

South Hampshire Budgerigar Society

Minutes of the annual general meeting, held at the Three Score Club, Library Road, Totton, Southampton, Hampshire, SO40 3RS on Friday, 4th March 2022 at 20.00 hours

South Hampshire BS Chairman opened the meeting at 8.00 p.m. and thanked the 16 members for attending.

1. Attendees

Jim Lawrie, Andy Thorpe, Andre McKendrick, Ray Nicholls, Mike McGee, Yvonne Tuxford, Derek Ham, Maranda Underwood, Les Underwood, Steve Bailey, Brian Wild, Mike Freeborn, Terry Tuxford, Chris Bellows, Kerry Bellows, Mick Small

2. Apologies for Absence

Brian Bailey, John Burton, Steve Murdock, Peter Merritt

3. Minutes of the last AGM held on 6th March 2020

The last AGM was held in 2020 and the minutes from this meeting were available on the Society website and were emailed to all members in February 2022. There were proposed by Ray Nicholls, seconded by Derek Ham and unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Report on behalf of the Committee (Jim Lawrie, Chairman)

Like most UK budgerigar clubs, South Hants BS was dormant during the Coronavirus Pandemic. The last AGM was held in March 2020 and all key positions were filled, although there were a few vacancies. These vacancies were considered non-urgent as the country was about to go into "lockdown". In February 2021, the General Secretary resigned and because there were no shows Peter Merritt the Show Secretary temporarily filled that role. The 2021 AGM was cancelled because of Covid.

In May 2021 there were indications that lockdown would be eased in June 2021. We looked forward to resuming monthly meetings and planning for our 40th Anniversary and memorial show (for Tony Cash and Kevin Burnett) in August 2022.

The Committee agreed to delay the next AGM until March 2022 and to appoint (under Rule 6.13) the Committee and fill any vacancies. Most notably, appointing Terry Tuxford as our General Secretary.

We resumed monthly meetings in September 2021, holding a young stock show and the Members' show in October, and our Xmas bash at Mellow Golf Club arranged by Peter Merritt.

Arrangements are well in hand for our Open Show in August, which, in the absence of Peter Merritt, Mike Freeborn update us later.

We all want our Open Show to be a success. To help this along, the Committee previously agreed to continue with a financial incentive scheme to encourage exhibitors to bring birds. We are also considering charging an entry fee per cage to help offset costs.

6. Financial Statement of Accounts (Andy Thorpe, Treasurer)

Andy Thorpe presented the accounts and explained that due to there being only a limited number of meetings over the past 2 years there had been only a few financial transactions. The Club's finances show a healthy bank balance of some £3,792. Proposed by Ray Nicholls, seconded by Andrew McKendrick and unanimously agreed that the accounts be accepted.

7. Subscription Secretary's Recommendation of 2023 subscriptions (Andy Thorpe, Treasurer)

Andy Thorpe recommended that subscriptions be maintained at their current levels for 2023. His reasoning was that most active members make significant financial contributions to the Society at meetings, through sponsorship, donating raffle prizes etc and an increase in subs is not warranted. Proposed by Mike Freeborn, seconded by Les Underwood and unanimously accepted.

8. Installation of New President 2022-2024 Andy Thorpe

Andy Thorpe was installed as the new Society President.

9. Election of Officers and Committee

Andy Thorpe took the chair and announced that except for Publicity Officer Neil Cawley, all current Officers and Committee Members are willing to stand for re-election. The Chairman suggested that the Publicity Role be incorporated into the General Secretary duties, which was accepted. It was proposed to vote these en-bloc. Proposed by Steve Bailey, seconded Les Underwood and unanimously agreed.

10. Election of Auditor

It was agreed that Andy Thorpe approach Neil Johnson to be Auditor.

Post Meeting note. As Neil Johnson will be Show Manager in 2022, it is felt that greater independence is needed and so Malcolm Parsons, who is Sussex BS treasurer, has agreed to take the role of Auditor. This will be ratified at the next general meeting.

11. Any Other Competent Business

The Officers and Committee proposed four rule changes, which were proposed by Derek Ham, Les Underwood, Ray Nicholls and seconded by Les Underwood, Mick McGee and Mick Small and unanimously accepted as follows:

Rule 5.3. Cheques shall only be considered valid when signed by the Treasurer and the Chairman or Secretary.

Changed to

Rule 5.3. Cheques shall only be considered valid when signed by the Treasurer and the Chairman, Vice-chairman or Secretary.

Rule 7.3. All annual subscriptions, except the first subscription of a new member, shall be payable on first day of March each year.

Changed to:

Rule 7.3. All annual subscriptions, except the first subscription of a new member, shall be payable on first day of January each year.

Rule 8. The Annual General Meeting of the Society, shall be held during the month of March in each year.

Changed to:

Rule 8. The Annual General Meeting of the Society, shall be held during the month of June in each year.

Rule 8.4. To decide on any resolution or discuss any business of which notice in writing shall have been given by any member to the General Secretary not later than 1st January before the date of such meeting.

Changed to:

Rule 8.4. To decide on any resolution or discuss any business of which notice in writing shall have been given by any member to the General Secretary not later than 14 days prior to the date of such meeting.

12. 40th Anniversary Open Show incorporating the Memorial Show for Tony Cash and Kevin Burnett".

An update was presented by Mick Freeborn, who confirmed that judges have been booked, the show will take place in the same venue but in the original hall where we held our show. This also provides catering and office facilities. Storage facilities for the staging has a limited time of 12 months placed on them and alternative storage will be found. Mike explained that the exhibitor's incentive scheme would include cash back for staged birds and a per cage entry fee – this resulted in a question being asked, and the committee will review this at their next meeting. As always, sponsorship would be most welcome.

13. Date of next AGM

2nd June 2023

