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President
John Hubble

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 12.03.2012

Meeting opened at 8.00 pm.

PRESENT: John Hubble, John Jeffery, Allen Wonson, Jeff Jones, Kevin Gambell, Victor Borg, George Ibrahim, Nick Kaparos. Bill Eastcott, Vince Pedavoli, Paul Vassallo.

VISITOR: Rob Marshall

Rob Marshall gave a verbal report on the latest update on the current situation and where we are at, in relations to vaccinating the birds against PM Virus. Rob will supply to the Federation Secretary a detailed account of his recommendation for vaccinating the birds.

Copy of Dr Marshall's email:

Dear John,
These are my recommendations regarding PMV for CCF for 2012 racing season.

1. - To communicate with Dr George Arzey of DPI NSW to keep the borders closed with Victoria until the active PMV infections there have been completely resolved (at the moment Victoria is closed until June30 2012 then up for review)
2. - To purchase Poulvac Newcastle IK 500ml bottles(1000 doses), syringes, needles for CCF members at the best possible price. This proposal would be mediated by Paul Springett of SAHPA and me. CCF is welcomed to explore and implement other options if they wish. Provision of PMV vaccinations in bulk to CCF to redistribute to their members under strict refrigeration control measures is dependent upon state legislation and final word from Dr Arzey of DPI NSW. This information will be available soon.
- 3 - Members wishing to vaccinate their stock birds should wait until the conclusion of their body and tail moult or when the Victorian trial is over. A permit will be provided by Dr Arzey or the vaccination may be obtained from me for my registered clients. Dr Arzey will provide permits to individual fanciers on request. Vaccinate twice with a 4 week interval then look to pair up if required 6 weeks later.
4. - Vaccination to be made compulsory from 2013 in order to prevent spread between vaccinated birds and infected unvaccinated birds in the race basket that may occur as a result of using a poultry based PMV vaccine that may not offer full protection.
5. - Continue CCF 2012 race season as normal without vaccination of race birds reserving a vaccination plan to be implemented should PMV enter NSW - this vaccination plan would be dependent upon the results of the Victorian PMV vaccination trials which will be ended by June.

All the best

Rob Marshall BVSc, MACVSc (Avian health)

The following topics discussed:

1. The four questions put forward by the Illawarra Club at the Federation General Meeting on the 5th March 2012 were dealt with.

- a. Does the Management Committee intend to implement any of the suggestions put forward?

Answer: YES.

- b. The Liberation protocol in its current form is confusing and not easily followed. Can the protocol be amended and simplified so the Liberator and Liberation Committee better understand it?

Answer: Illawarra Club to be requested to list the parts of the Liberation Protocol that is confusing and that may need adjusting.

- c. With the heavy losses from last year in mind the current racing structure unchanged from previous years and with the real threat of heavy losses again from Capertee, does the Management have a strategy in place to avoid a repeat of what we had last year? (I.e. route change)

Answer: The Management Committee will not be changing route direction.

- d. During the 2011 season Clubs provided a percentage of returns and losses each week. Was this information of any use to the Federation or flyer?

Answer: The recording of percentage of returns on a seasonal basis was for the purpose of comparing the returns on the particular routes over a period of time, to see if there was pattern forming on any particular race point.

2. The main concern that was put forward by the Clubs present at the Special Meeting which was held on the 14th November 2011 was discussed.

1. Lack of Young bird education: Educating the birds is the member's responsibility.
2. Air quality: Not the problem.
3. Allowing toss birds to be liberated with the race birds: A notice of motion is needed to be submitted by the Clubs to alter the current rule on this matter.
4. Encourage young people to take up the sport: Very difficult to get outside young people interested in the sport, very expensive for outsiders to get started. Not many children of the current pigeon flyers taking up the sport.
5. Possibility of a second transporter: Plans are on the way to have a second transporter for the 2013 season.
6. Split liberations: Notice of motion already submitted on this.
7. Dropping off two Routes and adopting the wiper system: The wiper system has been adopted for the commencement of the next cycle. The number of routes is up to a vote by the members.
8. Exhaust fumes: The exhaust stack is at its maximum height.
9. Monitor temperature in the trailer. Has been carried out.
10. Levelling of the trailer for watering: Not a problem.
11. Birds returning with mud on legs: It's the flyers responsibility to educate their birds to feed and drink in a basket.
12. Members concentrating on old birds instead of the young birds. Again it's the member's choice.
13. The present Liberation Protocol: Any Club with concerns should advise the Federation in writing.
14. Cancellation of a basketing night: Length of time needed to be looked at.
15. Several ground contacts on line of flight for weather information: Already carried out.
16. Conducting young bird series: Already put forward and rejected by the members.
17. Increasing the prize money for the two derbies: The matter to be looked into.
18. Ringing off the two derbies in a licensed Club: Not practicable, unless you can guarantee of having no holdovers or you book the Club for two nights.

19. Suggested each flyer nominate 100 birds to race. Not practicable.
20. Starting of the racing season second week in June: Would need a Notice of Motion to alter the Current Rule on this matter.

There were further discussions on the transport needs for the 2012 season to assist members to get extra birds away. Enquires have been made to obtain a suitable transporter, it now seems that a suitable second unit is not available. It is most likely that the Federation will be running with the one unit in the 2012 season, unless something becomes available in the near future. The Management Committee will be pushing along to have the second unit up and running for the 2013 season.

No further business. Meeting Closed: 10.30 pm.

Next meeting: 19th March 2012.

Allen Wonson. Assistant Secretary.