

MINUTES OF THE BORDER CONVENTION
COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Sunday, 15th January 2023.

At The Acacia Center, Nottingham

1. MEETING OPENS

The Meeting was opened at 10.30 a.m. by the Chairman Ronnie Sillitoe and the Secretary Colin Egner. The chairman welcomed all attendees and observers to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

The chairman asked for a minute's silence in remembrance of committee member Brian Martin and all past members.

2. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from: J Beddows, I Perrier, B Hodges. M Thomas, S Tamman, A Brown
Observers H Taylor M Lowe

3. APPOINTMENT OF TELLER.

Keith Wadkin volunteered for this role

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2022 A.G.M. (15th March 2022)

The chairman outlined the main points from the minutes of the 15th March 2022. The minutes were accepted as a true record, proposed R Thorley sec T Ward

5. MATTERS ARISING

Bob Hodges and Ian Perrier have revamped the AIMS AND OBJECTIVES this will be put to the AGM for approval.

A reminder to all clubs who have paid their affiliation fees for 2021,2022 and 2023 that they will receive a cheque for £50, only fully paid-up clubs will receive this.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

The secretary informed the meeting that Bob Hodges will resign from the treasures / ring scheme position at the 2023 AGM

The secretary informed the meeting that Ian Perrier will resign from the minute's secretary position at the 2023 AGM.

7. PRESIDENT'S/ REPORT.

John Beddows said he was pleased to be president and wished everyone well for the forthcoming show season.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

First of all, I would like to thank Colin for getting this meeting on as the Roman way in Cannock is no longer taking bookings secondly, I would like to thank you all for coming as it's important to the future of the hobby.

Bob Hodges has Informed Colin he will not continue after the AGM so we will need a treasurer and a ring scheme secretary.

Also, Ian Perrier has informed Colin he will not continue as minutes secretary.

We will need to have a treasurer and minutes secretary to continue as we are, so we will need to advertise these jobs.

I would like to thank Bob and Ian for their efforts during their tenure especially Bob who following on from Richard Thorley has now helped to get the convention on a secure footing financially.

Bird flu has been a big problem for the hobby with planning for shows and exhibitors in postcode areas falling into exclusion zones, Colin has worked hard to get information from APHA and continues to do so, we need as a hobby to have a meeting with APHA/DEFRA to put our case forward and this is our aim.

Lastly, I would like to thank all clubs and committees for keeping our wonderful hobby alive by putting shows on as I know personally how difficult and time consuming this is, also thank you to all exhibitors for supporting the shows and please if a shows on in your area support it as without your support, we will lose them

9. SECRETARY'S REPORT

It has been a while since we had a meeting, as the meeting in July had to be cancelled because of the high number of the committee members unable to attend.

The show season got off to a flying start commencing with the national show where thanks to North Staffs and members of the B.C. committee Borders were once again present. Whilst the number of entries were less than anticipated. The organisers did a sterling job on the day. Our thanks to all of them.

However, as the month of October continued the number of Bird flu cases increased especially in East Anglia and adjoining counties with the cancellation of the East of England, Southern and North of Scotland Show.

At this time, I made contact with D.E.F.R.A. (A.P.H.A.) seeking clarification on the rules, I contacted all 4 departments England, Wales, Scotland and North of Ireland and only England replied with rule clarification which were duly printed on the front page of the website.

However later in the month the B.C.A. received news on the Tuesday before their Show that their Show breached the regulations and could not be held. As I could see no valid reason for this, I phoned the Scottish office and harangued the office staff to speak to someone in authority, I eventually received a call back from a senior member of staff (whom I believe was the Acting Senior veterinary officer) who said as she was driving home, she would contact me by e-mail. The following day the B.C.A. received news they could go ahead albeit it too late as the exhibitors had been informed the show was cancelled.

Unfortunately, bird flu is here to stay and later on I would like us to discuss our plans for the coming year.

However, congratulations to the organisers of the 22 Shows that went ahead.

10. JOURNAL EDITOR'S REPORT

First of all, I would like to forward my apologies for not being able to attend the meeting as once again it clashes with my wife's birthday on the 13th and my granddaughters on the 15th, as we always celebrate the joint birthdays on the weekend around those dates, I could not possibly upset my wife by not being with them while celebrating with all the family.

The same has happened last year, so, again, apologies for not being able to be with you at this meeting.

Back to the journal, as you could see from the journal, I had a much better response about article and I would like to thank Colin for sending me the show reports.

Also, Ian Perrier for an article about the Wessex Club, and Phil Neill for sending an article about his Judging venture in the USA.

11/12. PUBLICITY OFFICER AND WEBSITE REPORT

I would just like to thank all those who sent in results and photos for the website during the Show season, without you the popularity of the website, and content for the journal would be much diminished.

The website is for one purpose only to promote the Clubs that make up the Border Convention, so please contact me with your news items so we can increase your Club profile.

13 TREASURERS REPORT

Starting Balance as of the 1st Jan 2022 reads £16110.49			
Prepared by Bob Hodges - Treasurer			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
RING SALES	£3,460.50	TYRELLA ROSETTES	£162.12
AFFILIATION FEES	£1,098.00	AVIAN ID	£1,612.88
BC JOURNAL SUBS (2022)	£320.00	STAMPS	£135.90
BC JOURNAL SUBS (2023)	£2,140.00	SITEMAKER	£159.00
BC EXHIBITOR ADVERTS	£90.00	SINCLAIR PRINT	£1,962.60
SIMONS EXCLUSIVES	£216.00	PITNEY BOWES	£1,208.00
THE BIRDCARE COMPANY	£85.00	FRANKING MACHINE RENT	£144.00
EASYEM	£70.00	ROMAN WAY HOTEL	£242.00
	£0.00	JOURNAL EDITOR	£500.00
	£0.00	Seretary Honorarium 2020	£500.00
	£0.00	Seretary Honorarium 2021	£500.00
	£0.00	Treasurer Honorarium 2021	£300.00
	£0.00	Ring Sec Honorarium 2021	£200.00
TOTAL	£7,479.50		£7,626.50
STARTING BALANCE	£16,110.49		STOCK
INCOME	£7,479.50		55 PAIR RING PLIERS £3.50
LESS EXPNDITURE	£7,626.50		5 PAIR RING CUTTERS

TOTAL		£15,963.49				1800 BLUE
						1730 RED 2025
						2500 BLACK RINGS 2026
BANK		£15,833.49				700 VIOLET RINGS 2027
STOCK		£3,460.41				
BALANCE		£19,293.90				Stock Value
INCOME			EXPENDITURE			
RING SALES (2021 CASH)	£270.00		AVIAN ID (1500) JAN 22			£646.48
RING SALES (2022)	£1,946.00		AVIAN ID (600) MAY 22			£265.60
RING SALES (2023)	£1,244.50		AVIAN ID (600) JUNE 22			£265.20
AFFILIATION FEES (2022)	£773.00		AVIAN ID (1000) NOV 22			£435.60
AFFILIATION FEES (2023)	£325.00		STAMPS 48 x £1.05			£50.40
			STAMPS			£52.50
	£0.00		STAMPS			£33.00
BC JOURNAL SUBS (2022)	£320.00		SITEMAKER MARCH 22			£159.00
BC JOURNAL SUBS (2023)	£2,110.00					£0.00
	£0.00		SINCLAIR PRINT OCT 21			£583.80
	£0.00		SINCLAIR PRINT JAN 22			£395.00
	£0.00		SINCLAIR PRINT MAY 22			£546.80
	£0.00		SINCLAIR PRINT SEPT 22			£437.00
ADVERTS	£0.00		SINCLAIR PRINT			£0.00
SIMONS EXCLUSIVES	£216.00		PITNEY BOWES JAN 22			£458.00
BC EXIBITOR ADVERTS	£90.00		PITNEY BOWES MAY 22			£250.00
THE BIRDCARE COMPANY	£50.00		PITNEY BOWES SEPT 22			£250.00
THE BIRDCARE COMPANY	£35.00		PITNEY BOWES DEC 22			£250.00
	£0.00		FRANKING MACHINE RENT			£144.00
EASYEM ADVERT	£35.00		TYRELLA ROSETTES JAN 22			£76.02
EASYEM ADVERT	£35.00		TYRELLA ROSETTES OCT 22			£86.10
	£0.00		ROMAN WAY JAN 2022			£112.00
	£0.00		ROMAN WAY MARCH 2022			£130.00
	£0.00		Journal Editor Hon. 2022			£500.00
	£0.00		Secretary's Honorarium 2021			£500.00
	£0.00		Secretary's Honorarium 2022			£500.00
	£0.00		Treasurer Honorarium 2022			£300.00
	£0.00		Ring Sec Honorarium 2022			£200.00
TOTAL	£7,449.50					£7,626.50
STARTING BALANCE	£16,110.49					
INCOME	£7,449.50					

LESS EXPNDITURE	£7,626.50					
TOTAL	£15,933.49					
STOCK		Stock Value		£3,460.41		
55 PAIR RING PLIERS £3.50		Bank		£15,933.49		
5 PAIR RING CUTTERS		Cash				
		Balance		£19,393.90		

AFFILIATION FEES 2020 - 2023	PAID 2020	PAID 2021	PAID 2022
BELGIUM BORDER CLUB	2020 £25.00	2021 £0.00	2022 Jan-22 £25.00
BIRMING HAM AREA BFCC	2020 £25.00	2021 £0.00	2022 Dec-21 £25.00
BORDER CANARY ASSOCIA TION	2020 £25.00	2021 £25.00	2022 Mar-22 £25.00
BORDER COUNTIE S BFCC	2020 £25.00	2021 £0.00	2022 Mar-22 £25.00
BORDER FANCY CC	2020 £25.00	2021 £0.00	2022 Jan-22 £25.00
BRITISH BFCC	2020 £25.00	2021 Nov-21 £25.00	2022 Mar-22 £25.00
BORDER & FIFE CLUB DEUTSCH LAND	2020 £24.49	2021 £0.00	2022 Jan-22 £25.00
CLEVELA ND BFCC	2020 £25.00	2021 Nov-21 £25.00	2022 Mar-22 £25.00
CORNISH BFCC	2020 £25.00	2021 £0.00	2022 £0.00
CUMBRI A BFCC	2020 0.00	2021 £0.00	2022 Nov-22 £25.00
DANSKE BORDER CLUB	2020 £31.10	2021 £0.00	2022 Apr-22 £25.00

DONCASTER BFCC	2020	£25.00	Nov-21	£25.00	Mar-22	£25.00
EAST ANTRIM BFCC	2020	£25.00	Nov-21	£25.00	Feb-22	£25.00
EAST of ENGLAND BFCC	2020	£25.00		£0.00	Apr-22	£25.00
FLEMISH BORDER & FIFE FCC		0.00		£0.00		£0.00
FAULDOUSE BFCC	2020	£25.00		£0.00	Jan-22	£25.00
GC&W BFCC	2020	£25.00	Jul-21	£25.00	Feb-22	£25.00
GERMAN BORDER CLUB	2020	£25.00		£0.00		£0.00
INTERNATIONAL BBA	2020	£25.00		£0.00		£0.00
IRISH BFCC		0.00		£0.00	Apr-22	£25.00
ITALIAN BFCC		0.00		£0.00	Apr-22	£23.00
MERSEYSIDE BFCC	2020	£25.00	2021	£25.00	Mar-22	£25.00
MID ULSTER BFCC		0.00		£0.00	Apr-22	£25.00
NORTHERN IRELAND BFCC	2020	£25.00	Mar-22	£25.00	Mar-22	£25.00
NORTH of SCOTLAND BFCC	2020	£25.00		£25.00	Jul-22	£25.00
NORTH STAFFS BFCC	2020	£25.00	2021	£25.00	Mar-22	£25.00
NORTHERN BFCC	2020	£25.00	Nov-21	£25.00	Apr-22	£25.00
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BFCC	2020	£25.00	Nov-21	£25.00	Feb-22	£25.00

SOUTHERN BFCC	2020	£25.00	Jan-21	£25.00	Jan-22	£25.00
SUSSEX & KENT BFCC	2020	£25.00		£0.00	Apr-22	£25.00
WELSH BFCC	2020	£25.00	May-22	£25.00	May-22	£25.00
WESSEX BFCC	2020	£25.00	Jan-21	£25.00	Jan-22	£25.00
WEST OF SCOTLAND BFCC		0.00		£0.00		£0.00
WEST WALES BFCC		0.00		£0.00	Feb-22	£25.00
TOTAL		680.59		£375.00		£723.00

14. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The chairman went through the officers individually and all officers were voted on by the attending delegates.

	2022	nominations	2023
President:	Mr J Beddows		Mr J Beddows
President elect		Mr T Ward	
Chairman:	Mr Ronnie Sillitoe	No other nominations.	Mr Ronnie Sillitoe
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. Tim Ward	No other nominations.	Mr. Tim Ward
Secretary:	Mr. Colin Egner.	No other nominations	Mr. Colin Egner
Treasurer:	Mr B Hodges	No Nominations	
Journal Distributor:	Mr. Simon Tammam	No nominations	Mr. Simon Tammam
Journal Editor:	Mr. Simon Tammam.	No nominations	Mr. Simon Tammam
Minutes Secretary:	Mr Ian Perrier	No nominations	
Publicity Officer:	Mr Egner &	No nominations	Mr Egner
Novice Rule Co.	Mr. Colin Egner	No nominations	Mr. Colin Egner
Auditor:	Mr Ian Perrier	No nominations	
Ring Scheme Sec.	Mr. B Hodges	Mr. R Thorley	
Web Site Manager	Mr. Colin Egner	No nominations	Mr. Colin Egner

Convention Committee: Messrs. Ron Sillitoe (Chairman), Tim Ward, (Vice-Chairman Bob Hodges (Treasurer), Simon Tammam (Journal Editor), Colin Egner (Secretary), Jeff Pearce, John Rance, Alan Smalley Adam Pearce, M Thomas, R Thorley, K Wadkin, I Perrier.A Brown.

Past Presidents Malcolm Barnett, Don Harrison, Jim Aichtison, Malcolm Scott. George Eltringham

17. MANDATES

No Mandates

18. JUDGES A & B PANEL.

A Panel.

19 FRANKING MACHINE

A good discussion was held on the Franking machine whether it was viable for the number of copies of the journal we were sending out ,it was decided to work the figures out for the AGM 2023 and make a decision on it then .

20 OAT HUSKS

The chairman told the meeting that Oat husks have been a bit difficult to get for some fanciers and that he was working to get a solution to the problem, after a good discussion one alternative was put forward using block paving silver sand with this in mind Richard Thorley was going to trial this in his bird cabin and report back, the chairman also said he would write to possible suppliers and resolve the issue.

21 LOSS OF CLUBS

A full and frank discussion was held on clubs who are struggling and how they could be helped, the meeting decided that the most important thing is for clubs to make an approach to any member of the committee to put forward to the Convention and see what could be done to assist any club that needed it.

.22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Border Convention Committee Meeting is the AGM 12 March 2023 at the Acacia centre Annesley Nottingham

MEMBERS PRESENT (9):

R Sillitoe C Egner, J Pearce ,A Pearce , J Rance , R Thorley T Ward, K Wadkin, A Smalley.