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## **MANAGEMENT MEETING: 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2022**

The meeting opened 8.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** President, Phil Murphy, John Jeffery Secretary, Warren Schofield, Sam Sultana, Mark Jeffrey, Paul Vassallo, Pat Arcella, Bob Coles, and Anthony Agius.

**APOLOGIES:** Dave Tomkinson, Dave Gordon Covid19 related.

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

- 1. Liberators Position:** There were two applications received and both applicants were interviewed by the President and Secretary. After discussion by the Committee, it was decided to employ John Sowter, former member of the Federation, as liberator for the 2022 season. John is retired and is not restricted by outside work commitments. Carried
- 2. 2022 Race Schedule:** The results of the voting to alter Racing Rule 2 Schedules a) – (Starting with the 2020 race season, the season shall start 2 weeks after the third Saturday in May or on the first (1st) Saturday in June.) were received after the last 2021 meeting. Members in favour of the motion 47 votes, against 27 votes – Notice of Motion carried, and the rule will be removed. The 2022 season will now begin on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2022 from Redhead. There are now three (3) Redhead races. Carried
- 3. Liberation Protocol:** Voting received to remove Liberation Protocol 8.1 (Birds shall not be liberated prior to the scheduled liberation time) – in favour 40 votes, against 32 votes – Notice of Motion carried, and the rule will be removed. Carried
- 4. Surplus Tossing:** Several members spoke on the matter, in particular the need to educate the birds on the North Route, and it was decided to gauge the feelings of the membership at the Annual Meeting. Should the members decide the need for tossing, the Federation Committee will review tossing each week, and if it is not being supported and the Federation may incur a loss, tossing will be cancelled. Carried
- 5. 2021 Balance Sheet:** The Federation recorded a profit of \$34768.77 for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2021, which includes the \$30000 government aid. In real terms the profit was \$4768.77 for a shortened season after an amount of \$79880 was put aside from 2021 fees and freight as credit for the 2022 season. Members who flew the 2021 season and are flying the 2022 season will receive a credit of \$580, full season flyers, and \$360 short season flyers. Members who are not flying the 2022 season are entitled to receive \$430 full season flyers and \$210 short series flyers

refund. Banking details should be supplied to the Federation Secretary by those members not flying the 2022 season to receive their refund.

6. **Additional Duties:** Dave Gordon from St Marys Club will aid the Secretary John Jeffery, following the passing of Allen Wonson, with the view of taking over the Federation Secretaries position in the future. Dave will handle GPS locations, loading at Fairfield, and stray contacts. Dave will receive an agreed salary plus superannuation contributions. Carried
7. **Young Bird and All Age Derbies:** To encourage more member participation in both Derbies the winner of each race will receive prizemoney together with Federation fees for the following season received as a credit. There were several suggestions on increasing the prizemoney for the derbies and these will be further discussed prior to the commencement of racing.
8. **Weekly Federation Winners:** It was moved that the weekly winner of the Federation will eligible to have their pigeon photographed with race details included and framed which will be presented at the annual presentation dinner. It was also moved that a leagues or RSL Club be booked as a central ring off point for both derbies. Carried

No further business.

Meeting Closed 9.20 pm.

John Jeffery, Federation Secretary.