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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 17th June 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. **Liberator:** John Oh. **Liberation Committee member:** Warren Schofield.

Absent: Peter Collins.

Minute Secretary Allen Wonson.

Apologies: Jeff Jones, Bill Eastcott. Craig Sunderland.

Matters discussed:

1. Fourth Kelso liberation:

Phil Murphy gave a verbal report on the lead up to the liberating of the birds at the 4th Kelso race. It was advised earlier on the liberation phone line that there was a possibility of an early liberation. Phil being the spoke person for the liberation committee was in constant contact on a regular basis with the liberator on the morning of the liberation. It was then anticipated that the birds would be liberated at 10.00 am. A weather front was predicted coming in from the west, however the weather to the east of the race point was clear as verified by members who travelled up to liberate their birds with the race birds, except for a little fog encountered just outside Bathurst, there was fog still around the race point, it was then decided to liberate at 10.40 am if the fog had lifted. In the mean time the liberator noticed the weather front closing in and made the judgment to liberate the birds at 10.35 am just as the birds were released it started to rain lightly, on release the birds headed west towards the dark clouds instead of heading in their normal easterly direction which was clear sky. The birds took up to twenty minutes to clear the race point. Several members of the Committee spoke on the matter.

This meeting was not conducted as a witch hunt, but to examine what precautions are needed to be in place to try and prevent this type of liberation happening again. The following suggestions were put forward:

- a. If a weather front is predicted to come in, do not gamble with the weather, hold the birds over until it clears.
- b. Liberation Committee must be in contact with the Federation Executive Committee if changes need to be made.
- c. Any anticipated changes to a schedule liberation time must be made known on the liberation phone line by 5.00 pm on night of basketing.
- d. Having no set liberation times printed on the race schedule. Liberation time to be decided on morning of liberation.
- e. Educate all flyers to be in the habit of checking the liberation phone line (9294.0295) prior to leaving home on basketing night for the latest information on that upcoming race.

2. Young Bird Derby:

The ring off for the Young Bird Derby at Guildford Leagues Club was discussed and for this system to be a success it will need members from all the Clubs to assist in the ring off on the Saturday night. The main ring off time will be 8.00 pm mainly for the manual clocks. It is anticipated that the electronic clocks would be struck off starting from 7.00 pm. however this will be determined by the time the Clubs with the electronic systems turn up and set up at the Leagues Club. It is anticipated that each section will have a white board for their results and the top 25 – 30 overall will be displayed on a projector screen.

The following operators will be needed to assist on ring off night:

- a. Manual clock readers and checkers.
- b. Clubs using the Electronic systems to have members organised to operate these systems on ring off night.
- c. Computer operators to work out the velocities – minimum of seven (7) required.
- d. Members to write the times on the white boards – minimum of six (6) required.
- e. It would be greatly appreciated if members who are prepared to assist give their names to the Federation Secretary as soon as possible.

The Federation Secretary will forward further information to the Club Secretaries re this matter.

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