Ipswich Budgerigar Society

Annual General Meeting



Thursday 26th January 2017

The Constable Memorial Hall,Gandish Road East Bergholt. Suffolk

**There were 18 members Present**

Graham Barton, John Gibbens, Peter Stevens, Sandra Stevens, Dave Stephenson, George McMillan, Bill Squires, Steven Squires, David Rafis, Geoff Murrells, Sue Boyes, Martin Frost, Brian McCelland, Bill Hewitt, Richard Mann, Avis Dowse and Eileen.

1. **Presidents Opening Remarks – Sandra Stevens**

Verbal report – No record available

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Ghalib Al-Nasser, Janice Al-Nasser, Alan Wiggins, Martin Friend, Sandra Holden, Derek Lungley, Richard Risebrow

1. **Minutes of the last AGM held on28th January 2016**

These have already been circulated everyone should have read them

Proposed correct by Peter Stevens Seconded by Bill Squires.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

None

1. **Chairman’s report – Graham Barton**
2. **General Secretary’s Report - Not present**
3. **Treasurer’s Report – Sue Boyes**
4. **Show Secretary’s Report -**
5. **Show Managers Report – George McMillan**
6. **Patronage Secretary Report**
7. **Publicity Officers Report – David Rafis**
8. **Social Secretary’s Report – Sandra Stevens**

These were verbal reports no written record is available

1. **Election of Officers**

**Life Members**

Janice Al-Nasser, Doug Austin, Muriel Goldsmith, Derek Lungley, George McMillan, Geoff Murrells, Gren Norris, Pat Norris, Richard Risebrow, Sandra Holden

President – Sandra Stevens (2 year position)

President Elect – Steven Squires (2 year position)

Chairman – Graham Barton voted 17 in favour

Vice Chairman – George Mcmillan P- Sue Boyes S- Bill Hewitt 17 in favour

General Secretary – John Gibbens P Bill Squires S- Peter Stevens 17 in favour

Treasurer – Sue Boyes P- Sandra S- Geoff Murrells 17 in favour

Show Manager – George McMillan P-Sue Boyes S- Dave Stephenson 17 In favour

Show Secretary – No person standing (Committee to be formed)

Publicity Officer David Rafis – P Bill Squires S- Geoff Murrells 17 in favour

Patronage Secretary – Steve Squires P-Peter Stevens S-Geoff Murrells 17 in favour

Social Secretary – Sandra Stevens P- Sue Boyes S- Bill Squires 17 in favour

1. **Subscriptions**

The matter was discussed and a majority decision made that the subscriptions would remain as per the previous year, £5 across the board.

1. **Member of the year**

This was deferred until the FebruaryMeeting

1. **BBQ and young stock show**

The matter was discussed with Peter and Sandra who agreed to organise and hold the BBQ at their home address as per previous years. The date set was 11/06/2017.

The Gillan’s are to be approached to judge at the event.

1. **Specialist and Rare Variety Show**

Ipswich B.S had agreed to hold the annual show. The date set for the event was 02/07/2017. Further arrangements would be discussed over the forthcoming months. Graham stressed that the support of all the members would be required to make the event a success.

1. **AOB**
2. John Gibbens spoke about the Club Web site and that it now had a tired look and needed to be updated. He volunteered to create a new web site which he would then manage. The cost of this was expected to be in the region of £30. The floor agreed that this should be done.
3. John Gibbens asked if the members would be interested in him visiting their aviaries taking pictures and publishing the members under a members profile page on the web site. The member agreed that it was a good idea.
4. John Gibbens then spoke about the problem of French Moult that appeared to be a significant problem with some members. He asked for the member’s permission to create a survey which would be distributed to all members to complete in an attempt to establish a possible local cause.
5. Geoff Murrells addressed the floor and stated that he wished to donate £20 for the most benched birds at the forthcoming Specialist and Rare show.
6. Davis Rafis proposed that the July meeting be reinstated, as it would be a good opportunity for the members to make final preparation for the Open show. The members agreed that it should be reinstated.
7. Geoff Murrells proposed that a recording device be purchased for use of the secretary who could record the relevant part of the future meetings. This was agreed and John stated he would purchase the device.
8. Bill Squires proposed that new judging stands be acquired. He agreed that he and Peter and others would purchase the material and build the new stands. The cost was expected to be in the region of £200.
9. Peter Stevens confirmed that he had in his possession the PA system. It was agreed that the secretary will collect and keep the system for future deployment.
10. Bill Squires thanked the Chairman for all his hard work and commitment last year. The floor agreed

The Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and attention and closed the meeting.