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GENERAL MEETING: 1st August 2017.

The meeting opened at 8.05pm.

PRESENT: Vince Pedavoli President, John Jeffery Secretary, Allen Wonson Assistant Secretary, delegates and members as per attendance register.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

VALE: A Minute silence was held in respect of the death of Dave Simpson – Eastwood Club.

MINUTES: The minutes of the General Meeting of the 4th July 2017 as tabled were received on a motion moved Wentworthville seconded by Campbelltown City. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Parramatta delegate queried the Rooty Hill matter. President explained it was an internal dispute relating to membership and as there was a third party involved the Federation decided not to get involved.

Adoption of the minutes moved Smithfield seconded by Parramatta. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

As per Agenda:

1. Various invoices – Prime Mover Registration.
2. Membership forms from various Clubs.
3. Correspondence re: Voluntary Workers Insurance.
4. Insurance Endorsement – CCF Vehicles.
5. Nomination for the vacant position on Management Committee and Liberation Committee from Ryan McLaughlin.
6. Nomination for the vacant position on Liberation Committee from Grahame Cook.

Received on the meeting night:

1. Membership forms from various Clubs.
2. Email from the NSW DPI.
3. Correspondence relating to parts from Gerald.
4. Copy of the latest update from Colin Walker.

UPDATE 1 AUGUST 2017

Release of Race Birds in NSW.

After the Bulletin released by the NSW DPI last week, there has been some uncertainty as to whether Victorian race birds could be released in NSW and also whether NSW birds could be released within NSW in areas free of Rota virus. Dr Kate Wingett, Veterinary Officer with Biosecurity NSW, NSW Department of Primary Industry, has however advised that “Currently, there are no pigeon movement restrictions into or within NSW on account of pigeon rotavirus”.

Investigation results from a case of possible reinfection with Rota virus in Melbourne

A flyer in the NW suburbs of Melbourne had an outbreak of vomiting and diarrhoea in his birds in March this year. Both a Rota PCR and histopathology, done at the time, confirmed the cause was a Rota virus infection. Two weeks ago, his birds again started vomiting and developed diarrhoea. No birds died. The symptoms raised the possibility of a Rota virus infection. This possibility was concerning as only 4 months had elapsed. A Rota PCR was done, which was negative, and the histopathology was not consistent with a Rota infection. The pathologist identified changes that were consistent, however, with a PMV infection in a bird that was not fully immune. Fanciers must ensure that two 0.5 ml doses of PMV vaccine are given approximately 4 weeks apart after 6 weeks of age and that the vaccine is kept refrigerated and used within its expiry time.

Despite several investigations now, there is no evidence to suggest that birds can be reinfected with Rota virus earlier than 10 months. Thank you to the VPU for sponsoring this investigation.

Movement of birds between lofts

A common question at the moment is when can birds from different lofts be mixed, sold and exchanged, given the different exposure histories of various lofts to Rota virus. Most birds shed the virus and are therefore infectious for between 2 to 4 months after recovery from infection. It is thought however that a small percentage may shed the virus for much longer – perhaps as long as 6 months or more. Birds with less pathogenic strains tend to clear the virus more quickly. In recovered birds, immunity rises until 5 weeks post-infection and then is likely to be protective for at least 10 months. All strains behave similarly in this regard. Birds exposed less than 5 weeks after recovery before immunity has fully developed may not be fully protected from the disease. These statistics should help fanciers in deciding when birds from different lofts can mix.

Correspondence received moved Campbelltown City seconded by Smithfield. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Adoption of the Correspondence moved Merrylands seconded by Smithfield. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Copy of the Minutes 4th July 2017 supplied to the Clubs.
2. Letter to the Clubs re; Membership for the 2017 sprint series.
3. A claim form from – RH Freighter & Customs Pty Ltd.

ACCOUNTS:-

• Accounts as per agenda presented for payment. (Period 4/07/2017 – 31/07/2017) Motion moved by Parramatta seconded by Campbelltown City that the accounts as per the agenda be received for endorsement of payment. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Motion moved Merrylands seconded by Smithfield that payment of the accounts as per the agenda be endorsed. Carried.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on the 4th July 2017 as tabled were received, moved by Greg McLaughlin (MTD) seconded by Phil Murphy (CTN). Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Adoption of the Management report moved Merrylands seconded by Campbelltown City. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Secretary John Jeffery informed the delegates that 68 members have nominated 100 teams to compete in CCF sprint series, still open for members to enter just notify the CCF Secretary by Wednesday 23rd August 2017.

Hills District delegate expressed (i) concerns that could lead into danger if the Federation decide to race. (ii) Some members are being misguided by the information supplied. (iii) Quoted several items from a letter that he received from another member.

The President replied that the contexts of that letter was his personal views only that he shared with another member and as President of the Federation he only comments on the latest updates available from the Colin Walker website.

Regents Park delegate stated that it has been moved and seconded that stainless steel water tanks be fitted on the new unit. The President advised the delegates that two plastic tanks were supplied with the unit, however they are not large enough to carry the amount of water required for at least a three-day holdover. Each trough holds 1.5 litres, a quote is now being obtained for a 1000 litre stainless Steel tank.

LIBERATION COMMITTEE VACANCY:

Two required:

Ryan McLachlan and Grahame Cook were nominated by Campbelltown City seconded by Merrylands. Both members accepted the positions. On putting it to the delegates they were accepted unanimously.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY:

Two Required:

Ryan McLachlan was nominated by Merrylands seconded by Blacktown - Alex Caruana was nominated by Blacktown seconded by Merrylands. No further nominations. Both members accepted the positions.

Moved Campbelltown City seconded by Parramatta that these two members be adopted into the Management Committee. Carried.

Following the Secretary advising the delegates that 68 flyers have indicated flying the sprint series, entering 100 teams, the Management Committee now having the figures will be able to settle on the costing for these sprint races at their meeting that will take place after the closing of this general meeting.

No further business. Meeting Closed 8.40 pm.

Next meeting: 5th September 2017.

Arena Sports Club.

140 Rookwood Road, Yagoona.

Allen Wonson.

Minute Secretary.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 1st August 2017.

PRESENT: Vince Pedavoli President, John Jeffery Secretary, Kevin Gambell, Gary Young, Sam Sultana, Milad Bou-Said, Greg McLaughlin. Phil Murphy, Paul Vassallo, Ryan McLaughlan, Alex Caruana, also present Grahame Cook.

MINUTE SECRETARY: Allen Wonson.

MEETING OPENED: 8.45 pm.

AGENDA:

SPRINT RACES:

COSTING:

After much discussion between the members the following was decided on.

- a. Federation Flying Fee and Charity Donation - \$122.00 per team.
- b. Freight which will include Derby Basketing Fee – 10 Races - \$273.00 per team.
- c. Limit – 25 birds per team.
- d. Basket Allocation – one basket per member.
- e. Surplus Baskets – Fright \$20.00 per basket. Payable on the night of sending. Maximum 25 birds per basket.
- f. Two races to be held on the October long weekend. Saturday – Gundagai, Monday – Holbrook.
- g. In the event of holdovers a surcharge of \$7.50 per member will apply. If the income from the surplus baskets exceeds the cost of the holdovers that surcharge will be cancelled.
- h. A ten (10) bird Young Bird Derby and a ten (10) bird Old Bird Derby will be held on the last race of the sprint series. Separate liberations at least half hour apart. Prize Money for the Young Bird Derby has been donated.
- i. An optional two-birder will be held on all races except the derby weekend. Entry fee - \$10.00 per team – Overall prize money only – 1 in 8 breakdowns of the prize money.
- j. Sections possibly only two, east and west, still to be approved.
- k. Liberation time will be early as possible for each of the 10 races.
- l. There will be no vouchers for the sectional and/or overall winners, just merit cards.
- m. No trophies.
- n. No Federation Junior races.

The Schedule:

25.08.2017	Marulan.	30.09.2017	Gundagai.
2.09.2017	Marulan.	2.10.2017	Holbrook.
9.09.2017	Gunning.	7.10.2017	Holbrook.
16.09.2017	Gunning.	14.10.2017	Rutherglen.
23.09.2017	Gundagai.	21.10.2017	Rutherglen (Derby Weekend).

Please note well – Federation Flying fee, Charity Donation and Freight for the full ten (10) week series must be paid in full by the 5th September 2017. Late payments will incur a late payment fee of \$15.00.

It has been brought to the notice of the Management Committee that a member of our Federation has posted on social media that the Federation has exceeded the budget for the new unit by ninety-one thousand dollars, this is a false accusation and we request that the member responsible for this posting withdraw it and place an apology on the social media. In failing this and if the offender can be identified further action may be taken. If any member requires information in regard to the budget for the new unit please contact the Federation Secretary John Jeffery or the Federation President Vince Pedavoli for a correct analysis of the situation.

No further business.

Meeting Closed 9.25 pm.

Next Meeting 5th September 2017.

Allen Wonson. Minute Secretary.

