

International Gloster Breeders Association

Sunday 9th March 2014

Agenda – Annual General Meeting

Held @ Chase Hotel, Nuneaton 10.30am commencement.

Chairman's opening remarks:

Chairman welcomed everyone and commented on a fantastic turnout of 38 members who have taken the time to attend the meeting. We still have some way to go but overall this has been a good year for the Association and the club show. All ideas are very welcome e.g. £1 per entry has been well received and will help to fund the show. The show team worked really well and we can have nothing but praise for their commitment. We had entries from abroad, which were good examples and rightly featured strongly in the specials winners. Our new ring provider, namely Avian ID donated just over £300. This is an additional line of revenue for the association and the price of rings to members is also favourable. The club website is now fully functioning and looking good. A huge thank you to all officials.

Apologies for absence: Norman Wallace & Sue Guy

Minutes of the last AGM:

March 2013

Proposed Roger Wilton

Seconded

Dave Hobart

Matters arising:

D Rands queried that he understood the sale of club garments would be deferred until the next meeting. I Allison replied that his understanding was that if the amount of financial benefit to the club could be improved from the initial suggestion that we would go ahead. IA further explained that club funds have not been used to purchase the garments as he has paid for the items personally. At the moment the sales value has not quite reached the cost of purchase but once this point has been reached the club will see a benefit.

General correspondence:

None that wouldn't be dealt with elsewhere during meeting

Balance sheet showing statement of income and expenditure

Auditors Austin Middlemiss and Norman Wallace

Similar to previous years – see balance sheet for full details.

Extra money gained from sponsorship. Schedules & entry forms usually charged against yearbooks but extrapolated this year and accounted in show balance sheet.

Figures aligned up to 31st December 2013. PayPal balance is always a guestimate due to instant changes. Further explanation was given regarding £1500 (2012 2nd edition yearbook) which was carried over from previous balance.

It was proposed and accepted that the schedule be included in the yearbook instead of a separate mini booklet - Sam Guy.

Kevin Tweed advised that 'black out' raffles could generate some extra funds during the show – to be considered.

Paul Burnett commented, Commercial sponsorship needs pushing on and this could be done via partnership links on the website. IA advised that the links were ready and information should be forwarded on for uploading.

PB continued that more income was generated from the show than in recent years.

Charlie Clarke would like to see the show become self financing – as it used to be.

Austin Middlemiss – records are much clearer this year. Using the bank statements & cash books allowed us to work backwards using the figures we had.

Proposed Steve Webb

Seconded

Alan Hayward

Reports:

Show manager, Dave Rands

Show day went well apart from not having enough tables. Should Superior Birdroom Products bring their own tables? Or, advise that are no tables available until after judging has taken place.

Steve Webb will discuss extra table requirement with college.

Show secretary, Paul Burnett (on behalf of team)

Sue Roome did a great job and made it easy for the team on the day. PB still learning and can do better in certain areas but the enthusiasm from the whole team carried us all through for a good result.

International Gloster Breeders Association

Patronage secretary, Dave Hobart

An exciting year - just getting to understand requirement.

Three clubs failed to return results. I would like to thank Alan Hayward and Roger Wilton for their support and assistance.

Extra cost of rosettes equated to £86.23. Posting three rosettes costs £1.60.

I propose that the affiliation fee is increased from £3 to £5 – Passed and accepted for 2015.

Note!

11 All Gloster Clubs – 30/40 Club Patronages

Affiliation – Open Competition

Every All Gloster Club who applied for patronage got it.

All Clubs who applied for Patronage got it.

Any clubs who applied after 31st March got affiliation only.

Overseas Secretary, Alan Hayward

IGBA has members in 19 countries the UK being the largest.

Overseas members total 145.

13 countries have less than 10 members

A lengthy debate ensued which covered several ways to recognise the achievements' of our overseas members.

Are we serving the members as well as we can?

Should there be a formal method to apply?

Separate trophy?

AH to write a paragraph for yearbook

AH & DH to produce a report for next AGM

Yearbook editor/ memberships Roger Wilton

We encountered some difficulties when we were forced to find a new printer. There are a few mistakes in the yearbook, which were not noticed until it was too late. Due to the errors I have received a further 20 amended books FOC. A reduction in price for the second yearbook has also been negotiated.

We gain 3 to 4 new members every month and as of today we have 340 UK and 103 OS members who have paid for 2014. Craig Biddle offered to assist with printing and will discuss with Roger.

John Herring proposed & Dave Hobart seconded a vote of thanks to Roger for the work he does for the club.

Website manager, General secretary, Treasurer, Ian Allison

The bank balance fluctuates between £6,000 -£9,000 during the year, which has been the norm in recent times. Year on year the finances are steady and therefore I don't see any need for adjustments to subscription fees etc As always we must keep a watchful eye on postal charges due to them creeping up every year.

The increased number of officials added to the committees last year has made a tremendous difference to the running and functionality of the Association.

Our website is now just about fully operational and if you haven't already had a look I would strongly recommend that you do. The photographs from last years show are all there to be seen. The forum page is being used by those new to the fancy and some potential Gloster fanciers who are seeking guidance and advice. I urge all present to participate and offer up some encouragement to these people.

Honorariums:

2013:- Show secretary, Overseas secretary, Patronage secretary, Yearbook editor/ Memberships, General sec / Treasurer & Website manager.

Proposal:

The meeting was advised that because memberships are now taken by Roger Wilton £100 be taken from General Secretary honorarium and transferred to his honorarium to compensate for extra work.

End of year

International Gloster Breeders Association

President 2014 – Malcolm Miles

Election of officers 2014

President elect:- Mick Kelham

Honorary life members:-

C Bowyer, CE Clarke, RG Cumberlidge, Mrs C Harris, L Johnson, LA Manchester,
A Potts, JW Rayson, Mr&Mrs G Sims, Mrs M Southern, Mr&Mrs C White & E Wilson

Life vice presidents:- NJ Barrett, CE Clarke, Mrs C Harris, JW Rayson, M Salmon

Nominations:

Chairman	1)	2)	elected Tony Thompson
General sec/Treasurer	1)	2)	elected Ian Allison
Overseas sec	1)	2)	elected Alan Hayward
Patronage & Aff's sec	1)	2)	elected Dave Hobart
Yearbook ed/M'ships	1)	2)	elected Roger Wilton
Asst editor	1)	2)	elected Tony Thompson
Asst editor	1)	2)	elected Ian Allison
Auditors (2 req'd)	1)	2)	elected Bob Mortimer Steve Webb
Delegates:			
Gloster UK Council	1)	2)	elected Ian Allison
IOA-COM-UK	1)	2)	elected Richard Lumley
Website Manager	1)	2)	elected Ian Allison
Asst Website Mngr	1)	2)	elected Roger Wilton
Publicity officer	1)	2)	elected Norman Wallace
Show Sec(s)	1)	2)	elected Sue Roome
Show team leader	1)	2)	elected Paul Burnett
Show Manager	1)	2)	elected Dave Rands
Assistant Show Mngr	1)	2)	elected Sam Guy
Assistant Show Mngr	1)	2)	Elected Steve Gash

General committee

1 Tony Thompson	2 Ian Allison	3 Roger Wilton	4 Dave Hobart	5 Alan Hayward
6 Dave Rands	7 Craig Biddle	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15

Show Officials:

Show report	1)	2)	elected Norman Wallace
Photography	1)	2)	elected Alan Hayward jr

International Gloster Breeders Association

Seminar secretary 1) 2) elected Sue Roome

Show committee: Meeting to follow AGM (if required)

1 Sue Roome	2 Paul Burnett	3 Craig Biddle	4 Gail Gash	5 George Thompson
6 Steve Webb	7 Eric Jay	8 Kevin Tweed	9 Dave Rands	10 Dave Cottrell
11 Pete Guest	12 Mark Guest	13 Bill Kingcombe	14 Tony Thompson	15 Ian Allison

Correspondence to date:

Judges panel additions: Francesco Petti, Antonio Pappalardo, Ricardo Pappalardo, Renato Bonaldo & Marc De Keyser

Note! 26 judges have been removed from the panel list due to non-payment of subscriptions – all names were read out for the benefit of those present.

Roger Wilton advised the meeting that anyone not paying subs would be contacted by telephone to confirm that non-payment was not an oversight before being removed.

Charlie Clarke – to be a panel judge members must be current year breeder/keeper.

The discussion then moved on to the unusual situation in that two of the selected judges for 2014 show have just announced their retirement from the fancy.

The secretary explained that in his opinion the Association select whom they want to judge, which ensures that those who exhibit do so under the judges who are the most popular at that time. Whilst the two judges in question, namely Tony Thompson & Austin Middlemiss have very recently sold their stud of birds it should be the time of asking them to officiate that matters. Not many have started breeding this year and no one has exhibited yet as the show season doesn't commence until the first weekend in October. Therefore, if our rule regarding the above is to be strictly adhered too it rules everyone out because we don't know if we will breed any birds for sure or have any to show for one reason or another? Furthermore, we ask overseas judges for the following year and it is impossible to know for certain if they still comply? Do we really want to police this that stringently? In addition, we will not be losing any entries and it would be a fitting way for them to 'sign off' and act as a show of appreciation for all the work they have performed for the Association over the years. So, in summary a decision should be based on information from the last full year i.e. 2013 in this case.

Dave Rands, Rob Wright & Nick Barrett all raised the point separately regarding 'rule 5' which is a GFCC UK rule. For the record our ruling regarding judges is Rule 20.

Having no appetite to debate this any further the chairman decided that no vote was necessary and that the next two members on the nominations list should be contacted with a view to replacing the illegible judges.

2015 Judges panel;

Applications:

Vincenzo Scardina, Kevin McCarthy, Andrew Triolo, Ferre Willems, Chris Sheppard, Paul Burnett, George Thompson, Andrew Parnell, Phillip Dawtrey & Ian Wright.

2014 promotional opportunities for IGBA

George Thompson offered to book a table at the Stafford October show.

Show:

- 1 Extra light bird Classes remain for 2014 show – ask council to implement.
Vote:
20 for Prop R Wright sec B Mortimer
10 against prop N Barrett sec S Guy
- 2 judges memorabilia will be donated by Dave & Fern – thank you from all
- 3 British Championship – keep same but check out best bargains. Check with Darby rosettes + others.
e.g. class winners could receive a bronze medal, 2 class wins = silver and 3 for gold. Doing away with all/some prize money could fund this?
Show committee to investigate viability further
- 4 Seminar – guest speakers to be arranged by Norman Wallace

A.O.B.

International Gloster Breeders Association

Club Badges – Dave Rands to talk with L Schoovaerts - price /availability

Avian ID rings-Ring metal too hard – suggestion to purchase a ring tool

Gloster Council – Yes vote to reaffiliate.

Overseas judge 2015 – nominated Mr Marnix D'Hont – won by 6 votes

Overseas judge 2016 – Rene Alsema – won by 9 votes

Purchase of club garments circa £880. Sales to date approx. £800 with some initial stock remaining. A donation of 5% of sales invoice value will be evident in next balance sheet.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2.05pm

Prop: M Kelham Sec P Durrell

Next meeting:2015 AGM Sunday 8th March 10.30am start

Note! **Mother's day is March 15th 2015**