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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 5th 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, Peter Collins, Steve Shears.

Invited 2021 Committee: Bob Coles, Warren Schofield, John Migdalski, Pat Arcella and Mark Jeffrey

APOLOGIES: Nil

MINUTES: The minutes of the Committee Meeting 14th September 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 Peter Collins seconded Nick Kaparos.

The minutes of the Committee Meeting 28th September 2020 were received on a motion moved Bob Smith seconded Peter Collins.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

Adoption of the minutes moved Sam Sultana seconded Dave Tomkinson.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email received from Dural Club questioning the decision not using the Gerdaly Trailers
- Email from Merrylands Clubs also referring to the decision of the Gerdaly Trailers.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Trailer Transport:

- There was vigorous discussion by all members present regarding the use of the old trailer and why the Gerdaly trailers had not been utilized.
- Steve Shears advised the meeting that the temperature sensors had not been received and were at the shipping docs awaiting delivery.
- Pat Arcella referred to the report previously commissioned by Gary Young on the old trailer where air quality tests had been carried out indicating high levels of Carbon Monoxide while the trailer was in transit.
- The President explained that several modifications were made to the old trailer for improvement.
- Nick Kaparos mentioned that air was not being dispersed to the rear of the Gerdaly trailer through the air vents.
- John Migdalski stated that Regents Park Club were in full support of the old trailer being used.

It was moved Dave Tomkinson and seconded Sid Gard that the Federation continue using the old trailer until such time as modifications to the Gerdaly trailers is complete and adequate testing done. Carried

2021 Federation Tossing:

- Mark Jeffery and John Migdalski suggested that a tossing program be organized for 2021 utilizing the Federation trailers.
- The President suggested that those members and himself, if required, put forward ideas when closer to the 2021 season.

Liberation Times Bourke:

- Liberation times were discussed in relation to both the Any Aged Derby and additional Bourke race due to the current and predicted hotter weather.
- The current schedule has the Any Aged Derby being liberated second, 1 hour after the first liberation.
- It was felt that the birds should be liberated half an hour after local sunrise, providing weather conditions are right
- First liberation 7.15 am DST (6.15 am EST) followed by the second liberation 7.45 am DST (6.45 am EST)
- It was moved Dave Tomkinson seconded Nick Kaparos that the Derby birds be liberated first followed by the additional Bourke race 30 minutes later. Carried

Byrock Liberation 3rd October 2020:

- Charlie Bonanno asked why the Byrock liberation was 7 o'clock?
- Warren Schofield, liberation committee, stated that the temperature difference between 6.30 am – 7.00 am was only 1 degree. Warren also mentioned that there had been some miscommunication between the liberation committee members.

Closure of the Queensland Border:

- The President advised that the border would be closed until the 31st October.
- Phil had contacted the Police Station in Cunna-Mulla and enquired if the Federation could enter the state and liberate the birds. Phil was advised that, at this stage, it would not be possible, and a permit would be required, however, permits can only be applied for the day before travel.
- It is possible to enter the state to liberate, after a permit but you are required to be out of the state within 4 hours.
- Charlie Bonanno suggested that the Federation could race from Tibooburra, however, several members spoke against the suggestions given the two races which were recently held from that point.
- Several members spoke against taking the birds offline.
- Barringun was suggested as an alternative point with two races.
- Paul Vassallo and Pat Arcella suggested that the Federation could travel to Barringun, liberate one lot of birds, and then travel to Cunna-Mulla and liberate the birds and be out of the state within the 4-hour time.
- It was then moved by Nick Kaparos seconded by Bob Smith that two races be held from Barringun, however, if possible to enter Queensland, the first liberation will be from Barringun and then travel to Cunna-Mulla for the second liberation. Carried
- Should it not be possible to travel to Cunna-Mulla, both races to be liberated at Barringun, 30 minutes apart.

Social Media:

- Steve Shears advised that the meeting that a member of the Federation had posted derogatory comments about the Committee members on social media.
- The social media comments were read to the meeting.
- As there had been previous examples of social media comments and letters had been sent to the members concerned, it was moved Steve Shears seconded Peter Collins, that a letter be sent to the member advising that comments of this nature will not be tolerated by the Federation. Carried

2nd Byrock:

- The President advised that rumours had been circulating that the birds had not been fed sufficiently on the 2nd Byrock.
- Dave Tomkinson had spoken to the liberator and the birds had been fed as per protocol, however, the liberator had given the birds extra feed. They ran out of feed by about 6 baskets.
- The Western Pigeon Club were at the liberation site and offered about half a bag of feed as they had fed their birds and were going to dispose of the remaining feed.
- The liberator accepted the offer and only use about 6 – 8 cups of the feed offered and returned the remaining feed.

Campbelltown Squeaker Sale:

- Dave Tomkinson advised that Bob Coles, Liverpool Club, had won the CTN Squeaker Sale.
- The Club will not be holding a Squeaker Sale auction this year but will sell rings at \$50 each.
- Rings are now available from Greg Kehlet 0400445337.

Hills District Gold Ring Race:

- Steve Shears advised that Alan Brown, Mt Druitt Club, had won this year's race.
- Alan's bird had been sponsored by Anpario.
- The Club will pay 30 prizes and rings are available for the 2021 race.
- Contact Steve Shears 0419695407

Regents Park Club:

- John Migdalski stated that Regents Park Club were after 12 CCF baskets.
- Contact John if anybody can assist.
- John Also enquired if a member of his Club could fly the Any Aged Derby although the member had not paid the calls?
- John was advised by the Secretary and President that entry is paid by calls only. The member is not eligible to race the AAD.

Vacant Committee Position:

- A vacant position exists on the Committee since the resignation of Anthony Agius.
- It was moved Dave Tomkinson seconded Bob Smith that Bob Coles fill the position. Carried

2021 Race Schedule:

- There had been three (3) proposals for the coming season, one each by Anthony Agius, Nick Kaparos and Dave Tomkinson.
- The current rule states that the coming years schedule be lodged with the Federation by the All Aged Derby.
- The schedules were all similar with 2 including Stroud and the other Bulahdelah.
- Dave Tomkinson's schedule included Bulahdelah and Dave stated this was a traditional CCF schedule and the others were more of a FRP NRP type.
- It was moved Dave Tomkinson seconded Peter Collins that Dave's schedule be accepted for the coming season. Carried
- **Schedule – 3 Redhead, 3 Bulahdelah, 2 Crowdy Head, 2 Kempsey, 2 Coffs Harbour, 3 South Grafton, 2 Ballina, 2 Chinderah, Gympie, and Bundaberg.**

No further business.

Meeting Closed 9.55 pm.

John Jeffery, Federation Secretary.