

# **THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AVICULTURE.**

## **Minutes of the National Council for Aviculture Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at the Charnwood Arms Hotel, Coalville.**

- 1. Chairman's welcome.** The Chairman, Chris Smith opened the meeting promptly at 11.00 am, and welcomed those present.
- 2. Attendees.** The following were in attendance:  
President: Roger Carr  
Chairman: Chris Smith  
British Bird Council: Bob Partridge  
Budgerigar Society: Ghalib Al-Nasser, Gordon Grist  
Canary Council: Barry Mills, Terry Salt  
Foreign Bird Federation: Dave Paine, Dennis Webster

**Apologies** were received from Mr M flint (Bevercotes and Ollerton CBS), Mrs H Flint (South Notts. CBS), Robb Brown, Craig & Julie Walker (all BBC), Brian Hogg and Dave Allen (CC), and Maurice Roberts (BS).

- 3. Minutes of the AGM held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013.** The minutes of the 2013 AGM were read and approved as a true record on a proposal by Barry Mills, seconded by Bob Partridge
- 4. Matters Arising.** There was no matters raised arising from the minutes.
- 5. Chairman's Report.** The Chairman tabled a written report (attached to these minutes), the main points of which were:
  - He thanked Members of the Management Committee for their support during his third year of office.
  - Ghalib Al-Nasser and Roger Carr were congratulated on their successes at the COM World Show in Bari.
  - The NCA stand has been taken to a number of events during the year.
  - He highlighted the threat to bird keeping from the Eurogroup for Animals activities. He said that the NCA, through SUN, needs to be very active in this area, as it could have serious implications, even for domesticated cage birds. He also highlighted several Consultations which are or will be in place in the UK.
  - It was suggested that it might be time to reconsider the structure of the NCA, particularly individual membership.

- 6. Treasurer's Report.** Ghalib Al-Nasser distributed an Income and Expenditure Balance Sheet (attached to these minutes) for the period 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2013, signed off by the Auditor, Paul Tiller, FCCA. The balance sheet showed a loss of £1,526.49 for the year, with income of £5,775.72 and expenditure of £7,302.21. However this overall loss was less than that reported for 2012 (£2,128.37) as a result of higher Affiliation and Insurance income and lower expenditure in 2013. The accounts were accepted unanimously on a proposal by Dennis Webster, seconded by Barry Mills. The Treasurer informed the meeting that he was trying to put £25,000 from the Santander account into a 1-year Business Fixed Rate bond, but was having problems.
- 7. Secretary's Report.** The Secretary's report was table at the meeting (copy appended to these minutes) by Ghalib Al-Nasser. Key points were:
- The Management Committee has met three times since the last AGM in April 2013.
  - He highlighted a very successful 2014 World Show in Bari, Italy, in which UK exhibitors achieved 6 gold, 2 silver, and 3 bronze medals. The 2015 show will be in Rosmalen, Holland.
  - Chairman, Chris Smith was thanked for all his work with SUN, and his attendance at numerous meetings with DEFRA etc., and also for his work in promoting the NCA at events like the London Pet Fair, Stafford, and similar events.
  - The Public Liability Insurance scheme remains very popular, and 76 societies have bought NCA Insurance. There are 37 affiliated Cage Bird Societies.
  - There have been many applications for the NCA awards during the year. Raymond Sawyer, Stewart Pyper and Roy Fox were all added to the NCA Hall of Fame, while Ghalib Al-Nasser, Ray Morgan, Chris Smith and Phil Warne have joined the Roll of Honour. The Long Service badges remain very popular with applications received from a number of Societies.
- 8. Inauguration of the President for 2014.** The outgoing President, Roger Carr, said that he had tried to support the NCA whenever possible during his year of office. He said that he thought that now might be the time for consideration of a restructuring the NCA, as the present system had not worked as well as he had hoped. He praised the work of the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer, and welcomed Dennis Webster as the incoming president for 2014.
- 9. Election of a President-Elect for 2014.** The Management Committee had proposed Bob Partridge of the British Bird Council as President-Elect for 2014. This was accepted, and Bob will take over the Presidency at the 2015AGM.
- 10. To Appoint Honorary Life Vice-Presidents.** Roger Carr was proposed as a LVP by Ghalib Al-Nasser. This was seconded by Dave Paine, and agreed unanimously.

**11. To Receive the names of the Management Committee 2014.** The following were nominated by the respective Parent Bodies:

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

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

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

**FBF:** Dave Paine, Dennis Webster, Peter Collins.

**12. To Elect the Auditor(s).** It was agreed to ask Paul Tiller, FCCA, to continue to audit the NCA Accounts.

**13. To Determine the Rate of Subscriptions.** Dennis Webster suggested that they remain the same for 2014, pending discussions on re-structuring. This was agreed.

**14. To Consider any Resolution Submitted in accordance with Rule 14x** Two proposals had been submitted by the Management Committee.

**Proposed Rule Change to Rule 13 (iii).** To read: “The Management Committee will meet at least *twice* a year with a period not exceeding *six* months between meetings”. This was carried by 7 votes to 1.

**Proposed Rule Change to Rule 7 (iii).** To read: “The appeal will be heard at the *regular meeting venue* of the NCA”. This was agreed unanimously.

**15. To Consider any Other 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 2015 Annual General Meeting.** Because of the date for Easter, it was agreed that the 2015 AGM would be held at the same venue on *Saturday 11th April 2015 commencing at 11.00 am.*

**There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.10**