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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 31st August 2020

The meeting opened 8.00 pm.

Present: President, Phil Murphy, John Jeffery Secretary, Bob Smith, Nick Kaparos, Dave Tomkinson, Syd Gard, Charlie Bonanno, Sam Sultana, Peter Collins, Sid Gard.

APOLOGIES: Nil

MINUTES: The minutes of the Committee Meeting 10th August 2020 as issued to the Clubs were received on a motion moved Bob Smith seconded by Sam Sultana.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

Adoption of the minutes moved Peter Collins seconded Nick Kaparos.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The Secretary advised the meeting that rumours were circulating that the Federation was not flying the North Route in 2021 and that fees had already been calculated. The fees being rumoured are totally incorrect.
2. The Federation will fly North in 2021 and that fees cannot be calculated until such time as definite numbers are received at the start of 2021.
3. The Federation received emails from S Bonnici, Wentworthville Club, Pece Mihailov and J Borg & Son, Oatley Club, raising concerns regarding the condition of returning race birds from the two Nevertire races. Members were concerned that the birds appeared to be suffering from Dehydration. Sid Gard also mentioned that some of his birds had returned in the same condition. The Federation President, Phil Murphy had spoken to the driver and Liberator who advised that not all birds, after feeding were going to water even though water had been splashed to encourage the birds to drink. The driver and Liberator advised that on both races very cold conditions were experienced at the race point which would account for the birds not drinking as much.
4. The Federation received an email from Dr Rob Marshall who is also a practicing Avian Veterinarian. Dr Marshall diagnosed the returning birds to be exposed to a condition known as “confined space hypoxic syndrome” which results from inadequate air movement through the baskets.
5. Nick Kaparos and Si Gard raised concerns regarding the temperature in the transporters, when the truck was stationary, and the fans were not activated. In their opinion the trailers were stuffy with high humidity until the fans were activated.
6. Nick Kaparos and Sam Sultana thought a better option to allow the trailers to have cross ventilation was to replace the Perspex doors with a wire front.
7. Several members gave their opinion regarding the birds not drinking and the temperature of the trailers. The large trailer has three fans which are turned on manually

and there are no fans in the small trailer, which is the advice the Federation received from the manufacturer Geraldly.

- 8.** It was moved by Sam Sultana and seconded by Nick Kaparos that the large trailer be fitted with thermostats and sensor timers to the fans and that the small trailer be fitted with two fans with sensors and thermostat. Sufficient back up batteries and generator are to be provided in order that the fans can be activated when the truck is stationary overnight to provide fresh air.
- 9.** The Secretary advised that the trailer had been designed so that stale air was displaced when the trailer was in motion and that caution should be taken with replacement of the basket doors as this would affect the dynamics of air replacement.
- 10.** Dave Tomkinson provided statistics from the past few years, the South West route when returns were worse than the current season. Dave mentioned that the Federation had purchased the Geraldly trailers because members voted that the old trailer was no good and was a main factor in losses, and now the Committee want to utilize it instead of the more professionally built and modern trailer.
- 11.** It was moved by Sid Gard and seconded by Charlie Bonanno that a working group of Phil Murphy, Sam Sultana and Nick Kaparos be established to monitor the work to be carried out on the Geraldly trailers and establish accurate and professional advice to any modifications that may be required.
- 12.** The working group are to report back to the next Committee Meeting.
- 13.** It was then moved by Nick Kaparos and seconded by Sam Sultana that the old trailer should be utilized until such time as the new trailers are modified. Carried

No further business.

Meeting Closed 9.28 pm.

John Jeffery, Federation Secretary.