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President
John Hubble

GENERAL MEETING: 20th February 2017

The meeting opened at 8.00pm.

PRESENT: John Hubble President, John Jeffery Secretary, Allen Wonson Assistant Secretary, delegates as per attendance register.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

VALE: A minute silence was held in respect of the death of John Dunn (RPS Secretary).

MINUTES: The minutes of the general meeting of the 10th December 2016 as tabled were received on a motion moved Campbelltown City seconded by Marayong/Quakers Hill. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Adoption of the minutes moved Regents Park seconded by Hills District. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

As per Agenda:

1. Various Accounts.
2. Audit Report – Flegg, Kehlet & Wagner Accountants.
3. Various emails from NSW DPI re the virus.
4. Email from Paul Gibbs re the 2018 Invictus Games.
5. Various emails from ANRPB re the virus.

Received on the meeting night:

1. Email from Federation Solicitor seeking legal advice re the Rotavirus and the Federation conducting racing this 2017 season.
2. Voting sheets returned from various Clubs.
3. Club details from various Clubs.
4. Affiliation and Membership Fees from various Clubs.
5. Request for GPS locations from various Clubs.
6. Orders for Bricon Electronic Rings from various Clubs.
7. Email from Craig Sunderland re Rotavirus.
8. Application two teams received from G.Honan (Dural Club).
9. Account Stray Reports, travelling allowance etc.

Correspondence received moved Mt Druitt seconded by Liverpool City. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: The Secretary John Jeffery explained to the meeting the purpose of his and the President John Hubble's visit to the Federation solicitor. The following is an extract take from the Solicitors email dated 20th February 2016.

The reason for the meeting was to obtain an opinion as to the risk to Federation, its executive and members, should the Federation proceed to race this season beginning in May 2017.

“There is considerable and persuasive advice against racing this season. In the event that it could be established “beyond a reasonable doubt” that the virus was spread to previously unaffected areas and/or previously unaffected lofts and that financial losses could be demonstrated then the Executive of the Federation both as a Committee and also as individuals would be exposed to the risk of class action should they continue to race.

The costs to defend such an action would be considerable and if the complainant was successful and awarded costs and damages then both the Federation and also the assets of individual Committee Members could be exposed.

There is furthermore the reasonable expectation that participants who pay a fee to transport their pigeons will be provided clean, safe transportation which is free from the risk of disease. This raises an additional risk to the Federation and Committee members should pigeons or lofts not previously infected by the disease become infected as a result of being transported in the truck.

The Committee cannot abrogate their responsibilities and obligations in respect of their duty of care by publishing warnings or risk minimisation statements or contracts”.

Adoption of the Correspondence moved Oatley RSL seconded by Regents Park. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Letter to the Clubs re: AGM Balance Sheet and various other forms.
2. Email to Don Hart (USA) re: Orders for Bricon Electronic Rings.
3. Reply from Federation Solicitors.
4. Various minutes to the Clubs.

ACCOUNTS:-

- Accounts as per agenda totalling \$30737.84 presented for payment. (period 5/12/2016 – 20/02/2017)

Motion moved by Campbelltown City seconded by Mt Druitt that the accounts as per the agenda be received for endorsement of payment. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Motion moved Oatley RSL seconded by Liverpool City 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 30th January 2017 as tabled were received, moved by Gary Young (HD) seconded by Paul Vassallo (MPS). Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Adoption of the Management reports moved Liverpool City seconded by Riverstone. Carried.

The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on the 7th February 2017 as tabled were received, moved by Phil Murphy (CTN) seconded by Milad Bou Said (SH). Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Several members expressed their opinions and their concerns on the effect the Rotavirus would have on the pigeons if the Federation does decide to race the 2017 season. This discussion between the members went on for about an hour. Below is only a brief outline of some of the topics mentioned as the members present heard it firsthand.

- a) Number of birds lost.
- b) No treatment available most lofts will be likely to end up getting the virus.
- c) It affects the older birds and the young birds.
- d) Mark Jeffrey a representative of the ANRPB gave a verbal report on the Rotavirus and also tabled the latest information from the NSW DPI.
- e) Vince Pedavoli responded to Mark Jeffrey and referred members to Dr Colin Walkers site advising that at this stage there is no confirmed source of how the virus is spread – Please refer to Dr Walker's website: 19/02/2017

New Cases

On Friday the first case of Rota virus infection was diagnosed in Cranbourne. Cranbourne is south east of Melbourne and is just north of the Mornington Peninsula. There are a lot of flyers in the area and in fact the infected loft is only about 1 kilometre from my own loft. Until Friday the closest infected loft to this area was at Dandenong which is about 20 Km away. The fancier has advised that his birds have not been out for several months and similarly he has not had any fanciers visit or indeed visited another loft himself. Just how the virus got to this location remains unclear but we have had several other similar situations before. As mentioned in an earlier update, AgriBio is investigating the role of wild birds transmitting the disease. At the Melbourne Bird Veterinary Clinic we had 2 other confirmed outbreaks last week. Both of these were in lofts in the north west of Melbourne where in fact the vast majority of confirmed cases are located

- f) Vince also stated that he had spoken to a Barrister and he was of the opinion that any legal challenge would be very difficult to prove
- g) Vince also mentioned that he had spoken with Mark White and no vaccine would be available for at least 12+ months.
- h) No feral pigeon reported dead at Feather Dale Farm.
- i) Colin Walkers latest update was read out.
- j) A member stated that he had six birds die last year, took one to the vet, first report after two days was that they died from PMV, a further report after four days stated they did not die from the PMV virus but the vet could not identify what type of virus it was that killed the birds. The member also stated that he had placed a bird in an infected loft and the bird had no contacted the disease.
- k) Vince Pedavoli stated that he will be attending a meeting at the VHA in early March re this virus.
- l) Hills District delegate tried to move a motion to see how many flyers will be willing to race. The motion was not accepted as this was a general meeting and not the AGM.

Adoption of the Management reports moved Liverpool City seconded by BP. Carried.

ANNUAL BALANCE SHEET:

The Balance Sheet and the income and expenditure accounts were issued to the members for their perusal.

A motion was moved by Ku Ring Gai seconded Seven Hills that the Balance Sheet and the Income Expenditure statements be accepted. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Adoption of Balance Sheet and the Income Expenditure statements moved St Marys seconded by Oatley RSL. Carried.

John Hubble the outgoing President addressed the meeting, being President for the past five years, expressed his concerns in the purchasing of the new unit which is being partly built in Germany and the other part here in Ingleburn. He also stated that he has been Vice President under several Presidents over his forty years as delegate to the Federation.

No further business. Meeting Closed.

Next meeting: AGM to follow.

Allen Wonson. Assistant Secretary

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Vince Pedavoli

Continuing on from the General Meeting:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

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

APOLOGIES: Nil.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 17th February 2016 which were adopted on the 2nd March 2016.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following positions were filled by nominations received by the closing date in 2016.

Secretary/Treasurer: John Jeffery.
President: Vince Pedavoli.
Assistant Secretary: Allen Wonson.
Committee Members: Paul Vassallo. (MPS)
Kevin Gambell. (MTD)
Sam Sultana. (WV)
Anthony Aguis (SUTH)
Gary Young (HD)
Milad Bou Said (SH)
Greg McLaughlin (MTD)

Motion moved Hills District seconded Mt Druitt that the above members with the exception of Allen Wonson who is the minute secretary only and has no voting rights on the Management Committee be endorsed as Management Committee Members for the 2017 season. Carried.

Nominations to fill the vacant two positions were then called for:-

1. Phil Murphy (CTN) – nominated by Mt Druitt seconded by Bossley Park.
2. Sid Gard (MBRA) – nominated by Sutherland seconded by Earlwood/Bardwell Park.

No further nominations received. Both members accepted the positions. It was then moved by Seven Hills and seconded by Liverpool City that they be endorsed as Management Committee members for the 2017 season. Carried.

The outgoing President John Hubble handed the presidency over to the newly elected President Vince Pedavoli. Vince then thanked John for his services as President for the past five years and for his passion for the sport of racing pigeons.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:

Gary Young was nominated by Mt Druitt seconded by Seven Hills. No further nominations - Gary Young accepted the position as Senior Vice President. Carried.

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT:

Phil Murphy was nominated by Mt Druitt seconded by Oatley RSL. No further nominations – Phil Murphy accepted the position of Junior Vice President. Carried.

PUBLICITY OFFICER:

Position stood over.

LIBERATION COMMITTEE: Paul Vassallo (MPS), Anthony Aguis (SUTH) and Sid Gard (MBRA) nominated for the Liberating position before the closing date in 2016 season. Motion moved Campbelltown City seconded Liverpool City that these three (3) members be endorsed as the 2017 season Liberation Committee. Carried.

VOTING RESULTS:

The Secretary informed the delegates the results of the notice of motions:

Motion 1 – Punchbowl/Sutherland motion re one flyer per one postal address.

Voting: – 64 in favour – 58 against – 0 abstained. – Motion defeated did not reach the required number of 161 votes.

Motion 2 – Affiliation of Liverpool Pigeon Club.

Voting: – 103 in favour – 15 against – 4 abstained. – Affiliation accepted.

Motion 2 – Affiliation of Dural Pigeon Club.

Voting: – 110 in favour – 9 against – 2 abstained. – Affiliation accepted.

2017 RACE SCHEDULE:

LIBERATION TIMES:

Riverstone delegate query was there any chance of having the liberation times for the shorter races brought forward, it was pointed out that we do encounter a lot of morning fog on this route. It was then moved and seconded that the liberation times be as follows:

Marulan	11.00 am.	Gunning	10.30 am.
Gundagai	9.30 am.	Holbrook	8.30 am.
Rutherglen	7.30 / 8.30 am.	All the rest	Early as possible.

SPECIAL RACES:

Two Birders to be held from - 1st Gunning, 1st Gundagai, 1st Holbrook, 1st Shepparton.

Young Bird Derby – Rutherglen – 2nd Liberation.

All Aged Derby – Bendigo.

Fred Wall Special – Ararat.

CCF Ring Race – 3rd Shepparton.

Harold Williams Two Birder – Hamilton.

The short Series will consist of ten races, 2 – Marulan, 3 - Gunning, 3 – Gundagai, 2 – Holbrook.

On the weekend of the Young Bird Derby the half load ordinary race birds will be liberated first and the Young Bird Derby birds one hour later.

Due to the members concerns whether the Federation should be or should not be racing the 2017 season a motion was moved by Campbelltown City seconded by Bossley Park that at the next Federation meeting 6th March 2017 the Secretaries and Presidents of all the Clubs be invited to attend. Carried

The Secretary will notify all Club Secretaries that a vote of their members will need to be taken prior to this meeting to see what percentage of the members who are prepared for the Federation to continue as is and those members who are in favour of the Federation cancelling the 2017 season with this Rotavirus being present in the Sydney area. A Voting sheet will be issued by the Federation Secretary to record your member's wishes and must be returned to that meeting on the 6th March 2017.

As you should be aware individual 2017 season Federation membership is due and payable at the AGM, therefore only those members whose \$15.00 membership fee that has been paid at the AGM are the only members of the Federation at this time who are entitled to vote on this matter. However, the Federation is prepared to allow ex members to pay their \$15.00 Federation membership to their Club Secretary prior to this meeting to allow those members to vote, but these fees must be paid to the Federation at the meeting on the 6th March 2017 along with the names and address of the members paying their \$15.00 membership fee. Any Club returning a voting sheet with more voting numbers than their membership payment will not be counted.

Signing of the Department of Fair Trading Form:

A Motion was moved by Hills District and seconded by Liverpool City that Vince Pedavoli signed the Department of Trading document. Carried.

CONSTITUTION & RULES OF THE FEDERATION:

Motion moved Mt Druitt seconded by Liverpool City that the current constitution and all the other current rules of the Central Cumberland Racing Pigeon Federation Incorporated be adopted for the 2017 racing season. Carried.

No further business.

Meeting Closed: 10.30 pm.

Next meeting will be held on the 6th March 2017.

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President

Vince Pedavoli

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 20th FEBRUARY 2017.

PRESENT: Vince Pedavoli President, John Jeffery Secretary, Kevin Gambell, Anthony Aguis, Paul Vassallo, Phil Murphy, Gary Young, Sam Sultana, Milad Bou-Said, Sid Gard, Greg McLaughlin.

APOLOGIES: NIL.

MINUTE SECRETARY: Allen Wonson.

The two new members Sid Gard and Greg McLaughlin were welcomed to the Management Committee and we are looking forward to their contribution to the running of the Federation.

Phil Murphy gave a brief update on the building of the trailer chassis, there will be some minor changes to be made the four member transport committee will meet as soon as possible to iron out these changes.

No further business.

Meeting Closed.

Next Meeting 6th March 2017.

Allen Wonson. Minute Secretary.