

The Canary Council for Great Britain and Northern Ireland
AGM Minutes
Sunday 7th April 2019 at 1030 am
At The Charnwood Arms Coalville, Leicestershire.

Present

Barry Mills Chairman and Yorkshire Canary Club
Maurice O'Connor - Irish Fancy
Keith Ferry – Norwich
Saviour Camilleri – Norwich
Peter Finn – British Colour Canary Club
David Allen – Blue Lizard Canary Club
Tony Horton – Lizard Canary Assoc
Terry Salt – Yorkshire Canary Club
Kevin and Ann McCallum – OVCA
Chris Smith – Kernow Old and Rare CE.

- 1 Chairman welcomed delegates to the meeting and thanked them for their time and effort for the Canary Council. Apologies received from Ivan Chapman.
Secretary announced the resignation of Brian Hogg due to ill health and the need to elect a new Vice Chairman, no volunteers were forthcoming so in the absence of the Chairman at future meetings a new chair would need to be elected for that meeting.
- 2 Minutes of AGM - 15th April 2018 were agreed as a true record. Proposed Barry Mills, seconded David Allen.
- 3 Matters Arising -none.
- 4 President's Report. Maurice O'Connor thanked all the delegates for attending and giving up their time and for the work that they do for the fancy, particularly the secretary. He wished a successful breeding season for everyone.
- 5 Chairmans Report. Barry Mills reflected on the work the committee carry out and their commitment to the hobby. He was pleased with the effort the Canary Council undertake with the PS National Exhibition and he emphasised the need to support the work of the NCA, particularly in dealing with DEFRA. He thanked the stalwarts around the table for their contributions to the workings of the Canary Council.
- 6 Secretary/Treasurer's Report. As much of the secretary's report is included on the agenda he concentrated on the statement of accounts for 2018. Expenditure had slightly exceeded income for the year but we now had rosettes for the next 3 years. The ring scheme makes a small surplus for the Canary Council and nearly £200 had been collected at the Stafford Spring show which proves the value in attending this event. Chairman suggested that the CC would pay for National trophies in the future. A Proposal to accept the balance sheet by David Allen, was seconded by Terry Salt and agreed by the meeting.
- 7 FOI decision on "approved" judges in Italy. The secretary reported that the FOI had decided that only "approved" judges, ie OMJ or ones approved by their national COM entity would be accepted to judge in shows in Italy in future. Due to this decision the Bologna committee had decided not to hold their show this year. It was suggested and agreed that representations should be made through the NCA to COM UK to take up this matter with the FOI. All UK judges are approved by their national governing body and this should be adequate for the non international shows in Italy. Failing this we should ask COM UK to maintain a register of national approved judges to meet the FOI's requirements . Secretary to write to NCA on this issue.
- 8 Correspondence. A request has been forwarded to the PS to alter the lifting time for the foreign birds at the National, to be discussed further on the agenda.
- 9 National Exhibition – On a positive note the NCA has agreed to Increase prize money at the National Exhibition to £320 to be distributed as follows:-
 - Best Canary £30, 2nd best £20 3rd best £10
 - Budgerigars £20 for Champion, Intermediate and Novice young birds
 - Foreign £30 Best , £20 2nd best and £10 for 3rd best
 - British £30 best, £20 2nd Best and £10 third best
 - Zebra/Bengalese £30 each
 - Best Junior £20.

A plea was made for this to be included in the various schedules.

The proposal to have different lifting times for the two exhibition halls was not supported for various reasons and this would be fed back to the PS meeting.

- 10 Canary Council Ring Scheme – to date 28 members have purchased 1500 rings, all id coded. Numbers are slightly down on last year due to the Fife Federation issuing rings for the first time.
- 11 CC Web Page -secretary called for information/materials , show results and photographs to publicise each canary section. Web site is under used and looking a little dated.
- 12 COM UK – World Show – 2020 World show to be held in Portugal and Gary Mann will convey the UK birds in a hire van. More details will be forthcoming following COM UK meetings in June and December.
- 13 Canary Breed standards – it was agreed to no longer persue this item and instead to promote the COM breed standards/judges book.
- 14 NCA Report - 124 clubs now affiliated to the NCA so far this year (193 Last year). A new NCA CBS Liaison Officer is in place, Keith Barker from the North East Lizard Club. Canary Council delegates for the NCA include Terry Salt, Barry Mills, Saviour Camilleri, Keith Ferry and we will co opt Keith Barker as and when necessary. 3 Canary Council delegates are required to attend NCA meetings.
A recent meeting with DEFRA indicated that civil servants were still awaiting guidance from Ministers with regard to transport of birds to/from the continent depending upon the form of exit form the EU CITES / SUN meetings continue to be held in Bristol and London and the secretary attend on behalf of the NCA and CC.
Although the Animal Activities Licensing had come into force it was still awaiting local authorities to train up staff. No one was aware of any problems arising from this to date.
- 15 AOB The question of bio-security at shows was raised and the need for disinfectant mats. This remains DEFRA guidance and should be undertaken to comply with the general licence.
A recent decision by the CCBA was questioned on the proposal to drop the novice status from their shows and how this would affect exhibitors at other shows. Whilst the CCBA would possibly only have one exhibitor status at their shows, exhibitors would retain their own status for shows organised by other clubs.
- 16 Date of next meeting - Sunday 5th April 2020 at Charnwood Arms at 1030am.

Meeting closed 1215pm