

**Secretary**  
**John Jeffery**  
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**Eagle Vale 2558**



**President**  
**John Hubble**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING:** 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Meeting opened at 8.00 pm.**

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

**Minute Secretary:** Allen Wonson.

Item 1.

Over the last few years several Clubs and members have brought up the possibility of the Federation purchasing a new pigeon trailer, as a lot of the members are not happy with the present trailer and its setup. There is a manufacturer in Germany that specialises in building pigeon trailers and is being used by many overseas pigeon federations. These trailers can be seen on the internet.

A general discussion then took place and several questions were asked on the possibility of having this type of trailer made in Australia. The consensus of the members present was that it would possibly be cheaper to purchase it from overseas and from a manufacturer that specialises in these types of pigeon trailers. It was also mentioned that the trailer would need to be built to the Australian standards.

Vince Pedavoli has been doing a lot of research on this matter and has been in contact with the manufacturer in Germany. Steve Eggleton a member of the Ku Ring Gai Club will be in Germany in February and has offered his time in visiting the manufacturer while he is in Germany to check out the viability of this type of trailer for our use. Steve will be armed with a long list of queries, especially in the loading of the baskets, feeding of the birds plus many others. Steve's time will be limited but he will try and get as much information on this trailer as possible. Steve will report back to the Federation Committee in early March. It was moved and seconded and carried that Steve Eggleton be reimbursed for any out of pocket expenses incurred.

Phil Murphy will provide the necessary New South Wales Government performance specifications covering braking systems, electrical components etc. to Vince Pedavoli to ensure that the trailer is built to Australian regulations. These specifications will be provided to the manufacturer.

Item 2.

The 2015 race schedule was discussed as the schedule put forward earlier had several suggested race points which were subject to suitability, having checked these points they were found not to be suitable for our needs. A good spot was found in Lakes Entrance which could replace Orbost. However with a notice of motion regarding 500 and 600 mile races is to be voted on and returned to the Annual General Meeting in February, it was decided to hold back on finalising the race points for the 2015 race schedule until the result of the notice of motion is known. The 2015 racing season will commence from Culburra on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015 regardless of the result of the notice of motion.

Item 3.

The Secretary John Jeffery presented the 2014 season Income and Expenditure statement and the Annual Balance Sheet. John explained several items contained in these documents. The 2014 books and records are currently with the Federation auditor. On return copies of the Income and Expenditure statement and the Balance sheet will be forwarded to all the Clubs prior to the Annual General Meeting which will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Item 4.

The Federation will be ordering electronic chip rings for the Bricon and Benzing systems, order forms will be issued to the Clubs. Orders will need to be accompanied by \$2.00 per ring deposit.

Item 5.

Reminder that Club affiliation fee of \$60.00 and membership fee of \$15.00 for each member intending to compete in the 2015 season is due and payable at the Annual General Meeting. Members paying their membership fee at the Annual General Meeting will be eligible to vote on any matters that may arise between the Annual Meeting and the first race. Non-payment of the membership fee will restrict those members from voting until such time their membership fee is paid

No further business. Meeting Closed 9.45pm.

Allen Wonson.

Minute Secretary.