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President
Phil Murphy

GENERAL MEETING: 15th February 2021

MEETING OPENED: 8.00 pm.

PRESENT: Phil Murphy, President, John Jeffery, Secretary, Allen Wonson, Treasurer and delegates as per attendance register.

VISITORS: Rodney Wagner (CCF Auditor), Don Burvill.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

The President advised that the minutes of 18th January 2021 would not require to be adopted as they were not an official meeting of the 2021 Committee and were only notes of the “get together”.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Committee Meeting of the 16th of November 2020 as issued to the Clubs were received on a motion moved Mt. Druitt seconded by Merrylands. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Adoption of the minutes moved Dural seconded by Liverpool.

CORRESPONDENCE:

As per Agenda:

1. Various Accounts.
2. Audit Report – Flegg, Kehlet & Wagner Accountants.

Received on night of Meeting:

1. Affiliation Fees and Part Fed membership fees from various Clubs.
2. Updated Club information from various Clubs.
3. Voting Sheets from various Clubs.
4. Application for GPS location from various Clubs.
5. Permission forms to use Electronic Timers from various Clubs.
6. Voting result re Application from Canterbury Bankstown Invitational Racing Pigeon Society for Affiliation.
7. Letter from Don Burvill re; Punchbowl/Bankstown Membership
8. Notice of Motion – Committee to alter feed mixture on transporter 20% peas, 35% wheat, 25% corn and 20% safflower.
9. Notice of Motion – Moved Oatley RSL seconded Sutherland to alter feed mixture 35% wheat, 10% peas, 20% corn, 20% sorghum and 15% safflower.

Correspondence received moved Smithfield seconded by Punchbowl/Bankstown. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Letter to Fairfield City Council – 2021 Loading of Trailer.
2. Letter to Clubs – AGM Balance Sheet and Various Forms
3. Letter to Clubs re; Voting Affiliation – Canterbury Bankstown Invitational Racing Pigeon Society
4. Letter and Donation – Westmead Children’s Hospital
5. Various Minutes

ACCOUNTS: - Allen Wonson Treasurer
(Period 1/1/21 – 12/2/21)

Expenses
Income

\$12854.30
\$1782.85

Motion moved Dural seconded by Smithfield that the accounts as per agenda be received for endorsement of payment. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Motion moved Wentworthville seconded by Regents Park that the payment of the accounts as per agenda be endorsed. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil

1. Vote to affiliate Canterbury Bankstown Invitational Pigeon Society – In favour 59 votes, against 30 votes, and abstained 3 votes. Vote to affiliate carried.
2. The President expressed his concerns of the small number of members voting and that 13 Clubs voted from a possible 28 Clubs.
3. Following receipt of membership forms, there are 205 members nominating to race the 2021 season.

No further business. Meeting Closed 8.12pm

Next General Meeting – 1st March 2021.

John Jeffery

Federation Secretary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 18th February 2020.

MEETING OPENED: 8.15 pm.

PRESENT: Phil Murphy, President, John Jeffery, Secretary, Allen Wonson Treasurer and delegates as per attendance register.

VISITORS: Rodney Wagner (CCF Auditor).

APOLOGIES: Nil

MINUTES: Copies of the minutes of the Annual General meeting 18th February 2020 which were adopted on the 29th of June 2020 were tabled.

AUDITORS REPORT/BALANCE SHEET:

The Balance Sheet as supplied was discussed and the Federation Auditor, Rodney Wagner, spoke on the financial position of the Federation. Rodney advised that the Federation was in a strong position given the current situation with Covid 19.

The Federation recorded a profit of \$6954.79 after depreciation, with an additional amount of \$26289.00 set aside in pre-paid fees for 2021.

Over-all with the reduction in depreciation from 10% to 5% in 2020 the Federation's financial position is strong.

The Balance Sheet as presented received by Sam Sultan (Wentworthville) and seconded Peter Collins (Marsden Park).

There were no further questions on the Balance Sheet – Phil Murphy thanked Rodney for his attendance and explanation.

Adopted Pat Arcella (Dural) seconded Nick Kaparos (Maroubra). Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Secretary: John Jeffery – Employee.

Treasurer: Allen Wonson

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following positions were filled by nomination by the closing date 2020:

President: Phil Murphy.

Committee Members: Sam Sultana (WV), Warren Schofield (MTD), Mark Jeffrey (LIV), Dave Tomkinson (CTN), Paul Vassallo (MPS), Pat Arcella (DURAL), John Migdalski (RPS), Bob Coles (LIV) and Peter Collins (MPC).

Each member, including the President was voted on by the members present. Results were –

Phil Murphy – 19 votes in favour, 19 votes against. Casting vote done by President. Phil Murphy President 2021

Dave Tomkinson – unanimous, Sam Sultana – majority, 1 against, Warren Schofield, Mark Jeffrey, Peter Collins, Paul Vassallo, Pat Arcella, John Migdalski and Bob Coles – Unanimous.

Motion moved Mt Druitt seconded by Campbelltown City that the above members be endorsed as Management Committee members for the 2021 season.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS: To be elected from the above Management Committee members.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:

Sam Sultana – Moved by Nick Kaparos (MBRA) seconded by Pat Arcella (DURAL). Carried.

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT:

Pat Arcella – Moved Milad Bou-Said (SH) seconded Charlie Borg (SFD). Carried

ELECTION OF A PUBLICITY OFFICER:

Nick Kaparos – Moved John Migdalski (RPS) seconded Milad Bou-Said (SH). Carried

LIBERATION COMMITTEE:

There was only one (1) nomination received prior to the closing date – Warren Schofield (MTD)

Warren Schofield – unopposed. Carried

There were two (2) further positions to be filled.

Dave Gordon (SMPS) – moved Mark Jeffrey (LIV) seconded Charlie Bonanno (SH)

Milad Bou-Said (SH) – moved Charlie Bonanno (SH) seconded Anthony Agius (SUTH)

Pece Mihailov (OATLEY) – moved Anthony Agius (SUTH) seconded Pat Arcella (DURAL)

The members vote was:

Milad Bou-Said 16 votes

Dave Gordon 11 votes

Pece Mihailov 7 votes

The 2021 Liberation Committee is – Dave Gordon, Milad Bou-Said, and Warren Schofield.

Motion moved Dave Tomkinson (CTN) seconded by Bob Smith (PUN) that those three members be endorsed as the Liberation Committee. Carried

2021 RACE SCHEDULE:

The President explained that the race points would require checking to ensure suitable liberation areas.

BASKETING: Redhead, Bulahdelah, Crowdy Head and Kempsey – Friday Nights.

Coffs Harbour, South Grafton, Ballina, and Chinderah – Thursday Nights

Gympie and Bundaberg – Wednesday Night.

LIBERATION TIMES:

Motion moved by Campbelltown City seconded by Maroubra that the estimated liberation times be as follows:

Redhead: 11.00 am.

Bulahdelah: 10.30 am.

Crowdy Head :9.30 am.

Kempsey: 8.30 am.
Possible.

Coffs Harbour: 7.30 am.

All the rest: Early as

SPECIAL RACES:

Two Birders to be held from: - 1st Bulahdelah, 1st Crowdy Head, 1st Kempsey, 1st Coffs Harbour, 1st Ballina
It was moved Merrylands and seconded Dural that the Federation Young Bird Derby be the only race on the day. Carried

It was then moved Bossley Park seconded Sutherland that one Redhead be dropped, and an additional South Grafton be accommodated to allow one race on the day for the Young Bird Derby.

An amendment was Liverpool seconded that a Chinderah be dropped, to accommodate the Young Bird Derby.
A vote was taken – amendment 12 votes, motion 17 votes.

Motion carried to drop one Redhead and include an additional South Grafton.

Young Bird Derby: – 1st Grafton.

CCF Ring Race: – 2nd Ballina.

Fred Wall Special: – Gympie.

All Aged Derby: – Chinderah.

Harold Williams Two Birder: – Bundaberg.

The short series will consist of nine (9) races. 2 Redhead, 3 Bulahdelah, 2 Crowdy Head, and 2 Kempsey.

N.B: Members competing in the short series only are eligible to compete in the Young Bird Derby.

Moved Dural seconded Liverpool that the two (2) derbies be increased to 10 birds.

Members then voted – 10 birds 6 votes.

Existing 5 birds 32 votes.

Moved Liverpool seconded Dural that the cost per bird be increased to \$20 per bird.

Members voted - 6 votes.

Existing \$10 per bird 29 votes

DERBY & TWO BIRD ENTRY FEE:

Two Birder: - \$10.00 per Team. Nominate two (2) Birds.

CCF Ring Race: - \$1 per bird 2020 rung birds

Young Bird Derby: - \$10.00 per Bird – 5 Bird Limit – Payable on night of Basketing.
Basketing Fee - \$20.00 included in the Federation Fees. Moved PUN seconded OATLEY. Carried

All Aged Derby: - \$10.00 per Bird – 5 Bird Limit.

Paid in Calls – 1st Call \$4.00 per Bird. 2nd, 3rd & 4th Calls \$2.00 per Bird.

1st Call 2nd Redhead, 2nd Call 2nd Bulahdelah, 3rd Call 2nd Crowdy Head, 4th Call 2nd Kempsey

Basketing Fee - \$20.00 included in the Federation Fees. Moved PUN seconded OATLEY. Carried

Fred Wall Special: - \$10.00 per Team – Nominate five (5) Birds. Clock first two (2).

A Point Score will be conducted as follows:

Short Series: - Sections and Overall.

Long Series: – Sections and Overall.

Full Season: – Sections and Overall.

Motion moved Campbelltown seconded Marsfield that the Federation Young Bird is to be included in the long series point score, however the birds are included in Young Bird Point Score. Carried 25 votes to 3 votes.

The above was accepted on a motion move by Bob Coles (LIV) seconded by Pat Arcella (DURAL). Carried.

SIGINING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAIR-TRADING FORM:

Motion moved Paul Vassallo (MPS) seconded by Pat Arcella (DURAL) that Phil Murphy signed the Department of Fair-Trading document. Carried.

CONSTITUTION & RULES OF THE FEDERATION:

Motion Moved Motion moved Peter Collins (MARS) seconded by Pat Arcella (DURAL) that the current constitution and all the current rules of the Central Cumberland Racing Pigeon Federation Incorporated with the alterations adopted tonight, be adopted for the 2021 season. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Warren Schofield advised that due to problems that occurred in 2020 where some members complained about the birds either being either liberated or held over, that all members be aware of the Liberation Protocol to avoid confusion in the future. A copy of the Federation Constitution and Racing Rules is on the website, however a copy will be emailed to each Club Secretary.
2. Moved Maroubra seconded Regents Park that surplus birds be liberated with the race birds. Amendment moved Bossley Park seconded St Mary's that surplus birds liberated 30 minutes after the race birds. Prior to voting, it was moved Dural seconded Merrylands that the Gerdal trailers be used for the 2021 season. Several members spoke on the issues of using the Gerdal trailers instead of the old CCF trailer. It was explained to the meeting that due to the numbers nominating to race, that surplus would not be possible on the Gerdal trailers as these trailers catered for 216 baskets in comparison to the old trailer of 334 baskets.
3. Several members spoke on the need to send surplus birds in order that they be fully educated and fit for the North route. Other members were against surplus birds influencing the race birds.
4. After a lengthy discussion, the members voted on which trailer to be used – Gerdal trailers 18 votes, old CCF trailer 12 votes. Gerdal trailers to be used 2021 season. Carried.
5. Moved Sutherland seconded Bossley Park that any body tossing at the race point should be at least 10 kilometres from the race point and should liberate 30 minutes after the race birds. A three (3) week suspension should be served on any member not abiding. Vote 19 votes in favour, 3 votes against. Carried.
6. The Federation bird limit was then discussed, and it was moved Dural seconded Liverpool that a 30-bird limit apply. An amendment was moved Maroubra and seconded Smithfield that it be 25 birds. A further amendment was moved Sutherland seconded Blacktown that the bird limit be 20 birds. A vote was then taken between the two amendments – 20 birds 9 votes, 25 birds 11 votes.
7. A further was then taken – amendment for 25 birds - 22 votes, 30 birds – 11 votes. Bird limit 25 birds per member.
8. Nick Kaparos and Sam Sultana gave an update on the Gerdal trailer updates: Report attached.
9. Gary Donovan asked the Federation would complete the season on the North route. Answer yes.
10. Dave Gordon enquired if due to bad weather and a race was postponed what was the procedure? Answer the race would be slotted in where possible.
11. Milad Bou-Said asked did the President have any input in the liberation of the birds. Answer NO. However, if the Liberation Committee could not agree with each other, the matter is referred to the executive.
12. Steve Shears advised that The Australian War Memorial in conjunction with the ANRPB is conducting a display on the 24/2/21 about Animals in War. Anybody interested in the event can book online or contact Steve Shears for further information.
13. The Presentation Night was discussed, and three (3) venues were suggested, Guildford Leagues Club, Merrylands Bowling Club, and Dooleys Club. It was suggested that a fully catered meal be provided at whatever venue is chose. Enquiries will be made a reported back to the next meeting.
14. The President advised that if members have problems or issues, that they should come to the Federation Meetings to discuss them and not have “backyard meetings”.

REIMBURSTMENTS:

Motion moved Sam Sultana (WV) seconded by Bob Smith (PUN) that the 2020 Liberation Committee members receive payment for services rendered. Carried.

No further business.

Meeting Closed 10.15 pm

John Jeffery.

Federation Secretary.

CCF GERALDY TRANSPORTER REPORT

The CCF Geraldty transporter was inspected on the 18-21-2020 and 28-1-2021.

The inspections were carried out by Sam Sultana and Nick Kaparos being the elected members of the Truck Committee.

The purpose of the inspection was to test the transporters air system to ventilate the transporter and also reduce the heat load during transportation (motion) and when the transporter is stationery (parked).

The Transporter

The transporter comprises of two (2) standard geraldty transporter units connected together.

Each standard unit has six (6) basket bayseither side of the unit with a central corridor for feeding and watering the birds.

The front section of the transporter has sleeping quarters which take up two (2) basket bays, leaving four (4) basket bays, followed by a further six (6) basket bays past the connection point of the two units.

Ventilation System

The transporter has three (3) separate ventilation systems as follow;

1. Transporter roof has nine (9) skylights which can be opened when the transporter is in motion or stationery to ventilate the central corridor of the transporter.
2. A plenum air system operated by four (4) fan forces air via ducting and tubing system from the front of the transporter to the back of the transporter.

The aluminium tubing which is approximately 35mm to 40mm in diameter is perforated at the top of each basket delivering some amount of air to each individual basket depending on the location of each basket.

3. The transporter has thee (3) roof fans which pull in fresh external air and force the air downwards to ventilate the central isle.

Testing

The skylights which can be opened and rotated in the direction of travel or opposite the direction of travel were not tested as the transporter was stationery during the inspection.

The plenum system which delivers air to each individual basket was the prime focus of the testing.

The plenum system comprises of four (4) fans sucking air from the front of the transporter into a ducted funnel under the transporter roof and is situated over the sleeping quarters of the transporter. The air is directed to a horizontal metal duct approximately 600mm x 300mm in size. The horizontal ducts directs the air into a vertical duct approximately 600mm x 100mm in size, situated on the basket side of the dividing wall between the sleeping quarters and the basket rack system of the transporter.

The air is distributed to each rows of baskets by a 40mm diameter plastic tubing connected to a series of top to bottom offtakes from the 600x100mm vertical air duct. The offtakes are located in line with the horizontal aluminium tubing delivering air to each individual basket.

At the connection point of the two transporter units the air is delivered to the rear unit by a 40mm diameter tubing in a U-shaped configuration. The vertical plenum offtakes were tested by removing the tubing from the offtakes and testing the amount of air being delivered to each row of baskets.

The top offtakes from the vertical plenum duct delivers the most air and as you disconnect the offtake tubing from top to bottom the amount of air delivered reduces. In other words the top rows of baskets receive the most air and the bottom rows of the basket receive the least amount of air.

In order to determine how far towards the rear of the transporter air was being delivered, a flame test was used to see if the air could be detected that was able to flicker the flame of a lighted match or disburse the smoke from a lighted match.

As there are 10 basket bays for testing purposes , basket bay 1 is at the front of the transporter and basket bay 10 is at the rear of the transporter.

Results of the flame testing and smoke distribution are as follows:

- The front six (6) basket bays all showed satisfactory forced air to each basket,
- The 7th basket bay showed satisfactory air for all but the bottom two (2) baskets where no air could be detected,
- The 8th basket bay showed satisfactory forced air for all but the bottom three (3) baskets,
- The 9th basket bay showed top baskets with satisfactory air and bottom five (5) baskets with no air detected,
- The 10th basket bays showed top two baskets with satisfactory air and bottom six (6) baskets with no air detected to baskets,

The testing demonstrates that 32 out the 160 baskets receive no air at all. Its is also estimated that an additional 14 baskets which receive detectable air but of insufficient air volume to ventilate bird numbers exceeding 16 birds per basket.

The roof fans were tested and found to suck in sufficient fresh air to reduce the teperature of the central transporter isle by approximately 10c when the transporter is fully loaded with pigeons.

Data Loggers

In order to test the quality of the air inside the fully loaded transporter it was proposed to purchase and install portable data loggers which could be moved around inside the transporter to test and record the quality of the air during transit.

Recommended Remedial Measures

The air system is currently manually operated with no back up battery system to allow the air system to operate for a prolonged period of time.

In order to improve the air system and reduce the build up of heat the following alternative options are proposed.

Option 1

- Provide four (4) additional 12v batteries fitted in series to the transporter to operate the plenum fans and roof fans.

It is estimated when fully charged the batteries can operate the air system for 8 hours without requiring to be charged.

- Provide chargers for all transporter batteries to re charge from the prime mover.
- Supply and fit a separate timer system for the plenum fans to operate the fans at specified time intervals.

- Supply and fit a separate timer system for the roof fans to operate the fans at specified time intervals.
- Power outlets fitted to the transporter to provide power to data loggers secured to transporter corridor, for the purpose of monitoring air quality.

Option 2

Remedial works are in progress as per Option 1.

In the event that information collected from the data loggers, consistently shows that the air inside the transporter is detrimental to the health and well being of the birds, the following option is proposed:

Remove the plastic basket doors and replace them with small gauge wire doors.

The advantage of this option is that all baskets will receive an equal amount of cross ventilated natural air flow without disadvantaging any baskets.

The additional advantage is that you are not reliant on fans, batteries and timers to operate the mechanical air flow system which may break down and also eliminate periodic maintenance and replacement costs.

The disadvantage to this option is that the up front cost is double the Option 1 costs.

Operational Recommendations

Transporter in motion

- Roof skylights shut
- Roller shutter door shut and shutter slits to remain open.
- Plenum fans and roof fans operating intermittently to expel stale air and reduce the build-up of heat
- Monitor temperature and air quality via the data loggers

Transporter Parked

During The Day

- Roller shutter doors open and rear door open
- If weather is fine open skylights to allow hot air to escape
- Manually operate roof fans and plenum fans if internal transporter temperature exceeds 25C.

During The Night

- Close roller shutter doors, making sure that shutter slats remain open
- Close skylights
- Close rear door
- Operate the plenum fans intermittently via the timer system
- Operate the roof fans intermittently via the timer system
- Monitor the temperature and air quality via the data loggers
- Air quality output information to be sent to a qualified veterinarian for advice on the suitability of the ambient air in the transporter

This report has been prepared by members of the Truck Committee, Sam Sultana, Nick Kaparos & Phil Murphy.

