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MANAGEMENT MEETING 2021 INCOMING COMMITTEE: 18th January 2021

- The meeting opened 8.00 pm.

PRESENT: President, Phil Murphy, John Jeffery Secretary, Allen Wonson Treasurer, Dave Tomkinson, Sam Sultana, Warren Schofield, Mark Jeffrey, Peter Collins, Paul Vassallo, Pat Arcella, John Migdalski, and Bob Coles.

APOLOGIES: Nil

AGENDA:

- 2020 Balance Sheet
- Dubbo Pigeon Club Life Rings
- Update on trailer modifications.
- Letter from Pat Arcella and members of 2021 Committee

BUSINESS ARISING:

2020 Balance Sheet:

- The Federation Treasurer, Allen Wonson presented the Balance Sheet, outlining the contents.
- The Federation recorded a profit of \$6954.79 after allowing for depreciation.
- A further amount of \$26289.00 has been set aside as pre-paid Federation Fees for the 2021 season.
- Short series, pensioners, and full season flyers for 2021 will have a proportion of this amount deducted from their fees.

Dubbo Pigeon Club Life Rings:

- The Secretary had been advised by a member of Liverpool City Club that he had received squeakers from his son, who is a member of Dubbo Pigeon Club, rung with 2021 life rings.
- Dubbo Club had inadvertently ordered life rings with 2021 prefix instead of 2020.
- As this had been a genuine mistake by the club it was decided that the birds will be acceptable to race in the coming CCF season but not in the Federation Derbies or any young bird races.

Modifications to Trailers:

- Sam Sultana gave an update on the modifications to air quality in the Geraldty trailers.
- The small trailer has had the modifications completed with a fan in the roof, power points, timer installed.
- New battery had been purchased to run the trailer separate from the Liberators Van.
- Cost of the small trailer modifications \$8255.50.
- An amount equivalent to the small trailer costs has been budgeted for in the 2020 Balance Sheet.
- As the large trailer is 24 volts, 2 batteries have been purchased.

- Work modifications are, like the small trailer with exception of fans, which were installed when purchased.
- The batteries can power the trailer for 8 hours before requiring charging.
- Digital Monitors have also been purchased to measure air quality in the trailers.
- A full analysis of the modifications will be given at the AGM.

Correspondence:

1. 2021 Fees:

- The fees for the 2021 will be kept in line with 2020 given the explanation given by the Treasurer when outlining the 2020 Balance Sheet.
- At this stage, the fees should be near as possible to 2020.

2. Tossing:

- A two to three week tossing program will be organised prior to the commencement of racing.
- The new trailers will be utilised, and a suitable point will be selected toward the first race point.
- All information and booking arrangements will be placed on the Federation website after the Annual Meeting.
- The cost for tossing will be minimal to assist flyers in educating their birds.

3. Liberation Protocol:

- There were several suggestions put forward including a liberation check list, fresh water on the trailer, and carrying sufficient feed each week.
- These items are included in the Federation Liberation Protocol section of the rules.
- A report given each meeting by the liberator to the delegates present.

4. Bird Basket Limits:

- It was suggested that on Friday night basketing the maximum birds per basket should be 30 birds.
- Thursday night 25 birds per basket.
- Wednesday night 20 birds per basket.
- It was also mentioned that the Federation limit should be increased to 30 birds per member however, a final decision on this cannot be made until such time as the number of flyers is finalised, keeping in mind that the maximum number of baskets available is 216.

5. Old CCF Trailer:

- Given that the Federation purchased the Geraldty trailers it was felt that they should be utilised for the entire season and the old CCF trailer not registered.
- Registration for the old trailer is due 3rd February and will not be registered and kept in storage in case of emergency.

6. Young Bird and Any Aged Derbies:

- The bird limit for the two Derbies was discussed with an increase to 10 birds per address.
- Any alteration to the bird limit is discussed at the AGM when the schedule times, race points etc are adopted.

7. Feed Mix:

- The Committee have expressed concerns that the protein content is not sufficient in the current mix, especially for the northern route.
- A review of the feed should be done each year depending on the route flown.
- The Committee will table a Notice of Motion to alter the current feed ratio to 20% peas, 35% wheat, 25% corn, and 20% safflower.

8. Route and Windscreen Wiper System.

- The Committee feel that the current 5 route windscreen wiper system is not ideal due to the length of years between routes.
- The Route and Windscreen Wiper system is due for review in 2021.
- A three-route system is more suitable.
- As the current rules expire in 2021 Clubs will be encouraged to submit their preferred route system following the AGM.

No further business.

Meeting Closed 9.53 pm.

John Jeffery, Federation Secretary.