

## East Anglian Federation of Racing Pigeon Clubs.

Minutes of a General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the Old School Village Centre, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth NR31 8QH.

General Meeting commenced at 14.10 pm.

In attendance - 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  
South Norfolk FC – B Brooks  
Roudham Heath –

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were read and accepted as a true record. Proposed Bradwell RPC, Seconded Great Yarmouth IFC.

All delegates in favour.

Declaration of interest – none declared.

Matters arising.

The transporter had been serviced, including the fitting of four new rear tyres, and passed the MOT within budget.

Quotation had been received to remove current logo on transporter and replace with EAST ANGLIAN FEDERATION as previously agreed by delegates. The secretary raised the recent national press interest in racing pigeons by PETA (animal right activists) and asked the delegates if they thought having no logo on the transporter should be considered. It was proposed by Great Yarmouth IFC and seconded by Bradwell RPC that we proceed and replace the logo only. South Norfolk FC supported having no logo on transporter. The proposition was carried by 3 votes for with one against.

Correspondence.

Email received by the secretary from New Kings Lynn PFC withdrawing their application.

Insurance quote from Zurich Insurance to re-new policy for transporter. Price quoted was a small increase on 2023. Great Yarmouth IFC proposed that we accept the policy at the quoted price. This was seconded by Bradwell RPC. All delegates in favour.

With the RPRA dis-continuing their individual member insurance policy the secretary had requested and received a further quote from Zurich for public liability and crate insurance. Delegates did not support the public liability quote as they felt most clubs would be covered by their H.Q. policy but did support the quote of £110.77 for crate insurance. It was proposed by Bradwell RPC and seconded by Great Yarmouth IFC that the cost would be paid for by the clubs on a pro-rata basis on the number of crates allocated to them.

Risk assessment. Further to correspondence with Zurich Insurance the secretary had produced and circulated a risk assessment in duplicate and requested that all clubs study the content before signing both copies, one to be displayed at their Marking Station with the other returned to the secretary.

Young Bird Gold Ring Race from Blandford.

Sale of rings has now exceeded 170. First prize had already been guaranteed at £500 and delegates wished for fifteen prizes with final details to be circulated in due course. PLEASE REMIND YOUR MEMBERS THAT RINGS ARE STILL AVAILABLE.

Separate liberation with the Gold Ring entries being liberated first at least 30 minutes before that of the EAF race.

No deduction for EAF funds with all monies, less cost of rings, being allocated in prizes.

Hot Spot Race from Bovingdon August 10<sup>th</sup> – three prizes 1<sup>st</sup> prize £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £75 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £50. One liberation with EAF birds and all race marking by individual clubs.

Gold ring details proposed by Gorleston Station IFC and seconded by Great Yarmouth IFC with all in favour.

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 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are to be £35.50p per person. PLEASE REMIND YOUR MEMBERS AND CONFIRM DETAILS TO THE SECRETARY.

Federation Cups and 2023 miniatures won will be presented to members on the evening.

Number of birds per crate. It was agreed that ALL clubs put a minimum of 25 birds per crate for all races in 2024 and with the crates having sufficient space (RPRA recommendation) for a maximum of 30 birds, please top up crates to avoid part crates were necessary.

Pick up route and times;

Gorleston Station IFC	18.30
Great Yarmouth IFC	19.00
Bradwell RPC	19.30
South Norfolk FC	20.45
Roudham Heath	21.45

EAF website. It was agreed that first arrivals will be posted on the website once details from ALL clubs had been received.

Meeting closed at 15.40.