

**The Scottish National racing Pigeon Clubs 2nd AGM Held in the Loanhead
Miners Welfare Loanhead Near Edinburgh On Saturday the 10th of February
2007**

Around 80 members of the SNRPC attended the 2nd AGM of Scotland's new National Long distance racing Pigeon Club. Opening the meeting at 12.15 the president George Wilson welcomed all present and asked for one minute's silence for departed associates in the pigeon world.

Every member should have received the statement of accounts for 2006, along with the agenda and the committee's recommended resolutions and with no further ado the president opened the proceedings with **Item 1 the minutes of 2005s AGM.**

These were passed Proposed Ian Ross and seconded Ian M Brown.

With nothing arising from the minutes the conveyers report was also accepted with a thank you from the members present to our race controller John Alston, the convoyer Matthew Boyle, plus, Willie Johnston, Roy Seaton and Barney Kenny, all of whom, play such an important part in racing our birds successfully. John Alston also thanks Steve Appleby for his superb weather reports, which he finds invaluable.

The next Item on the Agenda was the balance sheet, this showed a very healthy surplus, this surplus due to the secretaries control and the generosity of the various members donating to our young bird sales, also the support of the full committee in numerous ways financially, the good will, technical and expert advice from many members and committees regular attendance at meetings. Whilst every committee member has contributed in some way, Ken Buchanan must come in for a special mention, his printing expertise and support has been of huge benefit to the SNRPC, the club acknowledging this major input.

Various members who have supported the club with donations for example the Reims race Mr & Mrs Ali Forrest of Ratho Jimmy Hamilton Kennoway, the extreme distance also John Ellis of Wellbank Dundee. Frank Baillie our first senior vice president who from before the beginning had been extremely generous to the SNRPC financially as well as practically and a host of others who have also given the SNRPC financial and moral support in the last 3 years, the committee are indebted your commitment, sincerely hoping that it continues. The members approved the balance sheet.

The next Item was the election of the officials for 2007. Ken Buchanan the acting Vice president took the chair intimating that George Wilson wished to stand for a third year and with no other nominations forthcoming from the members George Wilson was elected for a third term as the president of the Scottish national Racing Pigeon Club. Taking the chair the returning president thanked the members and promised to continue with good speed, the success, harmony and goodwill that had been his privilege to be part of within the SNRPC over the past 2 years. Next was the senior vice presidents position, Ken Buchanan who had been a committee member from

the beginning and subsequently the acting senior Vice president during part 2006 was prepared to stand for the position, Ken was duly elected. The junior Vice Presidents position fell to John Baillie our secretary, who, due to reasons out with his control, felt he could not at this time, continue with this very serious post, the members were delighted that he was willing to except this new position but disappointed to lose him as secretary.

With regards to the secretaries position, the president explained that the committee had at the last committee meeting discussed fully the importance of continuity with thin the SNRPC and that the secretaries post was very important, with this in mind the committee had decided with the opportunity that Jessie Keir of Thornton Fife would be prepared to accept the post and bearing in mind her long time experience it was agreed this should be accepted and ratified at the AGM, the members agreed and an arousing vote of thanks first to John Baillie proposed Frank Baillie and to Jessie keir as proposed by Kerr Stainthorpe.

Next were the Committee, retiring was John Alston, Jim O'Hara, Ian Gilmour, John Duthie, Frank Baillie, Alex Howe, The following new committee members were proposed and elected Ian Ross Glasgow, Chris Little Annan, Grant Caird of Monfeith Stuart Bowman Cowdenbeath, Robert Reid of Beith and John Gray of Falkirk. The following were relected for a third term Andy Thomson Dundee, Willie Johnston Kirkfield Bank Jim Benvie Ladybank, John McNeill Broxburn, Gordon Geddes Glasgow, Stuart Mullan Port Glasgow, Benny Martin Hamilton, Barney Kenny loanhead, Wilf Flockart Tranent, Peter Virtue Cockburnspath, Norman Renton of Foulden, Willie McCormack Tranent and Ian M Brown Powmill Near Dollar.

The Appeals committee was Status Quo. Convoyer Matthew Boyle, the Race controller will be arranged from within the committee, Public relations officer Ian M Brown, Clock Convenor Jim Benvie Auditors Vince Hendry and Stuart Young.

Item 6 were the resolutions from the committee **I new rule**, rule 10 page 10 automatic resignation from the committee for missing 2 consecutive meetings without notification. Agreed.

2 Pools open and section page 6

50p £1. £2. £3. £4. £5. £10. £20. £50. Agreed.

3 Prize money page 6.

3 Prizes 1st 25% 2nd 15% 3rd 10% the remaining prize money paid out at 1 in 10.

Wanstead Flats £600.00. Reims £5000.00. Our longest race £1000.00. Arras £2000.00. and Leciester Young bird £600.00 this was agreed. At this point the President confirmed that the NFC would create a Scottish Section for the extreme races Scottish fanciers would need to join the NFC to qualify. It was not certain with whom we would be flying or from where for our longer race, on the 29th of June a confirmation was expected soon. Our Extreme distance race would be from Saintes on the 22nd of July and probably with the NFC

4 Awards and Prizes Page 7.

A very long discussion on Our Gold Medal race, in the event that it may not be flown from an over the channel race point, took place. It was agreed that a silver medal only would be awarded if this should be the case. The members agreed that this should be added to the motion by the proper wording. A Gold Medal for the Premier Gold Medal race winner all other section winners to receive a bronze medal and in the event of no race from the channel a silver medal in place of the gold to the winner would be presented. All other races the winner to receive a Silver medal and all other section winners to receive a bronze medal.

5 Hall of Fame Awards page 7

This motion was given a lengthy discussion and it eventual fell to a proposal from the members that we only have the Gold Award, this was passed. It was also passed by the members to accept the Qualifying criteria that a pigeon must win either a open or section diploma from Channel racing.

6 Membership page 11 Add rule 18

Loft locations and distances, this was costing the club a substantial sum each year and after discussion it was agreed that Non RPRA members to pay for locations and distances.

7 Racing Rules page 13

No3 Race points must be calculated on the great circle system by the RPRA and entered agreed

No5 Provisional results will be posted or emailed to every competing member.

This was agreed.

8 SNRPC Gold Ring Scheme 2007 onwards

A lengthy debate took place and it was agreed to the following that the ring scheme be for 1 year and only for young birds. Participating fanciers to nominate in advance of racing a ring or rings no limit and that the committee to decide the races and prize money

9 New federation pool for the YB Open

This proposal was for SNRPC members flying with the UNC to have their own federation pool in the Young bird open it would be called the Border federation this was passed

Item 7 Subscriptions

Various suggestions were offered the committee to decide. Meantime 2007 subscriptions remain at £20.00

Item 8 Birdage

The following was passed Reims £5.00 Both Long Races £5.00 Arras £2.50 Wanstead Flats £2.50 and Leciester £2.50.

Item 9 Prize money and Pools

This had already been passed and agreed.

Item 10 Any other Business

The president drew attention to our race from Arras and the problem of Bastillie day no flying could take place in France. A long discussion took place with members agreeing on Friday the 20th July for our final distance race.

Kerr Stainthorpe proposed that the SNRPC honour Jim Hamilton of Kennoway Fife for his outstanding life long commitment to pigeon racing this was agreed with an honorary life membership of the SNRPC to be presented at the presentation function on the 17th of February.

The president drew attention to the dates of our presentation function and the AGM date he proposed that our function be held on the 26th of January 2008 and the 2007 AGM on the 5th of February 2008 this the members passed. It was also agreed that our early young bird sale be in the Newbridge Bowling club on Sunday the 6th of May. The meeting closed at 2.15 pm.

Our presentation function held on the 17th of February proved to be an outstanding success with somewhere in the region of 180 members guests and friends we were very close to being over subscribed, so whilst, the Cairn hotel has been a practical, popular and central venue its capacity is nearly at the limit. With the future of the SNRPC growing in stature and the members supporting our presentation function in numbers approaching in excess of 200 it may be prudent for the committee to consider a more suitable central venue capable of coping with this event. A full report should be appearing on the Presentation function very soon, in the meantime I would congratulate Bill Wortley on his recent excellent report which appeared recently on the SNRPCs presentation function in his regular feature Solway sounds. Please contact me on 01577 840358 or email ian@ianmbrown.wanadoo.co.uk or for further regular information visit our web site on www.snrpc.co.uk. Ian M Brown PRO SNRPC.