

## BRITISH PIGEON FANCIERS MEDICAL RESEARCH TRUST (BPFMRT ) TRUSTEES REPORT OF AGM HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

**Trustees present - Dr PP Lynch chair, Dr Gavin Boyd, George Pollock Treasurer/ secy. Bill Frame, Ian Noble president SHU. Apol. Mary Pryde secy. SNFC**

Also present – Dr Charles McSharry University of Glasgow, Research Director of the Trust.

Hosting Facilities - The Trustees thank the SHU and secretary Linda Brooks and staff for the usual excellent free hosting facilities provided at the AGM of the Trust in the SHU offices Wishaw, Lanarkshire.

The Press Report on the RPRA BHW Show of the Year at Blackpool was published on the Website and the pigeon Press and gained the approval of the trustees. The Show was as usual a very successful and busy research exercise. The Trustees were grateful to receive a cheque for £3,000 for the research from the RPRA BHW Show of the Year Committee. We are grateful to the RPRA General Manager Ian Evans and his efficient staff who together with the BHW Show Committee and staff arranged a spacious research facility at the Olympia Balcony at the Show and ensured that the excellent Show location and all the Research Stand's needs were freely provided.

### **Accounts ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

The balance sheet was approved by the Trustees. It was as usual expertly presented by George Pollock hon. Treasurer. The RPRA BHW Show annual donation to the research team and the provision of the cost free, new and spacious research facility at the Show continues to be our major functional lifeline. We are also grateful for the regular and continued financial support from the SHU, SNFC and the NEHU and all individual fanciers and organisations who contribute from time to time.

We are grateful to I.A. Stewart & Company, Chartered Accountants, New Lanark for their continued free services and Independent Examiners Report which continues to be a mandatory regulation by the Scottish Charity Regulator - Ref SCO13181. The free donation of their time, enthusiasm and expertise by the senior members of the Research Team and the Trustees continues at no cost. On behalf of the Fancy the Trustees wish to thank the Team for their continued voluntary efforts on our behalf. The voluntary partnership of British pigeon fanciers and their research team in the research of pigeon lung and the service they provide to fanciers on the funds available, continues to be a credit and testimony to the longstanding goodwill and charitable aims of British pigeon fanciers and their research team.

The balance sheet showed that £ 7,000 was donated by the trustees to Dr Charles McSharry BPFMRT research Director via the University of Glasgow research account to help fund the research. The research has now moved to a higher level with the most welcome addition of Dr Mark Spears consultant Respiratory Physician Forth Valley Royal Hospital with financial sponsoring from NHS

Forth Valley also Prof. Louise V Wain University of Leicester who holds a British Lung Foundation (BLF) chair with sponsorship funds. This will help process the British Pigeon Fanciers Genetics in Interstitial Lung Disease ( BPF GILD ) study of the very small but important number of fanciers with serious pigeon fanciers lung who come into this category.

### **The website**

The trustees approved the token payment of £1000 to the research coordinators Jane and Ken Boyd for the administration and coordination of the data bases relating to the Show research activities also the activities throughout the year including updating and managing the website [www.pigeon-lung.co.uk](http://www.pigeon-lung.co.uk) and coordinating the responses of the team members to the questions asked by fanciers and non fanciers on our website in the role as webmaster.

### **Thanks to all our supporters**

The Trustees and Research Team are greatly encouraged and thankful for the continued support of British fanciers and their organisations especially the RPRA through their BHW Show of The Year, the SHU, the SNFC and the NEHU for their regular annual donations and all the other pigeon fanciers and pigeon organisations who support us whenever they can. The support and sponsorship of the NHS Forth Valley and the British Lung Foundation is a much valued and exciting step forward in the research of Pigeon Fanciers Lung for ourselves and others. In truth this voluntary and charitable research activity by British pigeon fanciers and the research team continues to be unique in the international pigeon world and much envied in the scientific one. Our joint efforts enables us to continue to search for a cure for pigeon lung and in the same process strive to provide a service in support of the good health of all pigeon fanciers and others. We thank you all once again for your vital support and wish all pigeon fanciers and their families good health and every success in the forthcoming racing season.

Yours sincerely, Dr PP Lynch chair BPFMRT