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EXTRA GENERAL MEETING: 18th May 2015.

Meeting opened at 8.00 pm.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: John Hubble, John Jeffery, Kevin Gambell, Paul Vassallo, Vince Pedavoli, Peter Collins, Paul Vassallo, John Borg, Bill Eastcott, Phil Murphy, Anthony Aguis and members from various Club as per attendance register.

Apologies: Nick Kaparos. - **Minute Secretary:** Allen Wonson.

AGENDA:

This meeting was called to hear feedback from the interested members in relation to replacing our existing trailer approximately 25 members attended this meeting.

Several members brought along several size and design baskets, there was a lot of discussion on these types before the meeting by several members but were not referred to during the main meeting.

Vince Pedavoli who has spent many hours being involved in getting information and costings on a new trailer built in Germany, gave a detailed description on this new trailer and he feels it's the Mercedes Benz of the pigeon transporters. It contains all the requirements that most flyers are looking for in a new trailer, such as centre aisle, watering system and fresh air flow throughout the trailer and a liberator's quarters. The estimate cost of landing this trailer in Australia would be in the vicinity of \$324,000.00 - \$360,000.00 some of this cost will be offset by the sale of the current liberators unit and its yearly running costs approximately \$40,000.00 - \$50,000.00. Some members expressed their concerns at the cost and what effect it would have on increasing Federation fees in the future. (Approximately \$50.00 per year per member).

Several other members present spoke on favourable reports from overseas Federations using this type of trailer.

However a few members were concerned on a few aspects relating to this trailer, such as the loading and feeding of the birds, as this trailer does not have a loading platform and overseas Federations feed their birds directly into the baskets, another concern was the exhaust fumes.

Concerns:

1. Loading of the baskets – A portable loading platform would be required or an alternative is to approach the manufacturer to see if it is possible to have a loading platform incorporated into this trailer.
2. Feeding of the birds – Vince stated that feeding trays can be used and the baskets would be designed that way.
3. There is no problem with our existing trailer with exhaust fumes as tests were carried out in 2005 on this matter and returned negative results, so this should not be a problem. It was suggested that the manufacturer be approached to see if a similar test could be carried out in Germany using a similar type of prime mover which has the exhaust blowing over the top of the trailer.

Building of this type of trailer here in Australia was also discussed and the general feeling was it would be very expensive as it is a one off.

Gary Young spoke on temperature readings taken by the liberator and noted that there was very little difference, a variation of only 1 degree in some cases. Gary also commented on the air flow test carried out on the existing trailer in 2008.

Keith West referred to the power point display at the Kogarah seminar on returns from various types of units used and the returns percentages from any one of these units were no better than any other unit once the 400-450 kl distance was reached. Is spending this amount of money going to make a difference to our return percentage?

Several members commented on the cold conditions that the birds have to endure at the race points.

After further discussion between the members some in favour and some against, it was then put forward that a power point display of the new trailer will be shown at the ring off night of the Young Bird Derby at Guildford Leagues Club.

No other type of trailer design was put forward, if another trailer design is so desired a full costing would need to be presented and this will also be discussed prior to any final decisions being made.

Once the members have seen this power point display or any other types of trailers, members will then be given the opportunity to vote on whether the Federation goes ahead on purchasing a new trailer or sticks to the one we have. Members voting in favour of the new trailer must express their reason why they feel a new trailer is necessary and members voting against will need to give their reasons for why it is not necessary to have a new trailer.

No further business meeting closed.
Allen Wonson. Minute Secretary.