

East Anglian Federation of Racing Pigeon Clubs.

Minutes of two General Meetings and Annual General Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the Old School Village Centre, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth NR31 8QH.

General Meeting commenced at 14.10 pm.

Attendance;

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

Members/ Delegates Present

Bradwell RPC - R Utting and G Debbage  
Drayton RPC – S Fountain, M Bundy and A Wright  
Gorleston Station IFC – J Moughton and D Miller  
Great Yarmouth IFC - N Rivett  
Roudham Heath – Not represented.

Apologies received from President – Trevor Payne.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 were read and accepted as a true record. Proposed Bradwell RPC, Seconded Drayton RPC.  
All delegates in favour.

Matters arising

Copies of Risk Assessment were available and duly signed by clubs present.

EAF Crate Tally Sheet – Racing Rule 12. This item had been carried over from the previous meeting. The secretary explained the importance of the correct details on this form i.e. crate number, crates seals and correct number of birds in each crate. Delegates confirmed that all clubs were to complete the crate tally sheet and pass to the convoyer with a copy of their members entry sheets when their birds are collected on race marking night.  
Proposed Bradwell RPC Seconded Drayton RPC. All present in favour.

Resignation received from C Reeves secretary of the South Norfolk Pigeon Club that was accepted with regret. Proposed Bradwell RPC Seconded Great Yarmouth IFC. All in favour.

In closing 2024 business the Chairman recorded a vote of thanks to all club officials for their work last 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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 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 had already supplied a signed copy of the accounts confirming the accounts as published. That the accounts be accepted as a true record was proposed by Bradwell RPC, 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 2025.

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 and S Moores.

Auditor - A Hacon.

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

Press Officer – no nominations, position vacant.

All officers proposed en-bloc Drayton 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 2025 with attendance and apologies remaining the same.

2024 Average Claim Forms. These had been sent to all clubs on two occasions and the secretary confirmed that only one club had submitted a claim. The delegates instructed the secretary to allocate trophies as per claims received and to record NO CLAIM where applicable. All delegates in favour.

Crate Allocation – this matter had been dealt with at the previous meeting. It was confirmed that the minimum number per crate would be 25 (as in 2024) and number of crates held by each club was noted. Drayton RPC were to hold their AGM in February and with further applications expected mentioned concerns with their crate allocation particularly with young birds. The Chairman explained that clubs should only use a maximum of half of their total allocation at any one time. Drayton were getting their members to confirm number of entries on the Thursday night before basketing and it was agreed that if they expected to exceed their allocation, they would contact the Chairman or Secretary to see if any more crates were available for the week/s in question. It was hoped that we could all work together for the benefit of the Federation.

Race programme. Bradwell RPC and Gorleston Station IFC were both in favour of the same race programme as 2024. The secretary had circulated details received from Drayton RPC asking for Chelmsford, Maidstone and Eastbourne race points to be considered. Further to constructive discussion it was agreed that this season's race programme would be as in 2024 except for Reed being replaced with Chelmsford. Starting date to be April 19<sup>th</sup> with 13 old bird and eight young bird races. Race programme to be circulated to all clubs in due course. Proposed Drayton RPC seconded Great Yarmouth IFC. Voting 3 for and 1 against. Carried.

Birdage rates for 2025. Bradwell RPC proposed an increase of 10 pence per bird, this received no seconder.

Amended proposition from Drayton RPC and seconded by Great Yarmouth IFC that we have an increase of 5 pence per bird.

The amended proposition was carried by 3 votes for and 1 against.

Transporter update. New canvas side covers were required and the Chairman offered to organize in time for the first race. Vote of thanks recorded for Bradwell member Kelvin Sharman for donating the material required.

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. Birds convoyed by EAF with the Gold Ring entries having a Separate liberation.

Hot Spot Race from Bovingdon August 9<sup>th</sup> – first prize £100 guaranteed plus further prizes depending on entries. One liberation with EAF birds and all race marking by individual clubs.

It was agreed that all entry monies would go to prize money. The entry fee per bird for both Gold Ring and Hot Spot race being 75 pence.

Gold rings to be £10.00p each with no limit on numbers per member.

The secretary had ordered and received 200 rings and sales to date were just over 120.

Presentation Evening. 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 5<sup>th</sup>. Further details to be circulated in due course.

DEFRA requirement – club marking station details/contacts were confirmed by delegates present.

Next delegate meeting to be held in late March.

Meeting closed at 15.50.

