proposed Ghalib Al-Nasser, seconded Beverley Hutt).

13. To Determine the Rate of Subscriptions. In light of the sound financial position of the NCA, it was agreed that subscriptions remain the same as in 2017.

14. To Consider any Matter Referred to the AGM by the Management Committee. None referred.

15. To Consider any other Relevant Business. Ghalib Al-Nasser raised one potential issue. The Budgerigar Society periodically elects members to represent them on the NCA Management Committee. If he was not one of the people elected, could he continue to act as Secretary/Treasurer? After discussion it was agreed that the Secretary/Treasurer was elected *by* the NCA, so he could continue to hold the position as an independent member if necessary (NB The Chair also sits as an independent member).

16. Date and Venue of the 2019 Annual General Meeting. This was agreed as **Saturday 6th April 2019, at the Charnwood Arms Hotel.**

The Chairman thanked those attending, and closed the meeting at 11.25