

MINUTES OF THE BORDER CONVENTION

2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Sunday, 11th April 2010
At The Roman Way Hotel, Watling Street, Cannock, Birmingham

1. Introduction.

The Meeting was opened at 10.40 a.m. by the Vice Chairman Ray Morgan and Secretary Colin Egner. The vice chairman welcomed all attendees and observers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE. Were received from: - George Eltringham (Chairman), Jim Sykes (Merseyside BFCC), Terry Gardner (Border Convention Committee), Terry Cook (Wessex BFCC), Malcolm Barnett (Past President), Pat White (Cornish BFCC), Ron Williams (North Wales BFCC)

3. APPOINTMENT OF TELLER. John Cox (Clwyd) was appointed as Teller. There were 19 clubs represented.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2009 A.G.M. (5th April 2009)

There was only one matter arising, Don Harrison pointed out that the “vet report” had been sent out by Colin Egner and not Don Harrison as minuted. Proposed Ivan Austin and seconded Howard Kershaw as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING. None

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

The secretary reported to the meeting that he had a letter to be dealt with in correspondence which was from Doncaster BFCC in connection with the change of show date by Cumbria BFCC. He has invited the secretary of Doncaster BFCC to attend the AGM to read the letter out himself and put forward his case for objecting to the clash of dates.

John Balme secretary of Doncaster BFCC read out the letter outlining the proposed change of date by Cumbria BFCC to the same weekend as Doncaster BFCC. He said that this change will affect their entry and they requested that the Border Convention invokes rule 34 and rejects the Cumbria show date change. He explained that because of the two shows being on the same weekend the fanciers from the North East of England would go to Cumbria show because it is nearer and this will result in a loss of 80 to 90 birds. He said that rule 34 states that show dates are long standing events and before a Border Specialist club changes their show date they must contact the Border Convention to see if the new date clashes with any other club which could be affected by the change. If such a clash takes place the Border Convention must have the authority to reject the show date change and he asked the Border Convention to reject the show date change. Members asked if there was anyone representing Cumbria BFCC but there was none from Cumbria in attendance.

Roy Norwood said that we have had this situation before and asked if the Border Convention had intervened then. Colin Egner informed the meeting that Cumbria had informed the Border Convention of their proposed change of show date and they had pointed it was a different day. Doncaster BFCC is on a Saturday and Cumbria's proposed new date is on a Sunday. The only other show on the same day is Northants BFCC and Colin Egner said that a show in Cumbria would have no impact on Northants BFCC entry. This subject was originally brought up at the January Committee meeting where it was referred to the AGM. Roy Norwood said that the date being the same weekend meant that fanciers would most likely show at one or the other of the two shows. He said that the Border Convention had to make a decision on these things. He thought that the Border Convention was frightened of losing clubs if hard decisions are made and this will repeat again and again. Don Harrison thought that clubs which are struggling should merge with another club. Jim Morton pointed out that this situation had happened with the IBBA and Border Counties, Sid Moyers also said that Merseyside BFCC had suffered when Leicester BFCC had gone to their date. Ray Morgan said that in the past changes had been allowed because of a certain set of circumstances. He suggested that Cumbria BFCC be asked to try to find an alternative date. Roy Norwood asked what redress would there be if the Border Convention said no to Cumbria BFCC and they still went ahead with the show. The redress is that Border Convention judges are not allowed to judge the Cumbria BFCC show.

Bob Norman pointed out that Stafford Show which is trying to create a new “National” is on the same date as Cumbria have proposed and it could be a big mistake if this new National takes off.

Jim Aitchison queried the actual rule to see if it was relevant to a specific date only because in this scenario different day are being used. The rule says date, not weekend. Tony Mooney from Doncaster BFCC ask for a decision at the AGM

The chairman asked for a vote from the members to decide whether or not Cumbria's request for a change of show date is accepted. Colin Egner said that we could not vote on the date because the two clubs have different show dates.

Don Harrison proposed that Cumbria's new show date be rejected because of clashing with Doncaster BFCC (and Stafford Show), this was seconded by Howard Kershaw. The vote was 14 for the proposal and 2 against. Colin Egner will write a letter to Cumbria outlining the decision. He will also keep Doncaster BFCC informed of any developments in the future.

The secretary read out a letter from Don Harrison to the Chairman George Eltringham, Don said that he would be resigning from the position as Journal Editor with effect from the 2010 AGM, he outlined how Don had enjoyed his time as Journal Editor over the years although he had found it to be frustrating at times. He said that he had made many friends in the fancy and he was very proud of today's Journal. He has given his position as Journal Editor a lot of thought and finds that the job is now a relentless worry trying to get articles and content with no help from the specialist clubs. He has asked the committee to find a replacement Journal Editor and expressed his thanks to the committee and he believes that the fancy is very fortunate to have such a genuine and dedicated bunch of guys doing a thankless job for the fancy. Ray Morgan said that it was a very sad loss to the Border Convention and the quality of the Journal is better than any other in the animal showing world. Ray said that Colin Egner has inferred that he will be in a position to help Don when he retires next year. Don said that he needed support from clubs and fanciers for articles, he explained how the overheads were becoming prohibitive also the quality of returns from the clubs is poor. He thought that the Journal was becoming an advert for the big breeders. There is too much money ruling the fancy. There are times when he is really struggling for articles. If the Journal was being run by a printer they would want everything sorted in advance. Malcolm Scott thought that to generate articles for the Journal a rota of specialist clubs could be drawn up to produce articles for specific Journals, no excuses from the clubs because there will be someone who can produce these articles, son, grandson or friend who is capable of putting a member of the club's ideas onto paper in the form of an article. Don Harrison thought that it would be a good idea if the judges produced a report of the show when judging was finished, this could go with the show report submitted by the club. He also said that clubs must at least mark up a catalogue for reproduction in the Journal, it was not fair to ask him to go through the catalogue, schedule and award sheet to produce a list a winners down to fourth. The meeting agreed with this. Andrew Triolo said that it will take a few letters and prompts from the Border Convention to get the specialist clubs to go the way that is required for articles and reports for the journal. Andrew said that the expression use or lose it will become a reality if the fancy does not help. Andrew is currently working on the Border Convention web site and thought that he could work with Don on some of the items which can be used in the Journal. He said that the web site could hold forms which can be copied for completion of information and then sent to Don for the Journal, forms such as AGM/Officials report, show report and judges reports (if implemented). John Cox picked up on Don Harrison's suggestion for judges to produce a report at the end of the show to go to the governing body, namely the Border Convention. John did a straw poll of the judges present to see if they would be prepared to submit a report and most of the judges present said yes. John said that it would have to be a mandate to enforce any new rule for judges. Malcolm Scott said that a pro-forma could be designed to assist the judges. Roy Norwood said that the idea for judges to produce reports should be passed to the committee for discussion and agreement.

Jim Aitchison proposed that judges complete a report and hand this over to the specialist club secretary to be sent to Don Harrison with the show results. Sid Moyers seconded Jim's proposal. John Cox proposed that the reports be sent directly to the Border Convention secretary who would then forward it to Don Harrison. Malcolm Scott seconded the amendment. The amendment was then voted on and passed with 17 votes, this means that reports produced by judges at specialist shows will be sent to the Border Convention for subsequent use in the Border Convention Journal.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Bob Norman thanked the officers and committee for the support he has received during his term as President and he said that he had attended as many shows as he could manage. On behalf of the Border Convention he thanked Don Harrison for all his hard work on the Journal, he thought that Don should be financially rewarded for his efforts. He said that the affiliated clubs should give their support to the Border Convention and the committee and that all Border fanciers should give their support to the forthcoming questionnaire to assist the Border Convention in their quest to improve the breeding of Border canaries. He thanked the members for their attendance especially those who had travelled long distances to get there. He wished the new president all the best for his forthcoming term of office. Ray Morgan said that he thought Bob had done a wonderful job and on behalf of the border fancy he thanked Bob.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Ray Morgan read a letter from the chairman George Elringham, he said that he was sorry he was unable to attend but it is a little too early after his operation. He thanked the secretary and the committee for their time and effort over the past 12 months. We have made inroads into the infertility study and he hopes that most of the fancy will take part in the available questionnaire. The Border Fancy still seems to receive adverse publicity from time to time the most recent of which makes the Border Fancy a rich man's hobby which is not totally fact. It may be true in some instances but is not general throughout the fancy. We must endeavour to get that message across. He hoped that we had a good meeting and looked forward to see the members soon.

9. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Colin Egner thanked the members of the committee and the officers of the Border Convention for their help over the past year, and especially the members he has bounced ideas off. He feels that there are great things coming in the Border fancy which goes against the trend. The fertility survey with Brian Stockdale will need support and he is asking **all** of the border breeders to complete a survey form.. He said that the only way forward is for clubs to support each other even to the extent of merging to achieve one good show instead of two not so good. He has been given a new lease of life with the role of Border Convention secretary and has enjoyed his year as Secretary and hopes to enjoy the forthcoming year as much.

10. JOURNAL EDITOR'S REPORT

Don said that a lot of the aspects of his role as Journal Editor had been covered in the discussion in correspondence. He thanked all of the committee and also Stuart Mason for his efforts on the web site. He was pleased that Andrew Triolo was staying on in various capacities. He thought that the latest Journal was probably the best that he has done. The Journal of late has been up to 48 pages to include all of the show reports and this increased size may turn out to be normal size in the future although he expressed concern as to any price increase with a 48 page journal. He still enjoys doing the Journal and Ray Morgan said that all of the members thanked Don and appreciates the tremendous job that he is doing.

11. PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

Malcolm Scott informed the meeting that he does less and less in the publicity area and Andrew Triolo does more. He said that his email address has changed and he outlined how computerisation will play a larger role in the future of the hobby and how the Border Convention web page will become a lot more useful in the future for advertising the Border fancy as computers become used more by all. John Cox agreed with this and said that the OAP are taking up computers at the same rate as the kids of today. Ivan Austin and George Ikin went to the Stafford Show to help publicise the Border Fancy and had a lot of interest in their stand. He believed that one of the problems with trying to promote the hobby is that very few new fanciers coming forward and so to improve the numbers the best way forward is to attract people who keep other varieties of canaries, especially Fife Fanciers, a lot of whom are former Border Fanciers. If we can improve the breeding and prices of Border Canaries some of the Fife fanciers may come back to our side of the hobby. Andrew Triolo then updated the meeting with the web site and the publicity of the future and he said that we get 170 web site hits a week which is very good for the type of web site that the Border Convention one is. He said that he is happy to take over the web site management from Stuart Mason and he outlined his approach to the requirements for updating the existing site. There is an amount of work to do and this will be at some cost but Andrew's IT manager will assist in the initial set up and Andrew will then take the ongoing management over. He proposes to revamp and replace the old web site and hope to come to the next meeting where the committee can review his proposals. He said that he is prepared to take on board any ideas from the Border Fancy . The current web site is still good and Stuart has done a good job but most of the details are now 4 year old and need updating.

Andrew updated the meeting on the position of the proposed pop-up stand to be used to promote the Border Convention, this stand will contain a message relating to the Border Convention and it just rolls out and when finished folds up, it can be moved around specialist clubs easily as it fits into the boot of car or can be posted for about ten pounds. Examples of what the pop up stand could contain were passed around for the members to see. The final message will be agreed by the committee. A stand like the one proposed will cost about £250 which will be of a very good quality and it should be on display at specialist shows or the likes of Stafford show as often as possible. It was thought that the best message of the ones passed around is the one which shows the model and the website. Andrew said that he would bring his laptop computer to the next committee meeting for discussion as to the best way forward for both the stand and the web site. He informed the meeting the Cage & Aviary Birds were not keen to take articles from the Border Convention because they felt that they would then have to balance them with article for other varieties and therefore of Border fanciers would like to promote the fancy they should send articles direct to Cage & Aviary Birds.

12. PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ACCOUNTS.

John Cox informed the meeting that it had been a delight to examine the Border Convention accounts and the only minor fault he found was a date of 2008 had been used in one place when it should have been 2009. Malcolm Scott returned the compliment by saying that over many years of doing various accounts he never met a more efficient and capable auditor/examiner than John. John had printed the 2009 accounts in two sizes of print to facilitate any members who may find the small print not so easy to read. He explained some of the entries on the balance sheet, pointing out that although an overall profit of £1,500 was made the Journal made a profit of £2,000. Ring prices will be going up next as the cost of rings rises every year but we do not put the price up most years. Postage costs are very high being £2,400 for the year. Don Harrison pointed out the banks have said that in about 6 years they will be ceasing the use of cheques which will have an impact on our accounts as a lot of fanciers pay for rings, journals etc by cheque. John Cox then informed the meeting that the banks are possibly reconsidering this because of the current use of cheques. It will be 2016 before anything happens. Andrew Triolo thought that standing orders would help the overall workload of the treasurer. John Cox said that with a large membership it can be difficult identifying standing orders. The possibility of taking credit/debit cards was discussed but because there is a charge for this service it was discounted. At John Cox's suggestion from a previous year £1,000 was paid into the Halifax account instead of the Lloyds account for a better return of interest.

It was proposed by Colin Egner and seconded by Sid Moyers that the accounts were a true record, this was carried.

13. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2010.

It was proposed by Sid Moyers and seconded by Jim Morton that because of the good balance sheet the Border Convention subscriptions remain the same at £20. The Treasurer Malcolm Scott said that although we could manage with the same level of subscriptions his concern was at some date in the future if we continue not to increase the subscriptions there is a danger of a large rise, if we go for small rises every now and again this will be less likely. John Cox proposed an amendment to the original proposal that the Border Convention subscriptions be increased to £25, this was seconded by Ivan Austin. The amendment went to the vote and was carried by a vote of 14. Therefore with effect from 2011 the Border Convention subscriptions will be £25.

14. HONORARIUMS.

The current honorariums were read out by Ray Morgan, It was proposed by Malcolm Scott and seconded by Jim Aitchison that the honorariums for the Journal Editor be increased from £600 to £800. The chairman took a vote and the amendment was agreed. The honorariums for 2010 will therefore be as follows:-

Secretary	£300	-	Colin Egner
Treasurer	£150	-	Malcolm Scott
Journal Editor	£800	-	Don Harrison
Ring Scheme Organiser	£200	-	Malcolm Scott

15. WEBSITE.

Andrew Triolo pointed out that he had reported on the web site in his publicity report. He said that web sites age quickly and our needed updating and he will have his proposals to the Border Convention in the near future.

16. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

	<u>2009 Elected</u>	<u>2010 Nominations</u>	<u>2010 Elected</u>
President:	Mr. Mr. R Norman	Mr J Aitchison	Mr J Aitchison
Chairman:	Mr. George Eltringham.	No nomination.	Mr. George Eltringham
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. Ray Morgan.	No nomination.	Mr. Ray Morgan
Secretary:	Mr C Egner.	No nomination	Mr C Egner
Treasurer:	Mr. Malcolm Scott.	No nomination	Mr. Malcolm Scott
Journal Editor:	Mr. Don Harrison.	No nomination	Mr. Don Harrison
Journal Distributor:	Mr Ivan Austin/George Ikin	No nomination	Mr Ivan Austin/George Ikin
Minutes Secretary:	Mr. Malcolm Scott.	No nomination.	Mr. Malcolm Scott
Publicity Officer:	Mr. Malcolm Scott.	Mr. Andrew Triolo	Mr. Andrew Triolo/Malcolm Scott
Auditor:	John Cox MBE esq.	No nomination	Mr. John Cox MBE
Canary. Council:	Messrs. Dennis Norton. & Andrew Triolo .	Messrs. Andrew Triolo & Colin Egner	Messrs. Andrew Triolo & Colin Egner
Ring Scheme Sec :	Mr. Malcolm Scott.	No nomination	Mr. Malcolm Scott
NCA Representative	Mr. Andrew Triolo.	No nomination	Mr. Andrew Triolo
Novice Co-ordinator:	Mr Bob Norman	No nomination	Mr Bob Norman
Web Site Manager	Mr Stuart Mason MBE	Mr. Andrew Triolo	Mr. Andrew Triolo

Jim Aitchison was elected to the position of Border Convention President, he thanked the members for the honour and said that he will serve the Border Convention to the best of his ability. All other nominations were elected as shown above.

Andrew Triolo informed the meeting that Dennis Norton has now retired from the Canary Council and should be thanked officially from the Border Convention. The members agreed with this.

Convention Committee: Messrs. George Eltringham (Chairman), Ray Morgan (Vice-Chairman), Jim Aitchison (President), Don Harrison (Journal Editor), Colin Egner (Secretary), Malcolm Scott (Treasurer), Malcolm Barnett (Past (President), Syd Moyers (Past President), Robert Norman (Past President), Andrew Triolo (Web Site Manager, CC and NCA Rep), Brian Martin, Ivan Austin, Terry Gardner, Howard Kershaw, Mark Alexander, Phil Dewland, George Ikin

17. MANDATES

1 The Committee of the Border Convention.

Novice wins at Border Specialist shows do not count towards wins for champion status unless there are three or more novice exhibitors at the show..

Reason – If a novice exhibitor is the only one showing at a specialist show and therefore bound to be the Best Novice in show and will therefore lose a life towards his/her champion status, there is no incentive for that Novice to compete and it could result in the loss of novice birds at future shows.

Voting for = 17 ; against = 1 - **The mandate was carried.**

2. East of England Border Fancy Canary Club

That any judge that retires from keeping Borders, can continue to judge CBS shows for a further five years after giving up

Reason: As a fancy we need to ensure that we maintain judges numbers and support CBS clubs where possible.

Voting for = 10 ; against = 8 - **The mandate was carried.**

3. East of England Border Fancy Canary Club

That Champion exhibitors who return back into the fancy after 5 years absence, have the choice as returning as either champion or novice.

Reason: After five years away, a fancier will effectively be starting again, and we need to encourage them to start back with Borders as opposed to any other type of canary.

Voting for = 3 ; against = 15 - **The mandate was not carried.**

18. JUDGES A & B PANEL.

F. A. M'Gowan, Donaghadee, Co Down	- Submitted through Northern Ireland BFCC	Panel A
C. McBurney, Bangor, Co Down	- Submitted through Northern Ireland BFCC	Panel A
G. Burgess, Spalding, Lincs.	- Submitted through Nottinghamshire BFCC	Panel A
M. Drew, Norwich, Norfolk	- Submitted through East of England BFCC	Panel A
W. Wright, Atherstone, Warwickshire	- Submitted through Leicestershire BFCC	Panel B
R. M. Yeo, Swansea, West Glamorgan	- Submitted through West Wales BFCC	Panel B
I. Southgate, Ipswich, Suffolk	- Submitted through East of England BFCC	Panel B
P. McKeefry, Randalstown	- Submitted through Northern Ireland BFCC	Panel B
S. Roberts, Swansea	- Submitted through Welsh BFCC	Panel B

There were no objections to any of the proposed judges on either the "A" or "B" panels.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Avian Fertility Study - Colin Egner and Andrew Triolo have met with Brian Stockdale, the avian vet, and produced a comprehensive list of questions to be put to the Border fancy in the way of a questionnaire to form a survey for analysis of Border breeding and management trends. The questions on the survey have been printed and sent out to specialist club secretaries. In the process of discussing the way forward with the vet it was agreed to produce a mission statement and this will be "To discover if the Border as a variety of canary has an infertility problem, and whether the problem is due to genotype or phenotype" Phenotype is broadly the genotype plus the environment.

Note. The minute secretary copied the two definitions below from the internet, they may be of use.

Genotype - This is the "internally coded, inheritable information" carried by all living organisms. This stored information is used as a "blueprint" or set of instructions for building and maintaining a living creature. These instructions are found within almost all cells (the "internal" part), they are written in a coded language (the genetic code), they are copied at the time of cell division or reproduction and are passed from one generation to the next ("inheritable"). These instructions are intimately involved with all aspects of the life of a cell or an organism. They control everything from the formation of protein macromolecules, to the regulation of metabolism and synthesis.

Phenotype - This is the "outward, physical manifestation" of the organism. These are the physical parts, the sum of the atoms, molecules, macromolecules, cells, structures, metabolism, energy utilization, tissues, organs, reflexes and behaviours; anything that is part of the observable structure, function or behaviour of a living organism.

Colin has sent out a request to all of the clubs asking for a list of fanciers who are willing to take part, only two clubs have responded so far which Colin thought was disappointing. He said that he will send out copies direct to anyone who requests one. Andrew Triolo asked if we should try Cage & Aviary Birds for publicity, the meeting said yes. Don Harrison suggested that a copy of the survey could be sent out with the next issue of the Journal, Malcolm Scott agreed to photocopy the survey and send them to Ivan Austin who agreed to put them in the envelopes with the Spring issue of the Journal. Colin also has an electronic copy of the survey in the eventuality of an email request.

Jim Aitchison asked if there was any possibility of sending dead in shell or dead chicks direct to Brian Stockdale for analysis, these would have to come from fanciers near to Brian Stockdale, the cost to be born by the Border Convention. Andrew agreed with this in theory but thought that it would be only a small sample while Brian would prefer a larger sample. Andrew will contact Brian to see the feasibility of Jim's suggestion. When the surveys have been completed Brian intends to use Nottingham University (4th year students) to analyse the information, this will be followed up by next year Nottingham University analysing eggs and chicks (autopsies etc). Jim expressed concern at the number of surveys to be completed by fanciers and Colin said that he has been chasing up secretaries and fanciers to ensure that surveys are completed. It was pointed out that the more surveys sent to Colin the better the analysis will be and it was also reiterated that this will all be done with the strictest confidentiality. John Cox thought that specialist clubs should push their members to ensure that the maximum number of surveys are done. The best placed fanciers to provide eggs/chicks for analysis are in the Leicester BFCC area but unfortunately no representative from Leicester was at the meeting. John Cox said that normally to enter into a project of this type would require some form of sponsorship and Brian Stockdale and Nottingham University are to be commended on their approach so far. Colin said that Brian Stockdale had been very cooperative in his dealings and as such our survey response must meet his requirements. The first page of the survey once completed is to be returned to Colin as soon as possible, the second page will not be available until the end of the breeding season. Extra copies of page 2 of the survey are available from Malcolm Scott for anyone who does not have access to a photocopier.

Show Cage Floor Covering - This was raised to be cleared up for once and for all. The Border Convention have tried other floor coverings and have come to the conclusion that oat husks are freely available, reasonably priced and ideal for the Border show cages. One of the arguments against the availability is that older fanciers are not inclined to send off for them, in situations like this the local specialist club should be prepared to bulk order and then make them available to their members. A list of oat husk suppliers will be printed in the Journal and this will be the end of this topic.

Show Cage Perches – Currently there is available a list of Show Cage makers and so the Border Convention thought that a list of show cage perch makers could be made available for the fancy. There are some show cage perches made from plastic being used, these are very difficult to spot because of their similarity to the wood ones. The rules do not state any specific material and so plastic is acceptable. The Border Convention invites any perch maker to inform them and they will be included in the proposed list of show perch makers.

Specialist Clubs Free Show Adverts in the Journal – The secretary requires a reply from the specialist clubs informing of their show details to be included in the summer issue of the journal. This year the specialist clubs who do not respond will not be chased up by the Journal Editor as in previous years. Colin Egner will send out a form for completion with these minutes.

Stafford Show – Colin reported on the Stafford show, he thought that our stand was very poor, this will be improved for the next time and the pop-up stand will also be available. He said that we can sell rings and pliers and cutters the next time. The Border Convention stand was the only one which was giving anything away, namely old copies of the Journal.

Don commented on the time we had a television with a video of Border Canaries which had promoted a lot of interest.

Colin thought that some Border canaries for sale would also generate interest as there were no Borders for sale in the sales hall. The inclusion of a Border Show within the Stafford Show is still not sorted. It was agreed that Border Canaries should be part of the show especially if the Stafford Show is to become the new National. The organisers offer monetary inducements to attend and some of the members believe it would be a good time to resurrect the Border Convention Show and fly the flag at this event. Stafford Show have asked for a Border judge for the October Show which Andrew Triolo is to sort out.

Don Harrison said that if we ignore the Stafford Show we will regret that decision in the future. There are thousands of people who attend and it is an ideal opportunity to promote the Border Canary.

Rosettes – Bob Norman has agreed to arrange for the purchase of the Border Convention rosettes for 2010, he will keep the international rosettes for the British BFCC and the club rosettes will go to Colin Egner. Don Harrison expressed disappointment over the clubs who did not include the awarding of Border Convention rosettes in their schedules or catalogues. It was agreed that the rosettes were a little bit late last year and it was hoped that because they will be earlier this year better coverage in schedules, catalogues and show reports will be given. Colin said that he currently has

Cage & Aviary Birds Price Article- Brian Martin asked if we need to reply to the article in Cage & Aviary Birds about the inflated price of some Border Canaries. It was agreed that 99% of Border canaries sold in the UK are at a reasonable price and nearer £20-£50 rather than hundreds. Andrew Triolo will write to Cage & Aviary Birds to put the other side of the cost of Border canaries.

20. DATES OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Border Convention Committee Meeting is Sunday, 27th September 2010

Border Convention AGM for 2011 - Sunday in April 2011

The meeting closed at 2.30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT (23):

R. S. Norman (President), R Morgan (Chairman), C Egner (Secretary/ Northampton B&FCC/North Wales BFCC), M. Scott (Treasurer, Northern BFCC), D. Harrison (Journal Editor, Irish BFCC); A. Triolo (Publicity Officer/East of England BFCC), J. Aitchison (Border FCC), P. Dewland (Welsh BFCC), J. Beddows (Border Counties BFCC), R. Martin (Cornish BFCC), G. Ikin (Border Canary Assoc) I. Austin (North Staffs BFCC), R. Norwood (Clwyd Border), J. Cox (Teller/Clwyd Border), H. Kershaw (Wessex Border), S. Moyers ((Merseyside BFCC), B. Martin (Birmingham Area Border), J. Morton (IBBA), W. Morton (Sussex & Kent BFCC), R. Gould (Welsh Border), T. Ward (British BFCC), J Balme (Doncaster BFCC), T Mooney (Doncaster BFCC).

Delegates representing 18 clubs were present:

Birmingham ABC, Border FCC, Border Counties, British Border FCC, Border Canary Assoc, Cornish BFCC, Clwyd BFCC, Doncaster BFCC, Northern BFCC, East of England BFCC, IBBA , Merseyside BFCC, Northampton B&FCC, North Staffs BFCC, North Wales BFCC, Irish BFCC, Sussex & Kent BFCC, Wessex BFCC, Welsh BFCC,

Clubs Not in Attendance:

Cumbria BFCC, Cleveland BFCC, Fauldhouse B&FCC, Green Cinn & White BFCC, North of Scotland BFCC, Northern Ireland BFCC, Nottinghamshire BFCC, Leicester BFCC, Scottish All Border FCC, West of Scotland BCA. West Wales BFCC, Southern BFCC,. And all clubs abroad.