

# International Gloster Breeders Association

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Sunday 13th<sup>h</sup> March 2016 10:30am  
Chase Hotel, Nuneaton, Warwickshire

Minutes – Annual General Meeting

## **Chairman's opening remarks:**

- Keith Baker opened the meeting by thanking all those present for taking the time to attend.

## **Apologies for absence:**

- Derek Moore, Margaret Moore, Norman Wallace, Sue Roome, Colin Bowyer, Trevor Goddard, Bill Kingcombe & Pete Guest.

## **Minutes of the last AGM:** 8th March 2015

- The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.
- Prop by Richard Lumley and seconded by Allen Hayward.

## **Matters arising:**

Donation – In memory of Dave Cottrell

- £50 donation sent to Friends of Marymount Hospice, Cork

## Association Rules

- The chairman advised the meeting about a discussion that had taken place during the show weekend where the committee members asked for some amendment to the original proposal put forward at the 2015 AGM. Bob Mortimer the originator had taken these points in to account and would represent the with the changes made. At this point the meeting was advised that a constitution is in existence but no one present has a copy in their possession. We should endeavour to locate a copy if possible but in the event that none can be found we will print a copy of the suggested rules in the 2016 yearbook for all to see. A voting form will be included to understand memberships requirement and a constitution resurrected.
- Rule should remain: No Gloster Canaries means not eligible to judge
- Prop by John Herring and seconded by Sam Guy.

## Improved support for overseas show on a rotational basis

- Richard Lumley reported that some overseas clubs thought that the IGBA were offering to pay all expenses for a show carrying our name.
- A disclaimer to be printed in the next yearbook – passed unanimous.
- Dave Rands suggested that the branding of our show i.e The British Championship added to the misconception that there will be a funded European Championship.
- The show to be branded THE IGBA CLUB SHOW – passed unanimous
- The secretary advised that at no time has anyone or any club been offered anything concrete. As far as I am aware there has only ever been fact finding conversations between our representative and a handful of prominent fanciers on the continent. Where I have intervened latterly I have (hopefully) in a diplomatic manner advised that whatever we put in place will be a 'small acorn' that we would hope to grow each year. What we do not intend doing is offering a package that is a one off and having to cut back in the future due to over commitment.
- Richard informed the meeting that we presently offer affiliation/patronage as follows
- £10 payment covers 4 rosettes and postage and will remain in place as the basic package – passed unanimous.
- All (overseas) affiliated clubs are eligible for extra patronage support and one club per year will receive this at no extra cost to them - passed unanimous.
- Chairman to clarify our stance in an article for the second yearbook.

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## GFCC UK

- Confirmation that letter was sent outlining our request to change some operational practices:
- All affiliated specialist Gloster clubs to have a voting member
- Each specialist club representative has one vote
- Chairmanship to be rotated between affiliated clubs
- Passed unanimously
  
- Receipt of letter acknowledged

## IOA donation

- Applied for sponsorship and received £100
- A thank you letter sent

## Rings

- Keith Baker has taken on the role of ring steward and to date has ordered and delivered 7,600 rings.
- Some problems experienced with split rings in that they are supplied closed and sometimes difficult to open without using pliers. Tool available @ 15€
- Proving to be a good profit opportunity – full breakdown will be shown in 2016 accounts.

## Club pin badge

- Richard Lumley has purchased 100 lapel (pin) badges and they are available direct from him for £4.99 each

## Darby Rosettes ceased trading

- Stephen Darby who has been the supplier of our rosettes has retired and no longer trades so an alternative supplier needs to be found.
- Direct Rosettes quoted to supply show rosettes for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary show which are of superior quality than previous. These rosettes will cost more and it is likely that we will revert back to the more basic style in the future?
- Passed unanimous.

## Show catering 2015

- Catering at 2015 show was a disappointment due to lack of trade. The college caterer was forced to dispose of food because of strict health and safety policy so this facility won't be available to us in future.
- George Thompson has volunteered to take over this role and we also have two willing assistants, namely Mrs Durrell and Mrs Durrell.

## Alternative show hall

- A few committee members visited an alternative venue for our show at Gresley. Whilst there were arguably some good points it was felt the minuses far outweighed the pluses. Biggest objection was accommodation being around 8 miles away from show hall. We'll keep looking.

## General correspondence:

- Letter from Fabrizio Ioppolo advising on the formation of a new Gloster club in Italy namely, NIGC
- Letter from Norman Wallace advising of his and Pamela's attendance at this years show.

## Balance sheet showing statement of income and expenditure

- Ian Allison the present treasurer explained that currently we operate with a treasurer, two auditors and an outside agency of accountants who verify that

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our accounts are in order. What I am proposing is that if I am re-elected as treasurer for 2016 that I work conjointly with Bob Mortimer who is one of our club auditors with a view to him succeeding me as treasurer from 1.1 2017 (next financial year) rather than waiting until the AGM. Because Bob is an accountant it seems silly that I produce some accounts for him to check out and then check them again through an outside agency. If this is acceptable it would mean that we don't need auditors and our accounts can go straight from Bob for validation by our chosen accountants.

- Passed unanimous.

## Reports:-

Chairman,

- Keith Baker – thanked all officers for their efforts over the last year.
- Another excellent show was staged which was enhanced by a number of overseas fanciers exhibiting their birds. We need to encourage this and hope to see them back again this year.
- There were a few issues at the show which need addressing, these I am sure can be sorted for next time round with the show team we have in place.
- Many thanks to Bob Mortimer for his excellent work in presenting the accounts.

Will write instruction details in time for the second yearbook on how overseas members should apply for affiliation and patronage. This will be forwarded to the overseas patronage secretary for actioning.

Show manager,

- Mark Guest - We faced a couple of problems at the beginning of the day that were fortunately overcome quite quickly. There was a shortage of stewards as has already been highlighted and moves to address this have been made. Huge thanks to Keith, Craig and Gail.
- Tick box indentifying volunteers to steward to be added to entry form.

Show secretary,

- Steve Webb – Apart for the issues already mentioned the show seemed to go well.
- As I have changed my car I won't be in a position to transport staging for the judges as well as water buckets etc.
- Dave Rands will enquire if he can source the extra staging etc.

UK Patronage,

- Dave Hobart – Rarely do we receive all results from clubs which is disappointing.
- We have some rosettes in stock but need more to supply all applications expected.

Overseas Patronge

- Richard Lumley – There is not enough information available generally speaking and we should do more.
- Richard to carry on offering four rosettes for £10 affiliation fee.
- Advise affiliated clubs that they may be eligible for further support on a rotational basis.

Yearbook editor.

- The membership over the last couple of years has remained pretty constant (around 420) despite us losing quite a few members through illness and old age. When membership fees increase it gives us a few problems as people don't realise and send the previous year's membership fee. I cannot contact them because it is not cost effective, due to the increase only being circa one pound. It would cost more to let them know so I hope they pay the outstanding amount the following year with the next renewal.
- The year book carries on improving all the time (I think). Having had the opportunity to read a copy of the 1975 edition of the year book the first article was all about the struggle they had to get articles from the most experienced

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members of the association, what a surprise! I am afraid it is still the same today when I ask I get plenty of promises but no articles. I have had a request recently from our Australian members to please send some articles in. So I am now pleading with you please send me some articles because I am afraid of losing some of our overseas members. I am now 71 years young and coming to the end of my useful time as editor of the magazine. If there is someone out there who would consider taking over from me please make contact because the yearbooks must carry on for many years to come. I am not retiring yet but we do need somebody to carry it on or maybe work in conjunction with me to ensure a seamless changeover period.

General secretary, Treasurer. Website Manager

- Ian Allison- -The website has attracted over 80,000 visits to date and continues to be used for payment of membership. You can also pay for yearbook advertising by clicking on the relevant amount and leaving a message to that effect. It will benefit fanciers both old and new if we can encourage more member contribution. A copy of the breeding sheets is now available online and I will update the patronage information after today's meeting.
- The yearbook I believe continues to deliver what the majority of our members want. When you consider that we have over 100 members from overseas with only a handful of them in a position to show their birds at our show and of the UK members it is only circa 25% who enter birds.
- The Association is financially sound due to membership revenue and expenditure remaining fairly consistent. As always the annual postal increase we endure every April takes a considerable amount of funding but the increase in membership fees has levelled this out.
- Roger Wilton, Dave Hobart, Richard Lumley and Sue Roome ordered and received goods on behalf of the Association in a professional manner making accountability straightforward at point of audit.
- Bob Mortimer and Steve Webb once again gave up their valuable time when carrying out the annual audit.
- Our 2015 show just about broke even when allowances are made for late payments etc.
- The show weekend threw up some different challenges but they were dealt with out too much upheaval. The judging was finished in good time.
- The show team consisting of Mark Guest, Steve Webb, Sue Roome, Gail Gash and Craig Biddle once again did a great job.
- The college catering staff weren't used to anywhere near capacity so I doubt that they will be available this year.
- There was a shortage of stewards, which could have been disastrous and would have been if not for the fantastic attitude of the judges who just got on with the job, thankfully.

## **Honorariums:-**

Show sec, Overseas sec, Patronage sec, Ring Steward, Yearbook editor, General sec & Treasurer.

- All honorariums to remain the same plus the additional payment for the ring steward ; £100 unanimous.
- When change over of treasurer takes place payment will be paid pro rata.

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End of year

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President 2016 – Colin Bowyer

## Election of officers 2016

### President elect:-

- Dave Hobart

### Honorary life members:-

- C Bowyer, CE Clarke, L Johnson, A Potts, JW Rayson, Mrs M Southern, K Lowe, AJ Thompson, RA Middlemiss, D Hobart. A Hayward, M Miles

### Life vice presidents:-

- NJ Barrett, CE Clarke, JW Rayson, M Salmon, M Kelham, D Moore

### Nominations:

Chairman Elected	Keith Baker	1) B Durrell	2) A Hayward
Vice Chairman Elected	John Herring	1) R Wilton	2) M Kelham
General sec/Treasurer Elected	Ian Allison	1) S Webb	2) D Hobart
Overseas Patronage sec Elected	Richard Lumley	1) D Hobart	2) C Biddle
Patronage & Aff's sec Elected	Dave Hobart	1) P Durrell	2) A Hayward
Yearbook ed/M'ships Elected	Roger Wilton	1) B Durrell	2) R Lumley
Assistant editor Elected	Ian Allison	1) R Lumley	2) A Hayward
Gloster UK Council Elected	Ian Allison	1) A Hayward	2) R Lumley
Website Manager Elected	Ian Allison	1) P Durrell	2) R Wilton
Assistant website manager Elected	Roger Wilton	1) I Allison	2) K Baker
Ring Steward Elected	Keith Baker	1) N Barrett	2) B Durrell
Publicity officer Elected	Norman Wallace	1) I Allison	2) K Baker
Show Sec(s) Elected	Sue Roome	1) P Durrell	2) B Durrell
Show Manager Elected	Mark Guest	1) R Wilton	2) I Allison

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Show team Leader  
Elected

Steve Webb

1) K Baker

2) I Allison

## General committee

1 P Durrell	2 B Durrell	3 J Cronin	4 C Clarke	5 A Hayward
6 C Biddle	7 D Rands	8	9	10

## Show Officials:

Show report  
Elected

Norman Wallace

1) B Mortimer

2) J Herring

Photography  
Elected

Allen Hayward Jnr

1) B Durrell

2) D Hobart

Minute Taker  
Elected

Sue Roome

1) B Mortimer

2) D Hobart

## Show committee: Meeting to follow AGM (if required)

1 C Biddle	2 G Gash	3 E Jay	4 G Thompson	5 B Durrell
6 P Durrell	7 D Rands	8	9	10

- Committees passed and seconded by B Mortimer & D Hobart

## 2016 Judges panel;

Proposals received.

- Darren Scerri, Stevie Evans, Joel Couto, Mario Farrugia, Louis Grech, Mario Adriadzen, Herluf Gronlund, Antonio Da Ferrao, Jorge Quintos Sousa, Barbara Rosario, Gregor Pott & Jos Janssen.
- All the above listed have been verified by their respective proposer and seconder.
- John Herring will write an article on 'Do you want to be a judge'

## 2016 promotional opportunities for IGBA

- Richard Lumley will double up IGBA promo with IOA UK table at Stafford.

## Gloster Council UK

- Continue affiliation
- Planned meeting September 2016

## IOA Com UK

- Continue affiliation

## Show:

50 years of the IGBA

- John Herring Showed examples of glassware.
- Whisky tumblers chosen – John to firm up prices
- 5 Gloster models painted Gold to be supplied by Austin Middlemiss as 'major prizes'

2017 & 2018 selection of guest Judges

- Guiseppe (Pino) Travoto selected 2017
- Bert Munneke selected 2018
- Ian Allison to inform the above on their selection

Allocation of jobs (Show duties)

- Job descriptions to be formulated and issued to avoid any misunderstanding Rosettes & memorabilia

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- Ian Allison given permission to purchase rosettes for club show

## A.O.B.

- Ian Allison to use same rosette supplier for any UK and overseas patronage supplies

**Next meeting:**  
**2017 AGM Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am start**

Note!

**Mother's day is March 26<sup>th</sup> 2017**

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