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President
John Hubble

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 29th October 2013

Meeting opened at 7.40 pm.

PRESENT: John Hubble, John Jeffery, Kevin Gambell, Nick Kaparos, Paul Vassallo, Greg McLaughlin, Phil Murphy, Vince Pedavoli, John Migdalski, Peter Collins, Bill Eastcott, Jeff Jones.

Liberation Committee member: Warren Schofield, Craig Sunderland.

Minute Secretary Allen Wonson.

Matters discussed:

1. Social:

The Federation presentation and social evening has been booked for a Saturday evening.

Date: 14th December 2013.

Venue: Guildford Leagues Club - Tamplin Road, Guildford.

Time: From 6.00 pm to 11.00 pm.

Cost: \$30.00 per head.

Interested in attending please notify the Federation Secretary John Jeffery. 4628.9489 - 0488048199

Final attendance numbers must be known by the 7th December 2013.

Trophies for the winners of the following will be presented:

Overall winners of the Federation Two Birders.

Overall winner of the Fred Wall Special.

Overall winner of the CCF Ring Race.

Sectional and Overall winners of the Young Bird and All Age Derbies.

Group One Racing.

Sectional and Overall winners of the point score.

Young and Old Bird point score.

It would be very pleasing to see the winners of any of the above to be in attendance to receive their trophy.

If any member who is a winner of any of the above trophies and does not intend attending the presentation evening, please notify the Secretary John Jeffery so he does not carry your trophy to the Club for nothing.

2. Constitution Rule 10 Re Membership:

There has been a little confusion on interpreting the new membership rules which were adopted at the February Annual General Meeting and advice was obtained from a Solicitor. After a general discussion on the wording of the new rules it was decided by 9 votes to one abstained, that Rule 10.1 and Rule 10.2 will apply to all Clubs and members who have flown starting from the 2013 season with the CCF, then decide to leave to compete with another Federation.

3. 2014 Schedule:

The Secretary John Jeffery presented a copy of a letter he received from Frank Ninnes of the Punchbowl/Bankstown Club it has been noted and it will be represented at the normal general meeting on the 4th November 2013.

There was a general discussion on the proposed finishing date of the 2014 schedules. It was the general opinion that with the changing weather patterns the two long races of the season should be brought forward thus finishing the season with shorter distance races. Other suggestion put forward was to organise a long distance race programme. Several members presented alternate schedules as suggestions. It was then moved and seconded that the winning schedule voted on by the members and due to be returned on Monday the 4th November 2013 be reorganised to allow the two long races to be held two – three weeks earlier. To do this it would be covered in the Constitution under Rule 1.5.

“To be committed to creating a sustainable future for Pigeon Racing in NSW and to encourage fair play and an open friendly environment for all Pigeon Flyers. At all times fully support the health and welfare of our Racing Pigeons!”

Another topic approached was basketing night for the 500 and 600 mile races. Is it possible to cut one night off? This matter will be looked into prior to setting the basketing nights for the 2014 race schedule.

4. **Pickup of the returned birds:**

The Secretary reported that one Club did not turn up until 2.20 pm to pick up their birds from the Mingary race. It was on the Federation web site that the birds would be at Fairfield by midday. The Federation will pay the driver and the Liberator an extra day's wage. The members of the Management Committee expressed their gratitude to the driver and the liberator for their fine effort and on the condition of the birds.

5. **Icom Life Rings:**

The purchasing of all 2014 life rings was brought up and it was noted that several Clubs are against all life rings being the icom ring and felt that the members should be given the choice. This matter will be further discussed at the general meeting on the 4th November 2014.

6. **Water Tanks on the Trailer:**

Due to the length of time the water tanks which are made of aluminium have been in use and are starting to develop leaks it was moved and seconded that these tanks be replaced with stainless steel tanks during the off season.

7. **2013 Point Score:**

With the cancellation of the Mingary race and no results being entered on the website the point score up until then was incomplete. Points equal to the number of flyers that entered birds for the Mingary race should be recorded and the members who did not enter birds to receive maximum points.

All Clubs are requested as soon as possible to go into the Mingary race on the website and for members that entered birds tick the box **Did Not Time** and those members that did not enter birds tick the box **Did Not Fly**. Doing this will give the Federation a true point score reading for the 2013 season.

8. **Campbelltown City Trade Day:**

Campbelltown City Club through Phil Murphy applied to have the Federation Transporter on display at their trade day on the 16th November 2013. Phil will pick up and return the unit back to Ingleburn depot.

9. John Migdalski reported the death of a former Regents Park member Jim Gray who flew under the partnership of Moller & Gray.

10. Warren Schofield expressed his gratitude to Kevin Keogh of the Bathurst Pigeon Club for his assistance in obtaining weather reports in the Bathurst area and was always willing to help in any way he could -- job well done.

No further business. Meeting Closed:

Allen Wonson.

Minute Secretary.