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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 4th February 2020

The meeting opened 8.03pm.

Present: President, Phil Murphy, John Jeffery Secretary, Allen Wonson Treasurer, Bob Smith, Nick Kaparos, Dave Tomkinson, Anthony Agius, Keven Gambell, Steve Shears, Sam Sultana.

APOLOGIES: Syd Gard.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Due to an oversight by the Arena Sports Club the booking for the Presentation Afternoon will need to be changed to the evening of the 29th February. The Club had booked a Tongan Dance Festival in the main auditorium and as such we are required to use the observation deck (located upstairs in our old meeting area.) The Presentation time is now 7.00 pm. A lucky door prize will be held with the prizes being - 2020 racing fees being paid – and 3 pigeons donated as prizes. Jason Stig will be conducting a stall together with Kevin Clarke, Benzing Australia and Dr Rob Marshall.
2. Anthony Agius had heard rumours that the Federation would be racing the North West as well as the scheduled North Route in 2021. The President had also heard the rumours and advised that the Federation had not received anything in writing from any Club and as such the Federation would be racing North in 2021 as the scheduled route which had previously been voted upon.
3. The Federation would like to hold a convention in November like the convention which was held in early 2019 raising funds for Motor Neurone Disease, in conjunction with the auction of imported pigeons being organised by Milad Bou-Said and Vince Pedavoli. The President will contact the members and see what arrangements can be made.
4. The 2019 Balance Sheet was presented by Allen Wonson giving an overview of the Federation's financial situation. The Federation recorded a profit of \$2758.38 after depreciation of vehicles and allowing for a credit of \$5000.00 - \$2000.00 was deducted from the Federation fee income and \$3000.00 from the freight income plus \$2100.00 carried over from 2019 season rebates which equals a total \$7100.00. Each member who flew the 2019 season and is flying the 2020 season will receive a percentage of this \$7100.00 as credit towards their 2020 flying fee.
5. The President spoke on the possibility of an App being made available to members with a mobile phone. This app will provide various information regarding the Federation and all liberation information on a week to week basis. Members will be able to receive all liberation information weekly rather than phoning the CCF information line. The President will follow up and advise the Federation in due course.
6. The Federation will conduct meetings on the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month with exception of June when there will be two (2) meetings, 2nd and 23rd June to enable Clubs to pay their Federation Fees following the commencement of racing.
7. The new Benzing Mk3, including Benzing Live, was discussed and it was moved that the system be accepted as part of the existing electronic rules covering Benzing Clocks. **Members using the Benzing Mk3 Live are still required to attend the Federation Young Bird and Any Age Derby ring off nights by the required ring off time.**
8. The liberation of surplus pigeons was discussed, and it was moved that the current Racing Rule 16k be adhered to here: **Commencing with the 2019 race season all surplus birds to be liberated a minimum of 30 minutes after the race birds, with penalties imposed on any breach.** It was then moved that if there are less than 30 surplus baskets, they will be liberated with the race birds.

9. The bird limit was discussed, and it was moved that there be a 25-bird limit per member for 2020, which equates to a basket per member. The Club basket allocation will be advised following the final number of flyers for 2020 being received by the Federation

No further business.

Meeting Closed 10.07 pm.

John Jeffery, Federation Secretary.