

**REPORT ON the AGM of the  
BRITISH PIGEON FANCIERS MEDICAL RESEARCH TRUST**

The AGM OF THE Trust was held on Wed 18/2/09 at SHU offices Hamilton.

In attendance were Dr Gavin Boyd Medical Director, Trustees :- Dr PP Lynch chairperson, George Pollock hon secy/treasurer, I Noble president SHU, J Houston president SNFC, and S Mc Fadzen. Apologies were received from Trustees A Garven secy. SNFC and Bill Frame.

The report of the attendance of the Research Team at the RPRA BHW Show of The Year at Blackpool was given and accepted by the Trustees for publication in the Press and our website [www.pigeon-lung.co.uk](http://www.pigeon-lung.co.uk)

The financial accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2008 were expertly presented by the Treasurer George Pollock and approved by the Trustees for publication on our website and the Press . We are indebted to I. A. Stewart & Company, Chartered Accountants, New Lanark, for the mandatory Charity Regulator, Independent Examiner's Report. The Trustees are very much aware of, and extremely grateful for , the vital 25K financial and practical support given each year by the RPRA BHW Show of The Year Committee as well as the regular annual donations from the SHU the NEHU the SNFC and more recently Pigeon Basics.com We are also grateful to all the other UK pigeon organisations and individual fanciers who contribute from time to time. This is a testimony to the genuine and firm sense of ownership of the Research by the UK Fancy - its creator, and is unequalled any where else in the pigeon world.

Our Research Lab activities at the Biomedical Research Centre Glasgow University continue. All the blood samples taken at the Blackpool RPRA BHW Show of The Year have been processed and on target to be sent out to all fanciers by the end of February. We ask any fancier who has not received his / her result by now to please phone our Research Scientist Iona Donnelly at the Glasgow University Biomedical Research Centre lab. Tel. 0141 330 1878 for help. This is the same number to phone when requesting a blood taking pack to take to your GP to have your blood taken and sent back to us. We test the sample for pigeon reaction/pigeon lung only.

The Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis ( Pigeon Lung ) Clinic at Crosshouse NHS Hospital Kilmarnock is now up and running. The clinic is run one day per week by Dr Ken Anderson Consultant Physician ,one of our longstanding senior clinical members . The address and contact details are as follows:-

Dr Kenneth Anderson, MD FRCP Consultant Physician, Department Respiratory Medicine, Level 3 East Wing, Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, Scotland. KA2 OBE - Tel. 01563 827903 Fax 01563 827972

A proposed joint research project by Newcastle/Ayrshire fanciers has been suggested by Dr Tim Lovel on the effect of Statins ( blood fat lowering therapy ) in pigeon lung. Tim is an eminent Physician and active pigeon fancier and a long standing supporter of the Research Team with a research background of his own. We have some evidence that Statins are

beneficial in pigeon lung. The project is in the early stages only with protocols, logistics, etc. to be established and costs are a major restraining factor that would have to be financed by resources outside the pigeon fancier Fraternity. We value highly and look forward to a potential cooperative study with Tim and the North East fanciers.

Our Research Coordinator and Webmaster Ken Boyd is restructuring our letterheads and Website heading to include the Logos of our major donor organisations namely, RPRA, SHU, NEHU, SNFC and recently Pigeon Basics.Com.

We are indebted to Linda Brooks and her staff at the SHU Offices for the usual excellent hosting facilities provided at the AGM of the Trustees.

The Trustees wish to record their grateful thanks for the unique cooperation and the essential financial support the BPFMRT receives from British pigeon fanciers and pigeon organisations throughout the UK, without which the Research could not exist. We thank you all and wish all fanciers good health and every success in 2009.

Yours sincerely,

Dr PP Lynch Chairperson.