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President
John Hubble

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 27.02.2012

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.

ABSENT: Paul Vassallo.

The following topics discussed:

1. Victor Borg reported that after attending and on leaving the Federation Annual General Meeting on the 20th February 2012 noticed that he had a flat tyre. tyre was changed and taken for repairs the next morning and it was then noticed by the repairer that the tyre had been slashed by a sharp object and it was also noticed that the other three tyres has also been slashed. These tyres were only a few days old and it has cost Victor additional \$150.00 to repair these tyres. Victor was also lucky that one of the other tyres did not blow out on his was home in the wet.
2. Application received from W.Don & Don & Clark of the Penrith Club to compete with two teams from the one address was approved.
3. In late November several members of the Management Committee met with Greg Whitelaw of Englaw Pty Ltd Engineering and Building Services re the design of the proposed new trailer. Greg has got back to the Secretary stating he has sketches of the trailer with some baskets on it, an area for the personal living quarters. The Management Committee discussed this matter at great length on the most important aspects on constructing the new trailer.
 - a. Length of trailer.
 - b. Capacity. 150 – 170 Baskets and the positioning of the living quarters.
 - c. Isle in the middle.
 - d. Use of current baskets.
 - e. Release mechanism.
 - f. Ventilation.
 - g. Feeding and watering.

Arrangements will be made with Greg Whitelaw to discuss this matter further and Vince Pedavoli will seek further information on a similar European built trailer, so a comparison can be made with the locally built trailer. The members of the Management Committee have agreed to go ahead with this project and have it on the road for the 2013 season. At the end of the current 2012 season the present large trailer will undergo alterations to incorporate living quarters also. This will delete the need of the present liberators vehicle. Members are to be aware that there will a designers fee involved, approximately \$8000.00 - \$10000.00 which will include workshop drawings for the construction of the new trailer.

4. Assisting pensioners was discussed; the Federation gives the pensioners a 30% discount off their Federation fees at the present time. Clubs should also look into ways of assisting the pensioners.
5. A letter from St Marys Club suggesting that the Federation have a two tier payment system, this was discussed and it was decided that this system would be impractical and uneconomical for the Federation.
6. A personal letter from a Penrith flyer re Federation voting was discussed, under his suggestion you would be looking at compulsory voting on matters.

7. The matter relating to allowing toss birds to be liberated with the race birds as brought up at the special meeting held in November was discussed. At the present time there has been no correspondence from any of the Clubs to alter the current rule on this matter.
8. The Paramyxovirus was discussed and Vince Pedavoli has been commissioned by the Management Committee to be the CCF liaison officer between the Victorian Federations, DPI – (New South Wales and Victoria) and any other persons that may be involve in this matter. Vince will have the latest update on this matter available at the next Federation General Meeting on the 5th March 2012.
9. The need of a second unit for the 2012 season was discussed; The President John Hubble will approach Kevin Waters on the type of vehicle that he has, that may be suitable to be used by the Federation.
10. There was also a general discussion on conducting more money races and ways of encouraging more flyers to compete in these types of races.
11. The President John Hubble put forward a suggestion to the Committee at looking into the feasibility of allowing members the chance to set their own limit for the season. Say: 10 bird, 15 bird, 20 bird, 25 birds and the member would then be charged freight according to the limit they set. The Secretary John Jeffery will supply a survey to the Clubs for their members to indicate if they would like this system implemented at a future date.
12. The tentative membership numbers for the 2012 season as supplied by the Clubs at the AGM is 400.

No further business. Meeting Closed: 10.30 pm.

Next meeting: 5th March 2012.

Allen Wonson. Assistant Secretary.