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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 15th October 2020

- The meeting opened 8.00 pm.

PRESENT: President, Phil Murphy, John Jeffery Secretary, Bob Smith, Nick Kaparos, Dave Tomkinson, Sid Gard, Charlie Bonanno, Sam Sultana, Steve Shears and Bob Coles.

APOLOGIES: Peter Collins

MINUTES: The minutes of the Committee Meeting 5th October 2020 as issued to the Clubs were received on a motion moved Bob Smith seconded by Nick Kaparos.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

Adoption of the minutes moved Sam Sultana seconded Steve Shears. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email Frank Comitogianni – concerns regarding this coming week races
- Email Andrew Grech – concerns regarding this coming week races
- Email Alex Caruana – Nomination for Bird of the Year
- Email from a member re; social media comments

BUSINESS ARISING:

Letter to member regarding Social Media comments:

- The Committee stood by their original decision regarding Social Media comments stating that the comments were directed at the President and as the President is head of any Committee, also were directed at the Committee
- It was suggested that the matter be referred to the Federation Solicitor for further action however, it was felt that a letter from the Federation would suffice at the moment
- The President as head of the Federation is ex-officio of all Committees run by the Federation
- It was moved Steve Shears seconded Nick Kaparos that the Committees original decision stand and the member advised accordingly

Meeting Procedure Action:

- Bob Coles also raised concerns regarding Social Media comments reflecting on the Committee
- Bob stated that there had been occasions in the past when abuse had been directed at the President in meetings and that this was totally unacceptable
- Unacceptable behaviour by any member to the chair should not be tolerated and appropriate action taken against the member and or club

Barringun Cunna-Mulla Races:

- The President addressed the meeting advising that the Liberation Committee have said that weather conditions on Monday 19th October would be suitable to race, basketing Saturday
- Phil was advised by the Liberation Committee that the weather for the next weekend was not favourable for racing
- Each member was then given the opportunity to speak on racing Monday
- Bob Coles stated that he had contacted the members in his club and the welfare of the birds was the main priority
- Several members spoke on Barringun as the race point while some preferred Cunna-Mulla
- After basketing Saturday, the truck would not arrive at Cunna-Mulla in sufficient time to feed, water and rest the birds for a liberation Monday
- Due to Barringun being shorter in distance, the truck would arrive at the race point midday Saturday which will provide sufficient time to feed, water and rest the birds prior to liberation
- After further discussion it was moved that the Federation conduct two races from Barringun with one liberation
- Birds can be basketed together with separate basketing lists
- Loading of the birds be the same as Clubs loaded for Byrock

Data Loggers:

- Steve Shears advised that three data loggers were available and would be installed for this week's racing
- The data will be downloaded when the trailer returns for air quality etc.
- The top two rows will be left empty to assist in air flow and reduce the heat generated on the top row of baskets

2021 Schedule:

- Charlie Bonanno had spoken to several members and Nick Robinson, previous liberator, and was concerned that Bulahdelah was not a good liberation point
- The President advised that all race points will be surveyed and that if not suitable and alternative site will be found
- It was then suggested that Seal Rocks would be a better point

No further business.

Meeting Closed 8.49 pm.

John Jeffery, Federation Secretary.