

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AVICULTURE

Minutes of the National Council for Aviculture Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 6th April 2013 at the Charnwood Arms Hotel, Coalville, Leics.

- 1. Chairman's Welcome.** Chris Smith opened the meeting at 12.05 by welcoming all attending delegates.
- 2. Attendees.** The following were in attendance
Chairman: Chris Smith.
British Bird Council: Robb Brown, Bob Partridge.
Budgerigar Society: Ghalib Al-Nasser, Gordon Grist.
Canary Council: Brian Hogg, Terry Salt, Barry Mills.
Foreign Bird Federation: Dave Paine, Dennis Webster.
2013 President-Elect: Roger Carr.

Apologies were received from Mr M. Flint (Bevercotes and Ollerton CBS), Mrs H Flint (South Notts. CBS), and Dave Allen (Canary Council)

- 3. Minutes of the AGM held on 31st March 2012.** The 2012 AGM minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record on a motion by D Paine, seconded by B Mills.
- 4. Matters Arising.** The Chairman reported that he had contacted the *Cage & Aviary Birds* editor concerning the CBS database, which is understood to be under construction. He also reported that the NCA Power-point presentation was complete and available.
- 5. Chairman's Report.** The Chairman tabled a written report (attached to these minutes), the main points of which were:
 - Members of the NCA Management Committee were thanked for their support, particularly GAN for all the administrative tasks he had undertaken. He also thanked out-going President Barry Mills and welcomed Roger Carr as President for 2013.
 - The NCA exhibition stand has been used extensively to promote birdkeeping in the UK, attending three County shows, two Stafford events, and also the successful London Pet Fair at Earls Court. The Chairman appealed for more promotional literature to be made available, and mentioned that it was planned to reprint the "Welcome to Birdkeeping" booklet.
 - Links with DEFRA have been maintained through meetings of the Joint Liaison Group (JLG) and Sustainable Users Network (SUN). In support of the British Bird Fancy a meeting has been arranged with John Randall MP to see if he can assist in resolving certain problems with DEFRA and Natural England.
 - Evidence has been given to the Law Commission related to the proposed review of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981), and meetings will be held with the Companion Animal Sector Council in connection with secondary legislation under the Animal Welfare Act (2006).
 - He would like to pursue the finding of a NCA CBS Liaison Officer through advertising if necessary.
 - The World Show in Hasselt, Belgium, was a success, with an increase in the number of UK entries and exhibitors. Chris Smith applauded Ghalib Al-Nasser and Brian

Hogg for their medal successes, and thanked the conveyors, Gary Mann and Richard Lumley. Increasing the number of qualified COM judges from the UK is a priority.

6. **Treasurer's Report.** Ghalib Al-Nasser distributed an Income and Expenditure Balance Sheet (attached to these minutes) for the period 01.01.2012 – 31.12.2012, signed off by the Auditor, Paul Tiller FCCA. The balance sheet showed a loss of £2,128.37 for the year, with income of £5,660.72 and expenditure of £7,789.09. However, this overall loss was less than that reported for 2011 (£3,870.54) as a result of higher Affiliation and Insurance income and lower expenditure in 2012. The accounts were accepted unanimously on a proposal by D Webster seconded by B Mills.

R Carr suggested that the bank accounts be reviewed to see whether alternative accounts could be found which would yield some interest income. This was referred to the afternoon Management Committee meeting

7. **Secretary's Report.** A report from the Secretary (G Al-Nasser) was distributed to meeting attendees (copy also attached to these minutes). Principal points made were:
- Three meetings of the NCA Management Committee were held in 2012, with all four Parent Bodies participating.
 - COM-UK entered a larger team, 170 exhibits from 34 exhibitors, to the World Show in Hasselt in January, and won 4 gold, 2 silver, and 3 bronze medals. The total entry at this show was 23,587, with 2,692 exhibitors from 21 countries. Thanks were recorded to Gary Mann and Richard Lumley for their excellent work as UK Team conveyors. The 2014 World Show will be in Bari, Italy.
 - The Secretary expressed his thanks to the Chairman for all the work he had put into NCA activities, including meetings with DEFRA, SUN, etc., and for promoting the NCA and birdkeeping at various events.
 - A letter, agenda and balance sheet had been sent to all 63 NCA Life Members, and to all affiliated societies. Three LM were removed from the mailing list for various reasons. Dennis Webster suggested that at the next communication with LM's they be asked whether they wished to continue to receive information from the NCA.
 - The Public Liability Insurance scheme continues to be successful. To date 41 CBS's have so far affiliated, and 73 clubs bought NCA Insurance.
 - A number of Societies have taken advantage of the NCA Long Service lapel badge awards, and Jim Addison and Don Hunter were added to the Roll of Honour with Fred Rix added to the Hall of Fame.
8. **Inauguration of President for 2013 – Roger Carr.** Outgoing President, Barry Mills, said he would like to offer his thanks and congratulations to CS and GAN for the tremendous amount of work they do, and that he personally had been very proud to have been President for 2012. He felt that he could not do better than hand over the chain of office to Roger Carr who he felt was a "true bird man". In a brief reply, Roger noted that historically very few Budgerigar Society people had been involved with the NCA until the amalgamation of SPA and the NCA had resulted in BS people becoming more involved. Nevertheless RC believed that he was the first representative of the BS ever to become NCA President. He thanked the NCA for this honour, and stressed the importance of maintaining the profile of birdkeeping, and all groups working together.
9. **Election of President elect for 2014.** GAN reported that he had had one nomination, from the Foreign Bird Federation. This nominated Dennis Webster for President in

2014. That he be accepted was proposed by D Paine and seconded by R Brown, and carried unanimously. Dennis accepted the honour, saying that for once he was speechless!

10. To Appoint Life Vice-Presidents. It was proposed by G Al-NasserN, seconded by B Hogg, that Barry Mills be added to the list of Life Vice-Presidents. This was agreed by all.

11. To Receive the Names of the Management Committee. The following were nominated by the respective Parent Bodies:

BBC: Robb Brown, Bob Partridge, Craig & Julie Walker

BS: Ghalib Al-Nasser, Bob Francis, Gordon Grist, Maurice Roberts

CC: Chris Smith, Dave Allen, Brian Hogg, Gary Mann, Barry Mills, Terry Salt

FBF*: Peter Collins Dave Paine, Dennis Webster

*Subject to decisions at the re-arranged FBF AGM

12. To Elect the Auditor(s). It was agreed to re-elect Paul Tiller, FCCA, as auditor on a proposal from D Webster seconded by B Hogg.

13. To Determine the Rate of Subscriptions. After a brief discussion it was proposed that they remain the same as for 2013. Proposed D Paine, seconded G Grist, carried.

14. To Consider any Resolution Submitted in Accordance with Rule 14x. None submitted.

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

16. To Consider any other Relevant Business Notified to the Secretary at least 14 Days before the AGM. None notified.

17. Date and Venue of the Annual General Meeting 2014. It was agreed to hold the 2014 AGM at the same venue on **Saturday 5th April 2014.**

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 13.13