

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AVICULTURE.

Minutes of the National Council for Aviculture Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 6th April 2019 at the Fieldhead Hotel, Markfield LE67 9PS

1. **Chairman's welcome.** Chairman Chris Smith opened the meeting at 14.10 by welcoming and thanking those attending.

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

Chairman: Chris Smith

British Bird Council: Robb Brown, Bob Partridge, Bernard Williams

Budgerigar Society: Ghalib Al-Nasser, Beverley Hutt, John Cosby

Canary Council: Terry Salt, Barry Mills,

Foreign Bird Federation: Dave Paine, Dennis Webster.

CBS Liaison Officer: Keith Barker

Affiliated Societies: Mark Sellars - Hetton & Houghton

Apologies Received From:

MC: Saviour Camilleri; **Affiliated Societies:** International Fife Fancy Canary Assocn, Ipswich BS, National Bengalese Fanciers Association, Sheffield BS, South Notts. CBS.

3. **Minutes of the AGM held on 7th April 2018.** The minutes of the 2018 AGM were checked for accuracy, and approved on a motion by Barry Mills, seconded by Beverley Hutt.

4. **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising from the 2018 AGM minutes.

5. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman's written report is appended to these minutes. Main points were:

- He was sad to report the resignation of Brian Hogg for health reasons. Brian had worked hard for the NCA and a number of other organisations over the years. All present were very sad to hear this news. **Action:** Ghalib Al-Nasser to send a suitable card to Brian on behalf of the NCA.
- He recorded his thanks to several members of the NCA MC for their work over the year.
- Due to uncertainty around the precise form that Brexit will eventually take, DEFRA are not clear what the future impact will be on bird keepers, especially in terms of travel to and from the Continent.
- He asked for a discussion on increasing NCA sponsorship of the National Exhibition by increasing the prize money.
- The NCA/CC ring scheme has 28 participating members taking 1,500 rings so far in 2019.
- A proposal had been received from the Australian Finch Society that the Foreign Hall should be allowed to lift their birds at 3 o'clock at the National Exhibition in October. This needs to be referred to the Parrot Society meeting in May

Finally Chris reminded everybody that this would be his last year as Chair of the NCA, but he would continue as NCA delegate at SUN/DEFRA meetings.

6. Treasurers Report and Approval of the Appended Balance Sheet. Ghalib Al-Nasser presented the Balance Sheet, which showed a smaller profit (£1,203.74) than in 2018 (£3,741.41) The decrease was mainly due to insurance costs rising from £41 to £47 per Society, and also arising from more Societies joining the scheme. Nevertheless the Balance Sheet is still strong, and it was approved following a motion by Dave Paine, seconded by Robb Brown.

7. Secretary's Report. Ghalib Al-Nasser summarised his Secretary's report (appended), the main points from which were:

- The Management Committee had met on three occasions during the year, covering a number of topics. Amongst the main topics were reports on meetings with DEFRA, for example the new proposals on the Animal Activities Licensing Bill (AAL), and the consequences of Brexit on animal and bird movements; and the formulation of a General Data Protection Policy.
- He commented on the World Show held at Zwolle, Holland. COM-UK entries and number of exhibitors was slightly down on the previous year. The show was again successful with a total of 24,863 entries from 3,342 exhibitors representing 23 countries. UK conveyers Gary Mann and Richard Lumley were thanked for their efforts. Brian Hogg and Kevin McCallum were awarded COM OMJ 10-year Judges silver badges.
- Ghalib welcomed Keith Barker as NCA's new CBS Liaison Officer, and expressed his thanks to Chris Smith for the considerable work he has put into the NCA, and to MC members, especially Dennis Webster (Minute Secretary) and Barry Mills (Publicity Officer) for their efforts over the year.
- The Public Liability scheme has proved extremely popular with 193 Societies taken up the insurance and affiliation.
- Many societies have applied for NCA Long Service badges, and David Allen, Geoff Gradwell, Brian Hogg, Rosemary Lowe, David Paine, Ron Palfreyman and Robert Read were added to the Roll of Honour during 2018.

8. Inauguration of President for 2019 – Bernard Williams. Outgoing President, Dave Paine, said that he had been honoured to have been President for the past year and had enjoyed his time. He wished Bernard also to have a good year, and presented him with the NCA Chain of Office. Bernard Williams thanked the NCA for the honour of the 2019 Presidency, and thanked Dave Paine for his contribution in 2018.

9. Election of President-Elect for 2020. Chris Smith was unanimously elected to become President in 2020.

10. To Appoint Honorary Life Vice-Presidents. Retiring President, Dave Paine, was unanimously elected to the role of Life Vice-President.

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

BBC: Bob Partridge, Robb Brown, Bernard Williams.

BS: Ghalib Al-Nasser, Beverley Hutt, John Cosby, Trevor Terheege.

CC: Barry Mills, Chris Smith, Keith Barker, Terry Salt, Saviour Camilleri.

FBF: Dave Paine, Dennis Webster

Dennis Webster said that he had made efforts to contact Graham Lee, but to no avail. Ghalib Al-Nasser said that the FBF needed more delegates to be available. It was also pointed out that with Brian Hogg's resignation, a new NCA delegate to COM-UK needed to be found.

- 12. To Elect the Auditors.** Paul Tiller FCCA was again elected to be auditor for the NCA.

- 13. To Determine the Rate of Subscription for 2020.** It was agreed that subscription would remain the same as for 2019.

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

- 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 2020 Annual General Meeting.** It was proposed to hold the 2020 AGM on **Saturday 4th April 2020** at the Charnwood Arms Hotel if this was available.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 14.50 pm