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President John Hubble

# **GENERAL MEETING:** 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012

The meeting opened at 8.00pm.

**PRESENT:** John Hubble President, John Jeffery Secretary, Allen Wonson Assistant Secretary, delegates as per attendance register. **APOLOGIES:** Bill Eastcott (SH).

## VISITOR: Rob Marshall.

VALE: A minute silence was held in respect of the death of R.Williams - Oxley Park Club.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the general meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012 as tabled were received on a motion moved Penrith seconded by Parramatta. Carried

# BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Adoption of the minutes moved Regents Park seconded by Oxley Park. Carried

## CORRESPONDENCE:

#### As per Agenda:

1. Letter of request to race two teams from the same address from S & T.Knott, R.Young – Riverstone Club.

## Received on the meeting night:

- 1. Applications to fly two teams from the one address received from:
- B & Y.Hawa & Y & B.Hawa (Punchbowl/Bankstown Club)
- 2. Voting Sheets from various Clubs.
- 3. Membership forms from various Clubs.

Correspondence received moved Liverpool City seconded by Rooty Hill. Carried

#### BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Adoption of the Correspondence moved St Marys seconded by Hills District. Carried

#### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

- 1. Letters to the Clubs re: Notice of Motion received from Blacktown and seconded by Seven Hills Clubs to liberate at the Race point and the Notice of Motion from Regents Park and seconded by Maroubra re altering Racing Rule 16j.
- 2. Letter to A.Fenech re: approval to race two teams.
- 3. Letter to S.Fear re: approval to race two teams.

#### ACCOUNTS:-

• Accounts totalling \$1817.61 presented for payment. (Breakdown as follows)

Admin Wages (3 weeks) - \$1725.00, Bricon Chip Rings - \$12370.00, Basket Insurance - \$628.51, Phone Accounts - \$414.33, Postage - \$55.00, Management Expenses - \$16.80, Admin Travelling - \$411.00. Adjustment payment (2011Reimbursements) - \$265.00, Trailer repairs - \$2200.00, Schedules - \$85.97.

Accounts passed for payment moved Yagoona seconded by Smithfield. Carried

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING:

The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012 as tabled were received, moved K.Gambell (MTD) seconded by Victor Borg (IHPS). Carried

#### BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Adoption of the Management Committee minutes moved Regents Park seconded by Rooty Hill. Carried

# GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Secretary John Jeffery read to the meeting the following:

- Result of the voting on the Blacktown and Seven Hills notice of motion re liberating surplus birds with the race birds. A total
  of 260 members out of approximately 380 members took interest in voting on this matter. Result 128 members voted in
  favour of the motion, 121 members voted against the motion and 11 members abstained from voting. Motion was carried.
  Several delegates spoke on the wording of the Notice of Motion.
- 2. 2012 Membership as at this meeting stands at 379.
- 3. The estimated Federation bird limit for the first ten races will be 22.
- 4. No amendments were received against the Regents Park Maroubra Notice of motion Voting on the Notice of Motion to be conducted in the Clubs and the voting sheet to be returned to Federation in a sealed envelope on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012.

The President John Hubble advised the delegates and the members present to take personal notes on what Rob Marshall was about to advise the meeting re: the latest update on the PMV1 virus. John then welcomed Rob Marshall to address the Meeting.

Rob Marshall gave a verbal report on the latest update on the PMV1 virus that has been detected in the western suburbs of Sydney.

- 1. The effected bird was brought in from Victoria by a non pigeon flyer.
- 2. The person concerned took the sick bird to Rob Marshall for examination. From this examination it was found to be carrying the PMV virus. The NSW DPI was contacted.
- 3. All birds at that address have been destroyed. Not 100% sure that some birds may have been removed.
- 4. The NSW DPI at this stage does not think PMV virus is an issue in NSW.
- 5. Members should practice Bio-Security.
- 6. Prevent birds from entering from Victoria as PMI is transferred from bird to bird.
- 7. NSW border is closed.
- 8. The trials in Victoria are ongoing.
- 9. If a bird is affected with PMV virus it would be best to destroy all birds at that address.
- 10. Members to be proactive and talk to and explain to the hobbyist pigeon owners the risks involved with the PMV virus.
- 11. A PMV action group is being formed to lobby the Government department re allowing a PMV vaccine in from overseas.

The above is only a general outline of the talk and it is hoped that the delegates and the members present took notes.

Rob Marshall was thanked for his time and very interesting and informative talk

The President John Hubble then welcomed Paul Gibbs to speak on his position as publicity office for the CCF. The main things Paul was looking for was assistance from the Clubs to supply contents and loft profiles on members of their Clubs. Paul is looking for the novice flyers as well as the top flyers. Articles supplied will be published in the Racing Pigeon Review Result Magazine.

#### **BUSINESS FROM THE CLUBS:**

St Marys:

Delegate queried if the Federation was to stop racing during the current racing season would members be entitled to a refund. Answer: On a pro rata basis.

No further business. Meeting Closed. Next meeting: 21st May 2012 Allen Wonson. Assistant Secretary.

# MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 7.05.2012.

**PRESENT:** John Hubble, John Jeffery, Kevin Gambell, George Ibrahim, Nick Kaparos. Paul Vassallo, Bob Sunderland, John Migdalski, Victor Borg, Vince Pedavoli, Jeff Jones and Warren Schofield, Dean Hull(Liberation Committee Members)

Minute Secretary: Allen Wonson.

#### **APOLOGIES: Bill Eastcott**

The following topics discussed:

- 1. The members of the Liberation Committee informed the Management that Nick Kaparos will be the sole person of the Liberation Committee to contact and communicate with the Liberator on race days. Warren Schofield will obtain weather conditions along the line of flight. Warren has several contacts lined up. The liberation information will be put on the liberation phone line by the Secretary John Jeffery. Members are advised to get into the habit of calling the liberation phone line prior to going to their Club on basketing night for any updated information regarding basketing.
- 2. Temperature, humidity and carbon monoxide measuring equipment for the trailer has been order.
- 3. The applications for two teams from the one address was discussed and approved.
  - (i) S & T.Knott and R.Young (Riverstone Club).
  - (ii) B & Y.Hawa and Y & B.Hawa (Punchbowl/Bankstown Club) approval is subject to permission being granted by the Club.
- 4. Vince Pedavoli has obtained a quote for a European made trailer 220 basket capacity around the \$250,000.00 this comes with an extra set of baskets. Still waiting on the local manufacture.
- 5. There was a general discussion on the wording of the Blacktown/Seven Hills Notice of Motion as there was some confusion on the wording surplus birds and toss birds. It was the decided by the Management Committee that a majority of the flyers understood the motion was to allow toss birds to be liberated with the race birds. The following will apply:

"Liberation of surplus (meaning toss birds) in conjunction with the scheduled races during the Friday night basketing section of the 2012 North West season to be allowed by members of the Central Cumberland Federation. These liberations to be allowed subject to approval by the Federation Management Committee and to be under the supervision and control of the liberator. Should the Federation Management Committee deem certain liberation sites unsuitable for additional pigeons to be released, members to be advised accordingly.

6. Samples of feed that will be purchased for the 2012 season will be sent away for testing.

No further business. Meeting Closed: 10.30 pm. Next meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012. Allen Wonson. Minute Secretary.