

THE ROYAL PIGEON RACING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

The 119th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association will be held at the Coventry Hill Hotel on Friday, 27th February 2015, at 9am for the purpose of transacting the following business:

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
2. General Manager's Annual Report
3. Accounts for 2014
4. Election of Officers:
 - a) President
 - b) Three Vice-Presidents
 - c) Auditors
 - d) Solicitors
5. Election of Committees as follows:
 - a) By Regional Representation:
 - i) Finance and General Purposes
 - ii) Emergency and Rules
 - iii) Clock, Ring and Weather Forecast and Liberation Sites
 - iv) British Homing World Management and Lib-Line
 - b) By Election:
 - i) The Reddings House
 - ii) Future of the Sport
 - iii) Stray Bird
 - iv) Olympiad
 - v) Performance-Enhancing Drugs
6. Election of Delegates to:
 - a) Federation Colombophile Internationale (One Delegate, One Reserve)
 - b) Standing Conference on Countryside Sports
 - c) Confederation
 - d) Pigeon Racing UK & Eire (Raptor Alliance).
7. Propositions

Please note that the existing rule is printed in italics, and the proposed rule is in plain/bold print.

7/1 SOUTHERN REGION PROPOSE

Delete RPRA Rule 27

27. Each Club (including any National or specialist Club) shall pay to the Secretary of its Local Region Committee: (a) an annual subscription to the Association of £5.50 (inclusive of value added tax) for each new member of the Club except any member who has paid his annual subscription to the Association through another Club; (b) and an annual subscription to the Club's Local Region of £2.50 for every member of the Club except any member who has paid his annual subscription to the Local Region through another Club.

and replace with

27. Each Club (including any National or specialist Club) shall pay to the Secretary of its Local Region Committee: (a) an annual subscription to the Association of **£4.50** (inclusive of value added tax) for each member of the Club except any member who has paid his annual subscription to the Association through another Club; (b) and an annual subscription to the Club's Local Region of **£3.50** for every member of the Club except any member who has paid his annual subscription to the Local Region through another Club.

7/2 COUNCIL OF THE RPRA PROPOSE (C.7010)

Change RPRA Rule 27

27. Each Club (including any National or specialist Club) shall pay to the Secretary of its Local Region Committee: (a) an annual subscription to the Association of £5.50 (inclusive of value added tax) for each new member of the Club except any member who has paid his annual subscription to the Association through another Club; (b) and an annual subscription to the Club's Local Region of £2.50 for every member of the Club except any member who has paid his annual subscription to the Local Region through another Club.

and replace with

27. Each Club (including any National or specialist Club) shall pay to the Secretary of its Local Region Committee: (a) an annual subscription to the Association of **£6.50** (inclusive of value added tax) for each member of the Club except any member who has paid his annual subscription to the Association through another Club; (b) and an annual subscription to the Club's Local Region of £2.50 for every member of the Club except any member who has paid his annual subscription to the Local Region through another Club.

7/3 SOUTH WEST REGION PROPOSE

At end of existing Rule 39

39. The officers of the Association shall be a President and three Vice Presidents who shall be elected from delegates representing four different Local Regions at the annual general meeting of the

Association and shall hold office for one year. Any officer shall be eligible for re-election provided that no officer shall hold the same office for more than three successive years. The conduct of the nominations for and election of officers shall be regulated by the Council.

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39. The officers of the Association shall be a President and three Vice Presidents who shall be elected from delegates representing four different Local Regions at the annual general meeting of the Association and shall hold office for one year. Any officer shall be eligible for re-election provided that no officer shall hold the same office for more than three successive years. The conduct of the nominations for and election of officers shall be regulated by the Council. **Any such elected member of Council shall have in the previous two years have actively flown pigeons in his/her name, from a loft registered in his/her name, or a pigeon specifically bred and registered for a One Loft Race.**

7/4 LONDON REGION PROPOSES

Delete RPRA Rule 42

42. Each Local Region with a membership not exceeding 1,500 shall be entitled to appoint one Councillor. Each Local Region with a membership numbering not less than 1,501 and not more than 2,500 shall be entitled to appoint two Councillors and each Local Region with a membership numbering more than 2,500 shall be entitled to appoint three councillors. Appointments

of Councillors shall be made at the Annual General Meeting of each Local Region. Councillors will hold office from the date of the Annual General Meeting at which they are appointed until the conclusion of the next following Annual General Meeting of the Local Region and shall be eligible for re-election.

and replace with New Rule 42

42. Each local Region irrespective of membership shall be entitled to appoint two councillors. Appointments of Councillors shall be made at the Annual General Meeting of each Local Region. Councillors will hold office from the date of the Annual General Meeting at which they are appointed until the conclusion of the next following Annual General Meeting of the Local Region and shall be eligible for re-election.

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and replace with

42. Each Local Region with a membership not exceeding 1.500 shall be entitled to appoint one Councillor. Each Local Region with a membership of not less than 1501 members shall be entitled to appoint two Councillors. Appointments of Councillors shall be made at the Annual General Meeting of each Local Region. Councillors will hold office from the date of the Annual General Meeting at which they are appointed until the conclusion of the next following Annual General Meeting of the Local Region and shall be eligible for re-election.

7/6 SOUTH WEST REGION PROPOSE

Delete RPRA Rule 42 in its entirety

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and replace with New Rule 42

42. Each Local Region regardless of its membership numbers shall be entitled to elect two Councillors. Appointments of Councillors shall be made at the Annual General Meeting of each Local Region. Councillors will hold office from the date of the Annual General Meeting at which they are appointed until the conclusion of the following Annual General meeting of the Local Region and shall be eligible for re-election.

7/7 NORTH WEST REGION PROPOSES

Delete RPRA Rule 51 in its entirety

51. The President of the Association may at any time call a special meeting of the Council and the President shall hold a special meeting within 21 days after receiving a written request for a special meeting signed by no fewer than seven Councillors. A special meeting shall be called with such period of notice and by such means as the President of the Association shall determine. No advertising of a special meeting shall be required. Only business of a non-routine or urgent nature shall be dealt with at a special meeting of the Council but the decision of the President and Vice Presidents as to whether any matter is non-routine or urgent shall be final.

and replace with New Rule 51

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Only business of a non-routine or urgent nature shall be dealt with at a special meeting of the Council.

7/8 NORTH WEST REGION PROPOSES

Delete RPRA Rule 59 in its entirety

59. The Association shall pay or reimburse Councillors for the cost of second class return railway fares and bed and breakfast hotel bills incurred by Councillors in attending meetings of the Council or any Committee of the Council together with the following sums by way of expenses:

- a) when necessary for a Councillor to arrive for a Thursday evening meeting - £20*
- b) when necessary for a Councillor to arrive on a Thursday night - £10*
- c) in respect of any Saturday - £20 irrespective of what time the meeting finished.*
- d) in respect of any other day - £40*

and replace with New Rule 59

59. The Association shall pay or reimburse Councillors for the cost of second class return railway fares or if travelling by car an allowance of 35p per mile, hotel costs will be paid for by the Association. In attending meetings of Council or any Committee of the Council the following sums by way of expenses will be paid;

- a) when necessary for a Councillor to arrive for a Thursday evening meeting - £20**
- b) when necessary for a Councillor to arrive Thursday night - £10**
- c) in respect of any Saturday - £20 irrespective of what time the meeting finished.**
- d) in respect of any other day - £40.**

7/9 SOUTHERN REGION PROPOSE

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- c) in respect of any Saturday - £20 irrespective of what time the meeting finished.*
- d) in respect of any other day - £40*

and replace with New Rule 59

59. The Association shall pay or reimburse Councillors reasonable cost for travel and bed and breakfast incurred by Councillors attending meetings of the Council on any committee of the council together with following sum by say of expenses - £40 for the day of the meeting.

7/10 SOUTH WEST REGION PROPOSE

At the end of existing Rule 59

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- c) in respect of any Saturday - £20 irrespective of what time the meeting finished.*
- d) in respect of any other day - £40*

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59. The Association shall pay or reimburse Councillors for the cost of second class return railway fares and bed and breakfast hotel bills incurred by Councillors in attending meetings of the Council or any Committee of the Council together with the following sums by way of expenses:

- a) when necessary for a Councillor to arrive for a Thursday evening meeting - £20**
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- d) in respect of any other day - £40**

All expenses paid to any Councillor shall be published annually, and shall be made available to the Finance Committee in any one year at least fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting in the following year.

7/11 COUNCIL OF THE RPRA PROPOSE (C.7006)

Change RPRA Rule 129

129. All federations, combines, amalgamations and national Specialist Clubs and any club racing

independently, shall prior to 1st March in each year deliver to the General Manager their race programmes for the year, including race dates, approximate liberation times and the telephone number of the controller of each race. Failure to do so shall result in a surcharge of £10. The General Manager shall draw up a list of all such race programmes and shall before 1st April in each year make the list available for publication in two newspapers devoted to the racing or showing of homing pigeons circulating nationally in the United Kingdom and have such list available for distribution to any of the said conveying organisations on request.

and replace with

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and replace with

129. All federations, combines, amalgamations and national specialist clubs and any club racing independently shall prior to 1st March in each year deliver to the General Manager their race programmes for the year, including race dates, approximate liberation times and the telephone number of the controller of each race, and the name and licence number of the Convoyer. Failure to do so shall result in a surcharge of £10. The General Manager shall draw up a list of all such race programmes and shall before 1st April in each year make the list available for publication in two newspapers devoted to the racing or showing of homing pigeons circulating nationally in the United Kingdom and have such list available for distribution to any of the said conveying organisations on request.

7/13 SOUTHERN REGION PROPOSE

Delete RPRA Rule 142 in its entirety.

142. The Council shall have power to make and alter Rules and regulations to cover any emergency. Such Rules or regulations may be made or altered at a general meeting or a special meeting and shall operate until rescinded by the Council or until the next annual general meeting at which the requisite publication of the proposed alteration of the Rules can be given, whoever is sooner.

7/14 COUNCIL OF THE RPRA PROPOSE (C.7008)

Change RPRA Rule 167

167. An organization shall have a banking or building society or Post Office savings account or an equivalent such account and where possible all payments shall be made by cheque signed by the secretary and another official of the Organisation. Bank statements or the building society or Post Office passbook or its equivalent shall be available to inspection by members at each general meeting of the Organisation or of its committee.

and amend with

167. An organization shall have a banking or building society or Post Office savings account or an equivalent such account and where possible all payments shall be made by cheque signed by the secretary and another official of the Organisation or by Credit/Debit Card. Bank statements or the building society or Post Office passbook or its equivalent shall be

available to inspection by members at each general meeting of the Organisation or of its committee.

7/15 DERBYSHIRE & SOUTH YORKSHIRE REGION PROPOSE

Delete RPRA Rules 207 & 208

207. Where a member has more than one clock set he/she must clearly label them Number One (1) Clock, etc., before they will be accepted for setting. Birds may be timed in to more than one clock but the times of the Number Two or subsequent clocks will not be acceptable unless the Number One Clock stops or goes wrong, except in respect of birds timed in subsequent to the Number One Clock having been sent for checking.

208. If the reason for a Number Two (2) or subsequent clock(s) being used is because of a fault in Number One (1) or subsequent clock(s), the faulty clock(s) must be brought in together with the clock used before this clock will be accepted for checking.

and replace with

207. Where a member has more than one Clock set up to a maximum of three (3) clocks he/she must clearly label them number one (1) clock etc. before they will be accepted for setting. Birds may be timed into more than one clock up to the maximum of three (3) clocks.

208. (Blank)

7/16 LONDON REGION PROPOSES

Delete RPRA Rule 226

226. On checking a data print-out must be obtained and sufficient clear white paper allowed to provide room for:-

(a) Name of Organisation

(b) Race point

(c) Competitor(s) name

(d) Two signatures of the official clock setters or whomsoever they may appoint.

The printed information MUST be cross checked against the digital display information on the clock itself. THIS MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE CLOCK. Should it be found that a members Data print does not comply with sections a,b,c or d of this rule, providing it was checked and opened in front of officials of the Organisation, a reading should be allowed.

and replace with New Rule 226

226. A data print out must be obtained and sufficient white paper

allowed to write the following requirements:

(a) Name of organisation

(b) Race point

(c) Competitors(s) name

(d) Two Signatures of the official clock setters or whomsoever they appoint.

(e) The Competitors signature.

The printed information MUST be cross checked against the digital display information in the clock itself. THIS MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE CLOCK.

7/17 WM REGION PROPOSE

Delete RPRA Rule 235

235. (a) Electronic rings must be allocated to the ring numbers of the member's pigeons by two elected officials a minimum of 7 days prior to the use of the ETS. Allocation on marking nights will only be permitted due to a defect or loss of an electronic ring.

(b) Should a member present a bird for allocation of rings prior to the start of or during old bird or young bird racing and the electronic ring indicates another member's loft number/details, then proof of ownership of the ring must be supplied before assigning the ring to the member's bird. If proof of ownership cannot be furnished by the member then action may be taken under rules 169/70.

and replace with

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7/18 WM REGION PROPOSE

Delete RPRA Rule 236 in its entirety.

236. After each allocation a list must be printed in duplicate, each of which must be signed by an authorised person of the organisation and countersigned by the member. One signed list is to be filed along with race entry documentation and the other handed to the member. The application data must be stored on a backup disk in case amendments become necessary during the season. Any organization to which the member is affiliated may demand to see the allocation list.

7/19 COUNCIL OF THE RPRA PROPOSE (C.6996)

Rule 235

235. (a) Electronic rings must be allocated to the ring numbers of the member's pigeons by two elected officials a minimum of 7 days prior to the use of the ETS. Allocation on marking nights will only be permitted due to a defect or loss of an electronic ring.

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insert New Rule 235 (c)

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(c) Additional ETS Zeroes – the leading zeroes that are automatically added by ETS systems are acceptable.

7/20 SOUTHERN REGION PROPOSE

New Rule

Approved minutes of the RPRA Council Meetings and RPRA Region Meetings will be published in the BHW and put on the RPRA website.

7/21 SOUTHERN REGION PROPOSE

New Rule

The audited accounts of RPRA Council and RPRA Regions will be published in the BHW and put on the RPRA website.