

## MINUTES OF NORTHDOWNS BS 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 26th JANUARY 2018

Our chairperson Graham Cornwall opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking those present to the annual Northdowns AGM.

Those present being, Jim Lawrie, Paul Munro, Will Bien, Helena Bien, Harry Wadley, Sue Wadley, Delia Smith, Brian Mansell, John Gorrell, Brian Duncombe, Derek Ham, Andrew Poole, Graham Cornwall

Apologies had been received from the following members Tony Cash, John Bishop and Geoff Plumber.

Whilst the minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated previously unfortunately no copies were available at the meeting for discussion however there were no known point to be discussed / reviewed, GC agreed to recirculate them prior to the next meeting.

Graham Cornwall stated that 2017 had been again continued to be a year not without its difficulties, the fancy pressed continued to report throughout the year the closure or amalgamation of many clubs/societies, the attracting of new members is not only restricted to our sport its being experienced in many other walks of life .Only those clubs in arears of high fancier population continue to increase and thrive.

However we continued to have both positive and active meetings with many extremely good speakers, the climax of the year being our annual member's show which was again well supported and a great success good food and atmosphere with Jim Lawrie winning BIS and Graham Cornwall winning best young bird.

Many thanks went out to Brian Mansell, Brian Duncombe and John Gorrell for their support in providing refreshment at the meeting and the monthly raffle.

**Treasurer:** Please see separate report

Prior to the formal part of the evening it was decided to consider the proposals put forward as these could affect member's offering themselves for office later.

1. The membership to consider the changing of the monthly meeting from Friday evening to Saturday pm. Following a lengthy discussion on the pros and con a vote was taken result being 11 for 1 abstention and 1 against. **Result carried** however it was acknowledge that in 2018 we may have to be flexible with the day and that consideration be given in trying to restrict the Saturday meeting to either weekend 1 or 3.
2. The membership to consider increasing the annual membership fees. Following discussions it was agreed to only have two levels of fees, single membership now being £10.00 and partnerships £15.00 effective from the 2018 year. **Result passed unanimously.**

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**President:** Jim Lawrie

**Chairperson:** Graham Cornwall

**Secretary:** Paul Munro

**Publicity and monthly reports:** Paul Munro and Graham Cornwall

**Treasure:** Delia Smith

**Membership Secretary:** Brian Mansell

**Show secretary:** Brian Duncombe

**Committee:** All of the above plus Derek Ham, John Gorrell, Andy Clark and John Clark

**Auditor:** William Bien

All the above **Passed unanimously**

### Matters arising

Unfortunately two of our members had passed away during the year, Alex Whitman and Geoff Dell

The formal evening closed at 21.10.