

# EAST ANGLIAN FEDERATION of racing pigeon clubs.



Minutes of the meeting held November 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 at Heath House PH, 99 Gertrude Road, Norwich NR3 4SG.

Meeting started 2.37 pm.

## **Members present**

### **Norwich City – Alan Lake**

Gt. Yarmouth IFC – Not represented

Roudham Heath – Not represented

South Norfolk SRFC – Not represented

Gorleston Station – Not represented

### **Worstead FC – Fiona & Lee Barham**

### **Lowestoft SRFC – Philip Harrod & Gary Cook**

Norwich SRCC – Not represented

Norfolk IHS – Not represented

### **Bradwell RPC – Trevor Payne**

## **President – David Waters**

Chairman – Tony King

Treasurer – Mick Sault

Secretary – David Anderson

Assistant Secretary – Alan Hacon

## **Apologies** – Reg Howells, B. Brooks, J. Mills.

The secretary received a call from the Chairman Tony King during the week, that due to his age (85) and continuing health issues, he will not be attending anymore meetings.

**Minutes** Alan Hacon took the chair in the absence of the chairman Tony King and President David Waters.

The minutes of the previous general meeting held on October 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 were read out. That they are a true and accurate record. Proposed Philip Harrod (Lowestoft), seconded Alan Lake (Norwich City) - all in favour.

**Matters arising** T. Payne (Bradwell) commented on the figures quoted for replacement transport costs were not quite accurate. The cost of the pod – about £4,000 – needed to be taken into account and the £3,000 for transferring racking was to come from the sale of the lorry. The secretary apologised but when writing down the notes at meetings, invariable some information gets missed. Lee & Fiona Barham (Worstead) commented that maybe meetings should be recorded so it is more accurate.

**Correspondence** T. Payne (Bradwell) enquired if the fed had to pay a fine this year for going inside the M25. The secretary said this was correct. The President had received a letter with a photo of the transporter on the north circular. The info was passed over to the secretary to look into. The secretary asked Jason why he was on the North Circular? Apparently, he was diverted off the A11 as it was closed due to roadworks and ended up on the A14 southbound, onto the A12 and down onto the M25 where there was another diversion en route which took him off the M25. He followed the diversion signs but then not being familiar with London, lost his way. Unfortunately, he carried on. The secretary got in touch with TFL enforcement and was told to send an explanation with all the details and mitigating circumstances and they would look into it. The reply was they found no roadworks or diversions were operating that night. The secretary went back to Jason to see if he gave the correct information and he was adamant it was correct. Despite asking if they would take into consideration we are non-profit organisation taking racing pigeons to a release point and not professional hire and reward company, also a £1,000 is a lot of money to us, the result was they insisted we paid the money within 4 days. After that it would go up to £3,000! After consulting the president and the treasurer, the secretary paid the money by bacs from his own account as if the treasurer had paid by cheque, they would not have received in time, 2 of them days being the weekend. He was reimbursed later.

**Batterbee accident** T. Payne (Bradwell) mentioned the accident A. Batterbee had falling off the transporter. The secretary replied at present he is assisting the RPRA insurance company with A. Batterbee's claim and thought it inappropriate to comment any further while the investigation is ongoing.

**Accounts/Transport** T. Payne (Bradwell) passed around some paperwork relating to the running costs of the transporter. He asked the treasurer Mick Sault if he could break down the costs this year so we have an idea of exactly where it all goes. The treasurer replied that he would do that. It also transpired that the vehicle may still be parked on Bells Marsh Road and not in Perfects. Mick Sault was under the impression it was in Perfects. To be followed up.

T. Payne brought up the subject of replacing the lorry but should we in fact start looking at buying a trailer instead? This subject was brought up a few years back but maybe the time might be right to investigate further. For something that is used once a week for 5-6 months of the year, it makes financial sense. Just need someone with a 4x4 to tow it. T. Payne also mentioned that maybe we should be looking to increase subs/birdage to cover costs of rising diesel bills. Both these subjects should be discussed at the next meeting.

**2022 race programme** The secretary has asked if clubs could put forward their race programme for next year and a starting point of April 16<sup>th</sup> was suggested.

**Any other business** Mick Sault commented that while doing the books, the GRS surplus was £100 and not £60 as originally stated.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 15.55 pm.

Next meeting..... **December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....

### **AGENDA for December 11<sup>th</sup>**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes
3. Matters arising
4. Correspondence
5. Accounts
6. 2022 Racing
7. Transport – trailer?
8. Any other business