

The Canary Council for Great Britain and Northern Ireland

AGM Agenda

Saturday 6th April 2024 at 1030 am

At The Fieldhead Hotel, Markfield Lane, Markfield, Leicestershire, LE67 9PS.

1 Apologies

Adam Roper - Yorkshire CC

Charlie Gardener - FFF

Present

Barry Mills, - Yorkshire CC

Adam Raine, Henry Cooper - Fife Fancy Council

Paul Gillott, Barry McGuire - Fife Fancy Federation

Rob Braddock - CCBA

Keith Ferry, Saviour Camelleri - Norwich

Maurice O'Connor - Irish Fancy

Chris Smith - Kernow (Rare) Club

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for travelling, he asked that we go round the table to introduce delegates to the meeting.

2 Minutes of AGM - 1st April 2023 accepted as true record.

Proposed Paul Gillott seconded Adam Raine

3 Matters Arising - none

4 President's Report - as always the President kept his report short and thanked everyone for attending.

5 Chairman's Report - written report read to the meeting and appended to these minutes. There followed some discussion on the DEFRA proposal for registration and the current confusion on the need and who should have to register. It was noted that this has yet to go before Parliament and with a general election in the autumn the future of this scheme is uncertain at this point in time.

6 Secretary's Report – none available in the absence of the secretary.

7 Treasurer's Report - 11 paid up member clubs for 2024 with three clubs stating they wished to no longer affiliate, namely

Border Convention

British Colour Canary

Hoso Alliance.

The treasurer highlighted the main elements of income and expenditure on the statement of accounts and sought approval from the meeting.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting following a proposal from Barry Mcquire and seconded by Paul Gillott.

8 Election of Officers

President - Maurice O'Connor

Chairman - Barry Mills
Vice Chairman - Henry Cooper
Treasurer - Adam Raine
Secretary - Barry McGuire
Ring Secretary - post not filled
NCA delegates – three delegates required from pool of :-
Saviour Camilleri
Keith Ferry
Adam Roper
Huw Evans
NE Judges Adjudication - Adam Raine

- 9 Correspondence nothing substantial, other than 2 emails from vets requesting information on rings on two canary's that had been handed in.
- 10 National Exhibition. – 2023 had gone well although the theft of a goldfinch prior to judging had occurred. Need for more vigilance on the barriers to keep the public out of the area whilst judging taking place.
2024 the Parrot Society are likely minded not to hold the spring meeting for participating clubs as things seem to be running smoothly, though a request from one club and some exhibitors has been received to bring lifting time forward to 3pm. The National Exhibition Co-ordinator will email all participating clubs requesting their view on this before a decision is made. Mixed views on lifting time with some looking for more time in which to complete judging. He will also approach the Parrot Society to see if exhibitors can enter the hall at 7am Sunday morning so judging can commence earlier. Adam Raine asked that all canary sections nominate a steward to bring forward their Best exhibit, best white ground and best junior for Best in Show, and to be responsible for the safe return of those birds to their section once judging has finished. Steward's names to be given to Adam at the show.
- 11 Canary Council Ring Scheme – with less than 20 fanciers now ordering id coded rings, with only about 1200 rings issued, and that no one at the meeting was willing to take on this role, it was decided to suspend the ring scheme for the present time.
- 12 CC Web Page - again we have paid £110 for web site maintenance for the next year and the Chairman issued a plea for show dates and reports and photographs to liven up the web site.
- 13 COM UK – World Show

The meeting noted that , although we were unlikely to participate, the next world show would be held in Portugal in 2025 and then Belgium in 2026.

- 14 NCA Report

- Insurance –the Chairman stated that the NCA had had difficulty in obtaining PL insurance and that the cost had risen to over £70 per club. The NCA would keep the £60 charge for affiliation and insurance this year, thus subsidising the clubs but the NCA would be looking to increase the cost next year

- Defra update – as per Chairmans report attached and discussed in the meeting earlier.

-CITES/SUN – the Chairman stressed the importance of supporting the Sustainable Users Network (SUN) and the work they do on our behalf with the EU and Brussels

- 15 AOB - the need for a publicity officer for the Canary Council was raised and we need to look at the vision and purpose of the canary council. It was suggested a committee zoom meeting be arranged.
- 16 Date of next meeting 5th April 2025 at 1030am at the Fieldhead Hotel.