

**Secretary**  
**John Jeffery**  
**6 Brierley Place**  
**Eagle Vale 2558**



**President**  
**John Hubble**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Meeting opened at 8.00 pm.**

**PRESENT:** John Hubble, John Jeffery, Kevin Gambell, Nick Kaparos, Vince Pedavoli, Paul Vassallo, Peter Collins, John Borg, Anthony Aguis, Phil Murphy, Bill Eastcott, Paul Gibbs, Steve Eggleton, John Oh, Allen Wonson.

This meeting was held to receive the report on a Pigeon trailer built by Gerdaldy in Germany.

Steve Eggleton a member of the Ku Ring Gai Pigeon Club was in Germany in late February and whilst there he offered to visit the Gerdaldy factory on behalf of the Federation to have a firsthand view of their large pigeon trailer manufactured by Gerdaldy of which other overseas Federations are using and was loaded with a multitude of questions.

Steve presented his report by the way of a power point on a projector, this report contained many photos of the trailer taken at different angles. Steve explained the workings and the layout of the trailer during the presentation. Steve explained to the Gerdaldy people, the changes that would be required to suit our needs. The presentation lasted about one hour. The members of the Management Committee were impressed with the design and the workings of this trailer. This trailer does have a centre isle and liberators quarters.

The president John Hubble thanked Steve on behalf of the Management Committee and the members of the Federation for the excellent presentation and his time spent at the Gerdaldy factory. Steve then left the meeting.

There was then a general discussion on this trailer by the Management members, there was some general concerns.

1. Trailer chassis as there have been some bad reports regarding imported trailer chassis.
2. Loading of the baskets, a loading platform would be required.
3. Overseas use cardboard and their baskets are 240mm height. If an insert is required a 260mm height basket would be required thus reducing the total bird capacity.
4. The number of birds per basket they say 30 birds. Some overseas reported reducing this number back to 22 birds.
5. Feeding of the birds is another problem, overseas they feed directly on to the cardboard.
6. The exhaust stacks on the prime mover could be another problem.
7. A firm costing will now be obtained.

Once a firm costing is obtained several body building manufactures in NSW will be approached to see if it is viable to have this type of trailer built here.

It was also suggested the possibility of replacing the large trailer with two trucks and a small trailer as well, to cater for the number of birds that the big trailer can carry. Having two trucks and a small trailer would allow the Federation to drop off one truck unit once the numbers start declining. There was a general feeling that having the two trucks would be more expensive than having the one large trailer. An estimate of the costing will be carried out for comparison. It was also suggested of utilising the use of plastic baskets and having a unit built to suit this type of basket.

Allen Wonson.

No further business. Meeting Closed.

Minute Secretary.