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**John Jeffery**  
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**President**  
**John Hubble**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014

**Meeting opened at 8.15 pm.**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT WERE:** John Hubble, John Jeffery, Kevin Gambell, Nick Kaparos, Paul Vassallo, Greg McLaughlin, Vince Pedavoli, John Migdalski, Peter Collins, Jeff Jones.

**Apologies:** Bill Eastcott.

**INVITED MEMBERS PRESENT WERE:** Victor Borg (IHPS), Paul Gibbs (CTN), Bruce Whalley (OXF), Trevor Steed (BLK), Tony Sienkiewicz and Pat Arcella (HD), David Dale (MBRA), John Lawson (PUN)

Minute Secretary Allen Wonson.

The purpose of this meeting was to get input from the invited guests on the best way to reorganise the current adopted schedule to make it more adaptable and in trying to improve the returns from the longer races. Some of the invited members over many years are very good long distance flyers and their input was invaluable.

The chairperson John Hubble gave each member time to put forward their suggestions.

Many suggestions were put forward ranging from –

1. Starting the schedule earlier and finishing on the long week-end in October.
2. Using the June holiday Monday as a schedule race to enable finishing on the long week-end in October.
3. Consider the weather conditions in late September – October.
4. Keeping the two long races as the last two races of the season.
5. Moving the two long races a few weeks earlier and holding the All Aged Derby as the last race of the season.
6. The main concern was getting the birds homed as the welfare of the birds is more important than the welfare of the flyer.

After each member expressed their opinion there was further discussion on what was to be the last race of the season, some expressed they were in favour of holding the All Age Derby as the last race and the others were in favour of Remark being the last race. The Chairperson then put this up to a vote and of the sixteen members voting on this matter 10 were in favour of the All Aged Derby and 6 were in favour of Remark. (It is to be noted that the President John Hubble, Secretary John Jeffery and Minute Secretary Allen Wonson did not vote on this matter).

Further discussion took place and the following was decided on -

1. The starting date for the current 2014 schedule cannot be altered. If in the future an earlier starting date is the way to go, Racing Rule 2a will need to be altered.
2. The 2014 schedule will commence as normal on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014.
3. Use the holiday Monday in June as a normal schedule race.
4. Last race for the 2014 season to finish on the 4<sup>th</sup> October and to be the Federation All Age Derby.

The chairperson then put points 2, 3 and 4 to vote and they were carried 15 votes to 1 in favour.

Then there were further discussions on what dates were the best to hold Mildura and Remark races from, several suggestions were put forward and it was finally decided on Mildura to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014, Remark on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014. It was then finally decided that the 2014 Race Schedule be as follows:-

17.05.2014	Marulan
24.05.2014	Marulan
31.05.2014	Marulan
7.06.2014	Gunning
9.06.2014	Gunning – Monday Race.

14.06.2014	Gunning
21.06.2014	Cootamundra
28.06.2014	Cootamundra
5.07.2014	Cootamundra
12.07.2014	Narrandera
19.07.2014	Narrandera
26.07.2014	Narrandera
2.08.2014	Carrathool – Young Bird Derby.
9.08.2014	Carrathool
16.08.2014	Carrathool
23.08.2014	Hay
30.08.2014	Hay
6.09.2014	Mildura
13.09.2014	Balranald
20.09.2014	Hay
27.09.2014	Renmark
4.10.2014	Balranald – All Age Derby.

There was a further discussion on cancelled races. It was then decided in the event of a cancelled race in the Friday night basketing races due to the weather conditions where possible it is to be replaced with a Sunday race on another weekend.

If a cancelled race occurs on a Thursday night basketing race it may be possible to use the Sundays of the Young Bird Derby and/or the All Age Derby weekends to catch up that race.

The chairperson John Hubble thanked the invited members for their attendance and input which was very much appreciated.

No further business. Meeting Closed:  
Allen Wonson.  
Minute Secretary.