

East Anglian Federation of Racing Pigeon Clubs.

Minutes of two General Meetings and Annual General Meeting held on 27th January 2024 at the Old School Village Centre, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth NR31 8QH.

General Meeting commenced at 14.10 pm.

President T Payne, Senior Vice-President A Hacon, Chairman C Oxborough, Secretary A Batterbee.

Members/ Delegates Present

Bradwell RPC - R Utting and G Debbage
Gorleston Station IFC - C Oxborough
Great Yarmouth IFC - N Rivett and R Baker
South Norfolk FC – B Brooks
Roudham Heath – Not represented – apologies received from P Dean.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 25th November 2023 were read and accepted as a true record. Proposed Bradwell RPC, Seconded Gorleston Station IFC. All delegates in favour.

Matters arising.

The President's concerns regarding accepting any new application on face value and then being unable to provide additional crates etc. had been addressed as requested by the Secretary. Advice had been sought from an RPRA councillor and in their opinion, if we confirmed the conditions relating to any application in writing for the third party to accept this would be reasonable. This was an opinion and not necessarily RPRA rule compliant.

Re-allocation of crates as discussed at previous meeting. Roudham Heath had confirmed that with potential new members they would have no spare crates from their current allocation. Delegates point of view was that this was not the gentlemen's agreement from our previous meeting regarding clubs working together and managing the crate situation. All delegates were requested to take this matter back to their members as a matter of urgency. The secretary was asked to correspond with all clubs by way of separate letter in time for our next delegate meeting.

PLEASE NOTE. Clubs are only allowed to use up to half of their allocation each week with the minimum number of birds per crate being 25.

Correspondence.

Zurich Insurance had requested confirmation that our current officials would ensure that they responded to all matters received and that all correspondence would be free flowing between both parties going forward. The secretary had confirmed that this would be the case and read his reply to delegates present.

Roudham Heath had forwarded a proposed 2024 race programme.

In closing 2023 business Bradwell RPC wished to record a vote of thanks for all involved with the purchase of the new transporter, crates etc. and having ready for the start of the season and all officials for providing members with a successful season.

The meeting then moved onto the Annual General Meeting with attendance and apologies remaining the same as for General Meeting.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 28th January 2023 were read and accepted as a true record. Proposed Bradwell RPC. Seconded by Great Yarmouth IFC. All delegates in favour.

Statement of accounts. The treasurer confirmed the closing account total as published on the latest HSBC statement with the Auditor, A Hacon, who then signed and confirmed the accounts as published. That the accounts be accepted as a true record was proposed by Gorleston Station IFC, seconded Great Yarmouth IFC with all delegates in favour.

Chairman, C Oxborough then declared all officers vacant, and the meeting moved onto election of officers for 2024.

President - T Payne.

Senior Vice-President - A Hacon.

Vice President - position vacant.

Chairman - C Oxborough.

Secretary/Treasurer - A Batterbee.

Assistant secretary - A Hacon.

Race Controller - R Fenech.

Driver/convoyer - J Gardiner.

Reserve Driver/convoyer - R Fenech Jnr.

Auditor - A Hacon.

Emergency Committee – President T Payne, Chairman C Oxborough, Secretary A Batterbee, A Hacon, B Brooks, N Rivett and P Dean.

Press Officer – no nominations, position vacant.

All officers proposed en-bloc Bradwell RPC. Seconded Great Yarmouth IFC. All in favour.

Permission to destroy old records in accordance with RPRA rules - all delegates in favour.

No propositions had been received.

The meeting then moved on to the first delegates meeting of 2024 with attendance and apologies remaining the same.

New member applications.

South Norfolk FC was confirmed, proposed Bradwell RPC, seconded Great Yarmouth IFC with all delegates in favour.

New Kings Lynn PFC. With the issue of crate allocation remaining outstanding this application to be placed on the agenda of our next delegates meeting.

Race programme. Bradwell delegate confirmed that his clubs proposed programme had been changed to the longest young bird race now being proposed as Blandford as suggested at the previous EAF meeting. Roudham Heath proposed 2024 programme was distributed and discussed by delegates present but received no seconder.

The Bradwell RPC proposed programme gave an option of either Eastbourne or Reading on two races. Some delegates were not in favour of Eastbourne. The Chairman suggested a compromise that left one Eastbourne in the proposed programme, and this was acceptable to all delegates.

That we adopt the amended race programme submitted by Bradwell RPC was proposed by Great Yarmouth IFC and seconded by Gorleston Station IFC. All present in favour. Race programme to be distributed to all clubs by the secretary.

Delegates discussed 2024 costs, the secretary confirmed that all insurances were being increased for 2024 and with the settlement of his injury claim now complete was not sure what the cost of our new policy would be. It was proposed by Bradwell RPC and seconded by Great Yarmouth IFC that the birdage for 2024 season be increased by 10 pence a bird to 70 pence. All delegates in favour.

Transporter update. As previously agreed by delegates, new rear tyres will be fitted before the start of the season and signwriting on the transporter to be changed to show East Anglian Federation.

Young Bird Gold Ring Race. The following was confirmed.

Gold Ring Race from Blandford – first prize of £500 guaranteed plus further prizes depending on entries. Separate liberation. Delegates were still wanting central marking, but this matter would be confirmed at our next meeting when hopefully member entries would be clearer.

Hot Spot Race from Bovingdon August 10th – first prize £100 guaranteed plus further prizes depending on entries. One liberation with EAF birds and all race marking by individual clubs.

The secretary had ordered and received 200 rings and sales to date were just over 100.

Presentation Evening. As previously agreed by delegates we are to accept the invitation from Yare Six Bird CC to have a joint presentation evening at The Imperial Hotel, Great Yarmouth on April 6th. Tickets are to be £35.50p per person. Would all clubs please confirm numbers etc. in time for our next meeting to enable a decision to be made.

Next delegate meeting to be held on February 24th.

Meeting closed at 15.50.