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## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017.**

**PRESENT:** John Hubble President, John Jeffery Secretary, Anthony Aguis, Paul Vassallo, Gary Young, Vince Pedavoli, Sam Sultana, Milad Bou-Said, Greg McLaughlin, Nick Kaparos, Phil Murphy.

**MINUTE SECRETARY:** Allen Wonson.

### **AGENDA:**

#### **1. PHONE CALL:**

- a. Several members stated that have had abuse and threatening phone calls in relation the CCF indicating that at this stage that will be commencing racing as per schedule 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017. It was advised that any member receiving such a call request the caller to put his opinion or his objections in writing and sign it and address it to the CCF Management Committee C/O the CCF Secretary John Jeffery.
- b. The Federation Secretary and the President will be visiting the Federation Solicitor for legal advice and the drawing up of a member's statutory form to indicate to whether they have had the Roto Virus and to indicate if they intend competing in the 2017 season.

#### **2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

A general discussion on the holding of the Annual Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> February or postpone it to a later date as it was indicated that some Clubs are wary of holding meetings at this time due to the Rota Virus and as such the Federation may not get true return on the voting matters that are due to be returned to the AGM and also get a true indication on the numbers of flyers intending to fly 2017 season. It was then moved and seconded and carried that the AGM will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017. If the attendance is down at the AGM several items on the agenda will be able to be dealt with and then the AGM could be adjourn to a later date to receive the other information required.

#### **3. PIGEON VIRUS:**

The members of the Management Committee met again to discuss the present situation in regards to the Rota Virus in the Sydney area. Several members spoke on this matter and there seems to be conflicting reports on how many CCF flyers are affected and the number of birds each flyer has loss. Several members quoted articles from the Racing Pigeon Journal Vol 20 No 2 February 2017. Nick Kaparos also issued a report on the Western Australian experience with the Rota Virus outbreak in 2016. It was then moved and seconded and carried to reaffirm their previous decision which was.

- a) Racing will commence at this stage on the scheduled date, 20th May 2017 on the new South West Route.
- b) Should the current virus be active closer to the commencement of racing, the starting date will be delayed until such time as practical to commence.
- c) If the Federation is advised by the NSW DPI to change, alter or not race, we will follow their advice.
- d) Members are reminded to be vigilant with their birds and practice bio security measures.
- e) Any member who suspects that he has the virus should contact their vet immediately.
- f) Please refer to Dr Colin Walker's website for up to date information regarding virus status.
- g) Please refer to Dr White's Facebook page for updates and any further information.
- h) Link <https://www.facebook.com/treidliabiovet/>

#### **4. ANRPB FUND REQUEST;**

As requested by the Management Committee the Secretary received a letter from the Treasurer of the ANRPB outlining the purpose of the request for the funds. After a general discussion it was moved and seconded and carried that the Management Committee recommend to the delegates at the AGM to approve a one off donation payment of \$5,000.00 to their Disease Management Fund.

#### **5. GENERAL:**

These suggestions were put forward-

- a. Have two seasons put forward:
  - i. As presented
  - ii. Run some with 2 races on the same weekend, may be able to start later.
- b. Have a vote closer, about 1 month from the 1<sup>st</sup> race to see how many flyers want to race, to see if the numbers are sufficient to make it financially viable.
- c. Keeping in mind we may have the new unit to handle smaller numbers if required.
- d. Let the flyers who want to race - race and those who don't give the 2017 season a miss, there are no guarantees either way that you will contract the virus or not.

No further business.

Meeting Closed: 8.50pm.

Allen Wonson. Minute Secretary.