

EAST ANGLIAN FEDERATION of racing pigeon clubs.



Minutes of the meeting held December 11th 2021 at Heath House PH, 99 Gertrude Road, Norwich NR3 4SG.

Meeting started 2.36 pm.

Members present

Norwich City – Alan Lake

Gt. Yarmouth IFC – Not represented

Roudham Heath – Not represented

South Norfolk SRFC – Not represented

Gorleston Station – David Waters

Worstead FC – Fiona & Lee Barham

Lowestoft SRFC – Not represented

Norwich SRCC – Not represented

Norfolk IHS – Jim Mills

Bradwell RPC – Trevor Payne

President – David Waters

Chairman – Tony King

Treasurer – Mick Sault

Secretary – David Anderson

Assistant Secretary-Alan Hacon

***After jotting down notes for nearly 2 hours, please take into consideration these minutes are condensed into a generic readable format and is not verbatim.**

Apologies – A. King, P. Dean, B. Brooks, Reg Howells.

Minutes David Waters took the chair in the absence of the chairman Tony King.

The minutes of the previous general meeting held on November 11th 2021 were read out. That they are a true and accurate record. Proposed Alan Lake (Norwich City), seconded Lee Barham (Worstead) - in favour. Against T. Payne (Bradwell).

Matters arising T. Payne (Bradwell) commented on why the secretary hadn't forwarded the paperwork Bradwell had passed round at the last meeting. The secretary replied that he wasn't aware that he had to but if the secretary were sent the paperwork in the form of a PDF then he would attach it to the minutes of the meeting and send out.

Trevor Payne asked the secretary what news concerning A. Batterbee's personal injury claim and that he would like the federations insurance company to contact and phone number. The president David Waters intervened and said, "it's not relevant and has nothing to do with the federation at the moment and is between the RPRA insurance company and Mr. Batterbee." Because of the accident to A. Batterbee, (which at the moment is an ongoing investigation with the insurance company), it was suggested that some type of safety measures should be put in place.

Correspondence The only correspondence received was emails from the RPRA/DEFRA regarding Avian Influenza outbreaks and reminding fanciers the importance of bio-security.

Racing 2022 Two suggested race programmes received so far from Norwich City and Bradwell. T. Payne (Bradwell) expressed surprise at Norwich City's programme as the race points were further down the line of flight and considering the cold north winds in April was it appropriate? The secretary replied it's only a suggested programme and not set in stone. Anyway, weatherwise, we had a good April this year but the weather went downhill when we started racing in May! To be discussed further at the next general meeting in the new year.

Accounts The treasurer Mick Sault passed the books over to Alan Hacon at the meeting for auditing.

Transport Regarding the lorry's whereabouts discussed at Novembers' meeting, David Waters said he contacted Jason Gardner and Jason said he would take the lorry to Perfects. At that time, both Mick Sault and David Waters were under the impression that the lorry was in for its MOT. This turned out not to be the case as the lorry would not start and Jason did not bother to inform David Waters. Lee Barham (Worstead) expressed concern why the batteries were not removed sooner.

T. Payne (Bradwell) and A. Batterbee have been to Perfects and given a projected cost of £3,200 for potential faults to be rectified. T. Payne (along with Mr. Batterbee), then offered to take over managing the transport from David Waters and had a place in Bungay where the lorry could be parked. This was accepted and passed over with immediate effect. The secretary handed over the spare diesel cap key and David would hand over the books and the keys. (This has already been done 13.12.21).

Any other business A general discussion then ensued regarding future costs, mode of transport – trailer or smaller lorry. David Waters commented that if the way forward was a trailer then beware of towing as they can be bouncy and sway, especially if its windy, (so will need a stabiliser bar or sway control device fitted). Birdage and subscription costs need to be thought about and use historical birdage as a guide but Alan Lake (Norwich City) remarked that "birdage fluctuates due to fanciers flying in 2/3 inland organisations then you have channel racing, bad races, open races, YBS, aging membership, all of which will have an effect on birdage figures, all very challenging for the future." Alan Lake also mentioned the fact that the fanciers in his club were only concerned that the lorry turned up on a Friday night. Trevor Payne (Bradwell) commented maybe it's time to form a committee next year. The president David Waters said the federation is run by the clubs, via a delegate, but maybe the time has come to form a committee and dictate to the membership, it may be a better option now but that will be down to the clubs to decide.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 16.25 pm.

Next general meeting... **January 8th 2022....(after the AGM).**

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

Date.....

AGENDA for January 8th 2022

1. Apologies
2. Minutes
3. Matters arising
4. Correspondence
5. 2022 Racing
6. Transport
7. Any other business