

## **NATIONWIDE:** GOLDFISH SOCIETIES UK



Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers (AMGK)



Bristol Aquarists Society (BAS)



Northern Goldfish & Pond Keepers Society (NGPS)



North East Goldfish Society (NEGS)

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**Board Members:**

**Graham Turner** (NEGS)

Secretary/Show Secretary

**Andy Barton** (AMGK) Hon. Treasurer  
/Principal Show Manager

**Ian Mildon** (BAS) Standards/Judges

28<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Members,

**NATIONWIDE: GOLDFISH  
SOCIETIES UNITED KINGDOM**  
(Goldfish Variety Standards, National  
Fancy Goldfish Open Show, Nationwide  
Judges)

In accordance with the **Nationwide: Goldfish Societies UK's** Constitution, the Board and society delegates have now completed their last three year tenure and have undertaken an election of new Chairman and selected a new Board, together with a confirmation of each contributing society's delegates to serve the goldfish hobby within **Nationwide:** until June 2022.

The new Board is as printed above with the confirmed delegates for each society as follows: **AMGK:** Andy Barton; Keith Waters; Phil Riley **BAS:** Ian Mildon; Bob Jones; Neil Coleman. **NEGS:** Graham Turner; Dennis Godfrey; Tom Bell. **NGPS:** Sherridan Moores; Dean Roberts; Craig Clinton.

It is with much gratitude that we take the opportunity to thank Sherridan Moores (NGPS) for his completed double tenure as Chairman over the last 6 years, during which time the Nationwide Constitution and Standards Protocol was modified and formally adopted by all societies comprising **Nationwide: Goldfish Societies UK**. We also have to thank the retiring Nationwide Secretary, Dennis Godfrey (NEGS) for his behind the scenes securing of affordable Public Liability Insurance for the National shows and some society meetings,

Also within the last 6 years a complete review of existing Goldfish Variety Standards, comprising all 20 currently

accepted and bred varieties within the UK, was undertaken over a two year period by Nationwide delegates and after 5 full consultations with all fish breeders (through the delegates) was published in January 2016. It is this document that governs all open Shows within **Nationwide: Goldfish Societies UK**. The following attached pages outline the aims and objectives for **Nationwide** for the next three years.

Pat Davies,  
Chairman, **Nationwide: Goldfish Societies UK**

**Passed Chairmen: Bill Ramsden**  
(NGPS) 1989 -2008; **Andy Barton**

(AMGK) 2008 - 13; **Sheridan Moores**  
(NGPS) 2013 -19

**Nationwide: Goldfish Societies UK**  
Aims and Objectives for 2019 - 2022

1. Continue the development of the Butterfly Goldfish, through publication of records of breeding, showing, meetings and presentations over the next three years with a view to eventual consideration of incorporation into the published **Nationwide: Goldfish Standards of the United Kingdom** in 2022.
2. Encourage fish breeders that are interested to train and become qualified as Goldfish Judges. This will entail design and ratification of a realistic training programme that would be recognised and adhered to

by all the societies within

## **Nationwide:**

3. Encourage and support all open Shows and new membership within all societies as part of the goldfish breeding/keeping fraternity.
4. Galvanise full and active support for the annual **National Fancy Goldfish Open Show** to be staged, this year, on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Preparations have been ongoing since October 2018 and are now almost complete. This show will be our 6<sup>th</sup> successive self-financing Annual **National Fancy Goldfish Open Show** and aims to celebrate the pinnacle of all the societies fish breeding and keeping throughout the year. To stage this show we rely on volunteers from all societies and am

pleased to report that three volunteers from BAS, one from NEGS and two from AMGK have already booked hotel rooms for Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> October to enable enough volunteers to be on hand to set up the halls for this largest of shows in the UK the night before the big day. We welcome more volunteers from all the societies who wish to do the same, and also stay right to the very end of the show day to ensure the event goes smoothly and on time. This show is put on by all the societies so as many volunteers as possible from all the societies would be welcome!

**The Nationwide Constitution,  
Organisation/Structure and**

**Standards Protocol** follows on the next few pages as a reminder to Society members, new and old, as to the workings of **Nationwide:** in its endeavour to support the ever developing hobby throughout the UK and act as a conduit between all societies, breeders and enthusiasts.

Like our individual societies within Nationwide, we are all volunteers when it comes to running events and our societies, the more folk that take on responsibilities within societies and the **Nationwide:** itself, the better each will run and help all fish keepers, new and more experienced to enjoy our hobby. Notification of any progress with any proposed new standards and /or events of interest will be issued to

all **Nationwide:** delegates and societies as and when they arise over the coming three years.

## **NATIONWIDE:** GOLDFISH SOCIETIES UK

*Comprising:-* Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers (AMGK); Bristol Aquarists Society (BAS); North East Goldfish Society (NEGS); Northern Goldfish & Pond Keepers Society (NGPS)



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## **CONSTITUTION**

### **Purpose of the Organisation:**

To administer, formulate and review the **Nationwide Goldfish Standards UK**, to promote and organise the annual **National Fancy Goldfish Open Show**, and further assistance and goodwill to affiliated members.

## **Structure and Management:**

**1.1** The four founding societies comprising:- Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers (AMGK), Bristol Aquarist's Society (BAS), North East Goldfish Society (NEGS) & Northern Goldfish and Pond keepers Society (NGPS)., being equal custodians of the organisation.

**1.2** The administrative body of the organisation shall be known as 'The Board' comprising three representative

'Officers' elected from within each of the founding Societies. One 'Officer' from each society will be a 'Principal Officer' and will be the main representative for their society. In addition, one principle officer shall be elected as Chairman with an additional officer from the Chairman's society being put forward for the board. The other three principle officers, one from each society, will be elected to one of the following specific positions; Secretary, Hon.Treasurer and Standards/Judges.

**1.3** "The Board" shall manage the organisation.

**1.4** The review of existing and formulation of new standards shall be carried out to agreed protocols before being submitted to The Judges and

Standards Committee for final approval.

## **Aims and Objectives:-**

**2.1** The organisation shall be known as: Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK.

**2.2** The Aim of the organisation is to bring together specialist Goldfish Clubs and enthusiasts, in order to promote the general and specialist culture of the different varieties of Goldfish. To keep, breed and exhibit along with providing a standard, trained judges and endorsing the staging of shows around the country, concluding with the National Fancy Goldfish Open Show to be held annually.

**2.3** The founding and member societies, have a duty to acknowledge

and uphold the excellence of the established written standards, protecting the continuity, progress and preservation of all these varieties.

**2.4** The main structure of the organisation has been agreed and established by the members of the founding societies comprising A.M.G.K., B.A.S., N.E.G.S., N.G.P.S.

**2.5** Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK shall remain independent of all commercial organisations.

**2.6** General and show accounts, to be presented annually.

**2.7** All members are to be treated equally and without prejudice.

**2.8** Founding and member societies are required to uphold the values of the Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK organisation and its standards whenever possible. All participating societies are required to share the workload of the National Show. In addition, the founding societies are responsible for the organisation in general.

**2.9** Review of the standards will be considered when the need arises, the formulation of any new standards are to be in line with written protocol for establishing a standard.

**2.10** Any changes to this organisation can only be made with the agreement of the founding societies.

**2.11** Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK is a “not for profit” organisation. Money acquired through staging of the National Show will be kept to a figure to be agreed by the founding societies to ensure the smooth running of the National Show with any agreed surplus being distributed to the founding societies in equal measure.

**2.12** If a society or individual is found to have brought the Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK into disrepute they may face any sanction deemed appropriate by the Board.

**2.13** Copyright Standards and Constitution is vested with the **Nationwide: Goldfish Societies UK.**

*Formulated January 2016*

## **Nationwide: STRUCTURE**

**Officers:** *(comprising all society representatives/delegates 12 No. in total)*

**A.M.G.K.** (3No.)

**B.A.S.** (3No.)

**N.E.G.S.** (3No.)

**N.G.P.S.** (3No.)

These officers elect/choose the board from the twelve delegates.

### **Board:**

#### **Four positions on the board:**

*(wherever practical, one board position from each member society)*

**Chairman; Secretary;**

**Hon.Treasurer;**

**Judges/Standards;**

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**Communication & Organisation**

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**National Open Show**  
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Each Society has a National Show Manager (from their delegates) with one society providing the Principal Show Manager.

**Nationwide: Goldfish Standards Protocol**

For those breeders wanting to have their 'new' variety or a change to an existing Standard variety of goldfish entered into the agreed **Nationwide Goldfish Standards**, a protocol for achieving this was adopted at the Nationwide delegates meeting held on

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The relevant extract of the minutes recorded and agreed by all delegates at that meeting is reproduced below for information and clarification:

© Protocol for the Agreement of Goldfish Standards.

The recommendation under this heading was that we (Nationwide) should build upon the approach recently adopted in our search for an appropriate standard for the Ranchu, by ensuring that any future exercise was conducted 'across all societies' and by finding ways to encourage the input from those who were committed breeders to the variety under consideration.

Delegates were keen to discuss ways in which information and evidence, for

a particular variety, could be obtained from within the Nationwide Societies and how this might be considered and tested before being adopted as either a 'new' or 'revised' standard.

Accordingly, the following Protocol emerged from our discussions;

1. Requests to determine a 'new' or a 'revised' Standard will be referred to the Nationwide Committee, who will decide the merits of the request and if agreed the target timetable for the resultant 'case' to be presented back to the committee.
2. A Nationwide Delegate representing the Member Society which has formally requested either a 'new' standard (to those currently agreed), or a 'revision' to an existing Nationwide Standard, shall

be appointed as the Lead Coordinator for the variety under consideration.

3. The Lead Coordinator will be responsible for approaching each society to ascertain the names and contact details of each breeder of the variety under consideration. Either directly or through the facilities of other goldfish societies each of these 'serious breeders' will be informed of the Standards exercise and will be invited to provide evidence and information about what they look for in their chosen variety.

4. The 'provision of evidence' can be in the form of photographs, drawings or written descriptions, though the viewing of examples at

Open Shows (where a competitive class is provided), through the staging of special 'exhibitions' (at Open Shows) or through arranged personal visits to breeders of the variety. Wherever possible the support of a recognised Goldfish Judge should be involved with such gathering of information and evidence.

5. The Nationwide Committee will be looking for evidence as to how 'true' the variety is breeding and whether future development is required, to obtain the 'ideal fish'. Evidence from first and second generations youngsters will be essential. It is appreciated that this evidence may have to be obtained

from more than one breeder of the variety.

6. When the compilation of available evidence has been completed (assistance is available from within Nationwide for the presentation of such information and evidence) then the Lead Coordinator will arrange for this to be presented to the Nationwide Committee. Wherever possible the Lead Coordinator should be accompanied by one or more of the committed breeders of the variety who have provided evidence and information.
7. The task of the Nationwide Committee will be to receive the evidence gathered, ensure that it is robust and is able to withstand

detailed scrutiny by Goldfish Judges and other breeders of the variety. The Nationwide Committee will have the right to defer a decision pending the provision of further information, or pending the undertaking of a broader consultative exercise.



Pat Davies, Chairman, **Nationwide:** Goldfish Societies UK