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Summary of decisions made at **Nationwide:** Goldfish Societies UK Delegates Meeting, held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Horsehay Village Hall, Telford, Shropshire

As it had been nearly five years since the Nationwide Goldfish Standards were revised and modified by the Nationwide delegates, following detailed consultations and suggestions with the breeders of each variety from all four Nationwide Societies, a new meeting for 2020 was called to decide on a number of issues that was thought to be of benefit to all the societies and the continuation and expansion of the goldfish breeding hobby in general and the Annual **Nationwide:** Fancy Goldfish Open Show.

The full minutes have been issued as a first draft to all the four societies and await comments from the delegates. However, listed below are the main decisions made at the meeting on behalf of the four societies and are summarised for publication as they affect the 2020 show scene and potential training of additional judges.

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## Section 1. Nationwide: Goldfish Societies UK new Web site

- The meeting welcomed the excellently detailed and constructed Power Point presentation designed and delivered by the first guest presenter, Grahame Draper (AMGK) that explained the reasoning and merits behind the concept displayed and potential benefits for all societies to having a dedicated **Nationwide:** Web site. The excellent work undertaken by Grahame over the months leading up to the meeting sprang from a number of members discussing the idea both in society meetings and comments registered at the last couple of National open shows etc., His presentation gave delegates an insight into some of the main functions of the proposed web site including (A) to direct users into the four Nationwide Goldfish societies as an advertising tool that promotes the hobby and hopefully leads to increased society membership etc., (B) publish the **Nationwide:** Fish Standards and Protocol for future Standards (C) Promotes the annual **Nationwide:** Fancy Goldfish Open Show (D) and publishes the **Nationwide:** Constitution (E) Keeps a running list of availability of Standard Fish and list of breeders of each variety through a connection into each society's point of contact, in accordance with current data Protection legislation and any amount of other functions to support the needs of all **Nationwide:** Societies.
- The meeting agreed to go ahead with the Web site as presented by Grahame with one abstention. Sherridan Moores (NGPS) had some concerns as to whether the host system chosen by Grahame was necessarily the best one for our purposes, how much income through selective advertising might be generated and how we might be linking with American web sites etc.,
- Agreed that Grahame should be the Web Master for this new venture and that a reserve web master, (as an insurance) should be nominated from one of the Nationwide societies asap. It was also pointed out that, through sponsored, relevant advertising, the web site should become self-financing and after the first year should be capable of providing additional profit for the **Nationwide:** budget. Societies were asked to search for potential advertisers and report back to Grahame. His 45minute presentation was warmly applauded by the delegates for a job well done and recognition that all the work that Grahame had put into this project so far will be a great benefit to the hobby and all the Nationwide societies.
- Meeting agreed to review the level of success of use and cost for all societies after an initial twelve months.

## Section 2. Review of breeding progress of Butterfly Tailed Telescope Goldfish

- The second guest presenter, Jackie Pedley (AMGK), having first made available to the delegates her excellent homemade Butterfly Tail shaped cheesy biscuits had us all enthralled with her equally well presented breeding programme (now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> Year as of 14<sup>th</sup> January) of her Butterfly Tail Telescope variety of goldfish (or Brummie Butterfly as Jackie prefers to call it!). The Butterfly, although an established variety in the far east, has only been introduced into the UK in recent years.
- Jackie has taken the variety under her wing over the last three years and, in an attempt to prove its consistency to have it considered for eventual inclusion in the Nationwide Standards book as a recognised and true breeding variety, has embarked on a detailed and well-tried line breeding programme starting back in 2018.
- A detailed record of original fish, spawning record and progress report with plenty of photographic evidence was projected during her talk was also made available to all delegates in hard copy. It was agreed that (A) all societies could use this to inform their members and that (B) Jackie's progress with this variety was applauded by the delegates and look forward to further progress to be reported over the next two years, in line with agreed Standard's protocol.
- It was noted that if the breeding programme continued to produce such promising results then Andy Barton, the delegate sponsor for this variety, will prepare with Jackie, a final proposal for consideration by nationwide: for inclusion in the Standards Book.
- A further document, detailing June Kemp's (AMGK) breeding programme for this variety was also issued at the meeting to all delegates by Andy, together with a first draft of copy for consideration. A line drawing of suggested standard was not presented at this time. Further development opportunities and refinement of the Butterfly tail was promised for the future.
- A coloured illustrative chart, included in the issued variety document, that showed nine alternative fin arrangements found and bred in the far east was discussed as part of Jackie's presentation, with confirmation that it was proposed to develop on the lines of the illustration marked as 'Trapezium'.
- Again, the meeting applauded Jackie at the conclusion of her presentation and acknowledged and appreciated all of her painstakingly work over the last few years to reach this point in the development of this 'New Variety' and wished all success for the future.

## Section 3. Nationwide: Show Secretary Report

- Due to illness, Graham Turner (NEGS), the **Nationwide:** Secretary and Show Secretary was not able to make the meeting, but had discussed by telephone and email with the Chairman prior to the date a number of points that he wanted to bring to the attention of the delegates.
- The following was noted and agreed.
- All show schedules and show programme would carry a full-page advert for each sponsor.
- Although AMGK would not necessarily be able to continue with a special supplement publication dedicated to the **Nationwide:** Fancy Goldfish Open Show results, with full set of results and photographs of all class winners and specials, as it has done for the six years that the show has been running. This will now be attempted by volunteers from the Nationwide: Goldfish Societies UK itself from 2020 onwards. Should this be done it will be placed on the new **Nationwide:** web site.
- Also confirmed that All queries or complaints raised during the Show will be brought to the attention of the Show Manager/Show Secretary during the show and the business concluded before the show end. This to be the end of the matter. This has always been made clear in the show rules as printed in the entry schedule and programme.
- Graham had asked for assistance in compiling just the total points of all entries in each class and have them available by each class, the meeting could not agree as to how this could be done and

await further discussions with the Show Secretary. However, it was agreed that all judges sheets will be displayed once completed for any exhibitor to see at the show.

#### Section 4. **Nationwide:** Secretary's & Treasurer's Reports

- Dennis Godfrey, (NEGS) confirmed that Public Liability insurance would be organised, as usual, for the National Show in October 2020.
- Andy Barton (AMGK) **Nationwide:** Treasurer, produced summary accounts for the year with copies of previous years for the record. These were issued to all delegates.
- Andy reported that the national show produced a healthy profit year on year and after starting from scratch six years ago now had a bank balance. To date the shows have been self-financing, a great achievement as the show has not been partially financed by sponsors for the last two years. We were grateful to the Show Secretary for arranging the first four years of excellent sponsorship from Biffa and his continuing efforts in securing fish food sponsorship from Vitalis, Mars/Aquarian and Fish Science.
- Meeting agreed that once the balance in the **Nationwide:** Bank Account reached a certain figure, in accordance with the original decisions when the delegates first decided to put on a national show on behalf of the four societies 'surplus' monies could be distributed to the **Nationwide:** Societies. However, It was recognised by delegates from BAS that as AMGK provided their own show tanks for the majority of classes for this show over the years, they may want to replace these due to possible extra wear and tear. Funds would be made available, if so required, for such purposes in future years.

#### Section 5. National - **Nationwide:** Fancy Goldfish Open Show

- Agreed, after some discussion, that the method of judging the best adult Fish, best team, best exhibit etc., would carry on as previously (i.e., by all judges) except that no judge would be able to judge their own fish in this final round.
- Graham Turner (NEGS) to remain Show Secretary, with Andy Barton (AMGK) remaining Show Manager. Two volunteers from AMGK to book hotel for the night before to help put up the show before show day, with one from NEGS and three or four from BAS. We had a total of nineteen volunteers last year and would ask all societies to promote the idea at their next society meetings to provide at least the same number again for 2020.
- Agreed that show schedule will include a dedicated line entry for all fish with a recognised standard and omit AOV with a standard class.
- Pre-booking facility for auction fish will continue to be on the entry schedule, but with **no** entry limit.
- Confirmed that security of show and the judging period being roped off was working well (but needed a little more room) and that discussions to be held with the venue authorities to see if adjoining users of the building could be persuaded not to use the kitchen as a through route due to the limited space for cooking refreshments throughout the day.
- As previously stated in the minutes, we need to find an alternative way of producing a record of the show with new volunteers to accomplish this. Delegates were asked to discuss with their respective membership and offer solutions.
- Request was made from the Chairman for all delegates to try and seek further sponsorship for the show and for the proposed web site. Graham has done a fantastic job so far for all the previous shows and will continue to do so, but ideas for additional sponsorship would be welcome.

- The current venue in Coventry for the show was discussed and agreement to stay for the next show was made. Alternative venues were also discussed briefly. The Horsehay Village Hall, Telford was dismissed on the grounds of restricted sunlight into the main hall, restricted safe parking and lack of available volunteers to stage the show, together with unavailability the day before the show. AMGK's fantastic facilities for their open show in June was also dismissed as being over £100 more than The Wyken Community Centre and also being unable to book the day before.

## Section 6. Review and agreement required for new judges' training

- The Chairman provided a list of Judges and a list of possible trainee judges (the latter compiled from the response to an earlier letter sent to all societies to address the need for new judges to take over from retiring judges in future years and to add to the list of available judges at future shows in order to reduce the time taken up judging and restricting the viewing public's time enjoying the show.
- A final, corrected list is now available at the end of these minutes.
- An edited extract from a more formal training manual, initially provided by the show secretary, was loaned to the chairman at the last show. This training manual was originally written by Derek Seymore, senior judge for many years at the former incarnation of the GSGB. The edited forward and background written and produced by the Chairman under the title 'A Background Guide for Training Judges – Judging Goldfish' under the banner of **Nationwide**: Goldfish Societies United Kingdom was issued at the meeting in the delegates pack.
- It was considered by the Chairman to be a useful tool as background reading for trainee judges and established judges alike.
- The larger document, over 30 pages has been partially re-edited and will be issued to each society, upon completion in due course as a reference. No other written training programme from any **Nationwide**: society in was forthcoming at the meeting.
- Ian Mildon (BAS), Board member responsible for Judges and Standards, then followed with a more detailed and specific envisaged programme by setting out exactly what would be expected of each trainee over a flexible period of time in order to become a judge. This was accepted by the meeting as the way forward and approved as follows:-
- **Stage one** would involve an agreed trainee in following an experienced judge at a national open show (four sessions listening and observing four different judges with a variety of classes ie., teams, single tail and twin tail entries.
- **Stage two** comprising six sessions with a qualified Judge, trainee judging in conjunction with the judge, with trainee taking a lead.
- Each trainee would have a printed record sheet to record all thoughts, information regarding each show, class judged, number in class what judge was training etc., ensuring that as many classes was covered over the training period. The judge would be required to write a report on observations within this document to give a complete record and assessment after all sessions are completed. (anticipated that could be completed, if all opportunities are taken at every show approximately two and a half seasons.
- Once completed, the Board member for Judges would alert the Delegates to the findings and hopefully approve the appointment of a new judge.
- Ian Mildon (BAS) has since forwarded to the Chairman a Judges Training Passport that will be issued with the minutes to all delegates, based on the general agreement at the meeting. Listed below are the 8 rules and stages shown on the passport.

1. A training Passport will be issued to the trainee and signed on every occasion by the mentor. Also a record will be kept by the judges Training Coordinator
2. All official Training and Assessments will be at Nationwide Open Shows.
3. The trainee Judges should preferably have bred two types of fish and gained results at any of the Nationwide Open Shows before completing the final Assessment.
4. The trainee will first undertake four training sessions at a Nationwide Open Show, two classes per show with four different judges.
5. The trainee will then judge at six Nationwide Open Shows, two classes per show being mentored by a different Nationwide judge at each show.
6. Judges will assess the ability of the trainee to judge the fish and their understanding of the Nationwide Standards Book.
7. A variety of Singletail, Twintail with Dorsal, Twintail without Dorsal and Teams should be covered during training and mentoring sessions.
8. When a trainee becomes a fully qualified Judge, at least first two classes judged will be scrutinised by an experienced Judge.

## **Section 7. Judges Recognition/Certification & Awards of Merit for Services to the Hobby**

- Following a number of comments received over the years regarding recognition by visitors and exhibitors to the show it was felt that some sort of label/badge would be useful in identification of Judges, Show secretary/ show manager/trainee judges etc., would be very useful. Draft printed sticky labels created by Grahame and Jackie were shown to the meeting. The principle was considered a great idea with Sherridan (NGPS) suggesting that he could have permanent labels manufactured but would need to wait until September to add to his forthcoming order for similar work for NGPS. Agreed we will have to await a cost prior to confirmation, and in the meantime sticky printed labels would be printed as a back-up at no direct cost to Nationwide:
- it was agreed that a certificate would be awarded to any new judge approved by the committee in future years upon successful completion of the proposed training course. The Nationwide Committee considered an Award of Merit to be given to those in the wider hobby to recognise outstanding contribution etc., This was rejected.

## **Section 8. Possible purchase of portable sound system for Nationwide: Show**

- Following requests from the auctioneers and public bidding for fish etc., that due to the building's acoustics during the auction, together with an increasing number of attendees with hearing loss, that some sort of amplifying device ought to be considered. Once again, Grahame Draper's (AMGK) expertise was put into use and a two microphone system in the region of £89.00 was found. This has now been purchased.

## **Section 9. Interim Review of Current Standards** (Not officially due until 2021)

- There were no comments made for concern at this stage. It was noted that some of the varieties such as the Red Cap Oranda had not been seen for some years with a broad/veil tail only a fantail type and that judges had accredited fantail Orandas in the Oranda class. Outside the meeting the Chairman received comment from a society member that our standard for the Jikin could do with revisiting at some point. The latter variety involved a great deal of discussion and argument at the last review of all the standards prior to the last publication in January 2016. At the time all agreed that there would be a moratorium on modification of the standards for five years. This is due to expire in 2021.

## **Section 10. National Register of Current Standard Fish Breeders**

- The Chairman had drawn up a list of all 20 Standard goldfish varieties in the weeks before the meeting together with known breeders from the four Nationwide Societies and the societies from which they belong. This was issued to all societies to be updated as far as possible and issued as part of the meeting pack to all delegates. It was accepted that there were some omissions and errors. These lists have been subsequently modified and are attached to these minutes below. The benefits of such a list is to (A) help both existing breeders and keepers, both old and new to the hobby to locate high quality stock and (B) keep all varieties going for the years to come. It is obvious from the list that one or two varieties are in serious danger of being lost to the UK.
- Particularly with regard to very rare varieties, the Chairman suggested that breeders of such might be willing to share spawnings with other breeders that might want to take on the challenge of preserving such varieties. All agreed that this would be a good idea. Some of these varieties have been developed within the UK for over 100 years and all agreed that it would be disrespectful to earlier dedicated exponents of the variety and a sad loss to the hobby if we should fail to save them.
- It was agreed that suitable youngsters from these shared spawning as such, could be entered into 'this year's bred' classes, but only under joint names.

Pat Davies, Chairman, **Nationwide:** Goldfish Societies United Kingdom 07/13/2020

## **Nationwide:** Goldfish Societies UK

### Fish Breeders Register

#### List of current breeders of **Nationwide:** Standard Fish 2020

This list has been compiled from all four societies in order to record current breeders of pedigree fish and their location through their respective societies. i.e., Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers (AMGK); Bristol Aquarists Society (BAS); North East Goldfish Society (NEGS); Northern Goldfish and Pond Keepers Society (NGPS).

#### **Common Goldfish**

Ian Mildon (BAS)  
 Sherridan Moores (NGPS)  
 Alan Race (NEGS)  
 Tony Roberts (AMGK)  
 Mick Smith (AMGK)

#### **London Shubunkin**

Brian Parkin (NEGS)  
 David Roberts (NGPS)  
 Mick Smith (AMGK)  
 Chris Whitehurst (AMGK)

#### **Bristol Shubunkin**

Andy Barton (AMGK)  
 Graham Bell (BAS)  
 Martin Clare (AMGK)  
 Pat Davies (AMGK)  
 Elaine Edwards (AMGK)  
 Bob Jones (BAS)

Robert Jones (BAS)  
Alex King (NEGS)  
David Padfield (NGPS)  
Phil Riley (AMGK)  
Tony Roberts (AMGK)  
Rebecca Wilson (AMGK)  
Chris Whitehurst (AMGK)

## **Comet**

Alan Ratcliff (NGPS)  
Tony Waterhouse (BAS)

## **Jikin**

Martin Clare (AMGK)  
Ian Mildon (BAS)  
Alan Race (NEGS)  
Graham Turner (NEGS)  
Chris Whitehurst (AMGK)

## **Wakin**

David Roberts (NGPS)  
Ian Mildon (BAS)

## **Fantail**

Andy Barton (AMGK)  
Craig Clinton (NGPS)  
Bob Jones (BAS)  
Mick Smith (AMGK)  
Gary Malpas (AMGK)

## **Pearlscale**

Elaine Edwards (AMGK)  
Craig Clinton (AMGK)  
Dean Roberts (AMGK)  
Rebecca Wilson (AMGK)

## **Ryukin**

Grahame Draper (AMGK)  
Liam Roberts (AMGK)  
Chris Whitehurst (AMGK)

## **Veiltail**

Andy Barton (AMGK) *Metallic*  
Martin Clare (AMGK) *Metallic*  
Craig Clinton (NGPS)  
Bob Jones (BAS)  
Sherridan Moores (NGPS)  
David Padfield (NGPS)  
Alan Race (NEGS)  
Phil Riley (AMGK)  
Liam Roberts (AMGK)  
Tony Roberts (AMGK)



Brian Young (AMGK)

## **Moor**

Andy Barton (AMGK)

Pat Davies (AMGK)

Josh Hearne-Wilkins (AMGK)

Bob Jones (BAS)

David Padfield (NGPS)

Richard Rizzotti (NGPS)

Liam Roberts (AMGK)

Tony Roberts (AMGK)

Mick Smith (AMGK)

Nick Swales (NEGS)

## **Globe-Eye**

Jackie Pedley (AMGK)

Graham Turner (NEGS)

Chris Whitehurst (AMGK)

## **Oranda**

Andy Barton (AMGK)

Dean Roberts (NGPS)

## **Redcap**

(Non Known)

## **Tosakin**

Andrew Barton (AMGK)

Alan Race (NEGS)

Stan Woolridge (AMGK)

## **Lionhead**

Andy Barton (AMGK)

Graham Bell (BAS)

Sherridan Moores (NGPS)

Chris Whitehurst (AMGK)

## **Ranchu**

Andy Barton (AMGK)

Andy Beckett (BAS)

Martin Clare (AMGK)

Craig Clinton (AMGK)

Pat Davies (AMGK)

Alex King (NEGS)

Keith Mullin (BAS)

Liam Roberts (AMGK)

Nick Swales (NEGS)

Keith Waters (AMGK)

## **Bubble-Eye**

Martin Clare (AMGK)

Craig Clinton (NGPS)

Sherridan Moores (NGPS)

## Celestial

Dean Roberts (NGPS)

Chris Whitehurst (AMGK)

## Pom-Pon

Andy Barton (AMGK)

Sherridan Moores (NGPS)

Chris Whitehurst (AMGK)

The following list of all breeders is as comprehensive as it can be at the time of writing (26/02/2020), but undoubtedly will be modified over the years ahead.

### **Nationwide:** List of 36 Known Breeders of Pedigree Fish 2020

Andy Barton (AMGK)  
Andy Beckett (BAS)  
Graham Bell (BAS)  
Martin Clare (AMGK)  
Craig Clinton (NEGS)  
Pat Davies (AMGK)  
Grahame Draper (AMGK)  
Elaine Edwards (AMGK)  
Josh Hearne-Wilkins (AMGK)  
Bob Jones (BAS)  
Robert Jones (BAS)  
Alex King (NEGS)  
Gary Malpas (AMGK)  
Sherridan Moores (NGPS)  
John McGarver (NEGS)  
Ian Mildon (BAS)  
Keith Mullin (BAS)  
David Padfield (NGPS)  
Brian Parkin (NEGS)  
Alan Race (NEGS)  
Alan Ratcliff (NGPS)  
Phil Riley (AMGK)  
Richard Rizzotti (NGPS)  
David Roberts (NGPS)  
Dean Roberts (NGPS)  
Liam Roberts (AMGK)  
Tony Roberts (AMGK)  
Mick Smith (AMGK)  
Nick Swales (NEGS)  
Graham Turner (NEGS)  
Clive Waterhouse (BAS)  
Tony Waterhouse (BAS)  
Keith Waters (AMGK)  
Chris Whitehurst (AMGK)

(end of Nationwide report)

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## **Top Tip of the Month**

So you are in quarantine? Now is the time to move all the Goldfish, empty all those tanks, and replace the supports with new frames. Your fish-house should then be good for the next 20 years (by which time all this will be over, we hope).

## **Chairman's Address**

April usually marks the occasion of our Annual General Meeting, however this year it will not be possible to hold any meetings at all for the foreseeable future. I therefore propose to suspend the business usually undertaken at the AGM, chiefly the election of new Society Officers, until next year. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way

through 2019-20 in either an official role or less formally.

It really is too early to think about our Annual Open Show in September as of yet and a decision on possible postponement will be taken nearer the time. Our March meeting vote to remove the tanks from storage was, alas, overtaken by events and, even though this will cost us over 250 pounds, they will need to stay where they are for the present.

Subs are due at the AGM and I really hope all members who are able will send in their payment, as we have just seen, costs are continually incurred, virus or no virus.

Thanks to Tom Bell for his cheque, first one of the year! Members may send their payments to me, 19, Manley Road , Sale , Cheshire M334EG , cheques made out to Northern Goldfish and Pondkeepers Society

in full please, the bank insists on that now rather than any abbreviation. You may pay direct into our bank account sort code 20-01-96 acc no. 40101206 if you wish, please attach a note with your name to your payment or let me know separately, 0161 969 7567 or [moores\\_s@sky.com](mailto:moores_s@sky.com) , because the bank just records the payment and doesn't tell us who it is from.

(Tap here: [moores\\_s@sky.com](mailto:moores_s@sky.com) )

I hope all members are staying fit and well and have not been driven totally insane by having to stay at home. My family and I ( and the other animals ) are all well. I am continuing to work, on a much reduced basis and hopefully all my fishy extended family will stay well. I am advising all the customers I cannot see to cut right back on feeding to about twice a week to preserve the health of

the water and filters until I can get to them again.

The increased time at home at this time of the year gives us all the opportunity to get on with our spawnings, I am going to be concentrating on my Veiltails and Lionheads this year. I had planned to make a special spawning of the three red Lionheads which I bought from a garden centre last year as a promising, new blood line, breeding stock which amazed me by starting to turn black from deep red. This is unusual, I have never seen it before - Moors turn black as they mature but they do this as they turn from the juvenile olive. I had hoped to be able to develop a black Lionhead line from then, unfortunately all three died as they came out of the worst of the winter. All the other fish are fine, though, and I am looking forward to some good results. An unexpected prospect

has been raised by some photographs sent to me by Charles Ornstein of some Veiltails he got from me three or four years ago ( one of them shown below ).....



They were the result of a cross between calico and metallic and had produced nicely coloured calicos and some superbly shaped metallics.

The metallics never coloured for me in the fish house but have done quite well for Charles in his warmer living room tank. I still have two of the uncoloured metallics and having seen that they will colour I will put them on heat and see if they will spawn.

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Charles' photo reminded me a little of the postcard, from the early 1900s I think, I came across recently shown below. Hope you had a happy Easter, keep well.



