

GENERAL MEETING 4 MARCH 2025

Members Present: J Patsos (President), B Solomons (Secretary), B Martin (Minutes)

Delegates: M Hamilton, (Wyong) ,M Scroggy, P Boyle(Hunter), L Ryan, (Budgewoi), S Kane, A Holt (Davistown),

Apologies: D Woodhead

Visitor: nil

Minutes of previous meeting of 4 February 2025 read,

Arising: Nil

Minutes Moved: M Hamilton, Seconded M Scroggy

Adopted: p Boyle , Seconded L Ryan

Financial Report.

Expenses

Fair Trading \$56

Truck Rego \$735

Green slip \$835

Truck service & rego Check Achinsons \$1354.75

Income

Wyong	Basket Deposit 11 Flyers \$770	Membership x3 \$90
Budgewoi	Basket Deposit 9 Flyers \$630	Membership x 5 \$150
Hunter	Basket Deposit 8 Flyers \$560	Membership x 2 \$60
Davistown	Basket Deposit 10 Flyers \$700	

Correspondence:

Thanks to A Holt and S Kane for taking truck to Atchinson's for Rego check and Service.

Thanks to W McDermott for providing trolley wheels.

B Solomons and L Ryan delivered vehicle to KMC trailers for undertaking of building unit for back. Discussions included . Ramp at back, ventilation in unit, sides with mesh , 3 Ventilators in roof also 1 in sleeper. Sleeper extended over vehicle cab back to unit to reduce air pressure when travelling and provide extra storage internally. Need to make further enquiries regarding Towbar as frame to be extended . A Holt to make enquiries.

New Baskets set to be delivered end of April. Ace Pet Supplies Tuggerah have agreed to allow delivery there as have forklift capabilities. Clubs will then pick up pallets and assemble baskets at their clubs. 10 baskets per pallet, Hunter, Davistown 2 pallets each Wyong, Budgewoi 4 pallets.

J Patsos and B Solomons met with Greg Jack and Stan Rippon on 5th February and undertook discussions on working together in 25 season. Agreed \$20 basket fee whether our unit or their truck used for long races. All matters including when combined vehicles used totally fluid as no one able to predict how returns will be. All parties agreed we need to be cooperative to obtain best outcomes for bird returns and members financially. Further discussions to be undertaken following NCF AGM.

General discussion regarding use of Baskets and Transporter.

Agreed that the maximum number of birds per basket should be decreased to 22 as based on advice of number of flyers and unit capacity of 36 baskets, to allow plenty of space for birds in baskets.

Basket Allocation Hunter 8, Wyong 10, Budgewoi 7, Davistown 7 Total 32 Baskets.

Budget for 2025 calculated at \$18 400 compared to \$24 K 2024.

This equates to \$ 575.00 per basket on baskets allocated above.

Discussion around basket floors. Hunter and Davistown electing to use wire inside baskets with Paper , Cardboard or other material. To be investigated further when Baskets received.

Currently old transported full of baskets. Old transporter and these baskets being kept until new transporter and baskets are available. Club's to sell baskets in their club houses to help clean out in preparation for receiving new baskets. \$20 each or 6 for \$100. If someone wants more baskets contact Fed secretary. If no baskets sold by April baskets to be sent to scrap merchants after removing wire floors, feeders and waterers.

Further discussions to be undertaken April meeting regarding tossing and possible basket removal from transporter after returning from race or toss.

Matters to be considered

- Can we ask driver to unload at clubs. What would this involve , ? extra cost
- With mesh sides on truck would this add to risk of extra moisture entering unit and risk of Mold etc increase, as unit is out in open.
- Dependent on support is it better to return to old method of surplus sent on Friday nights. Can unit take 2 extra trolleys (12 baskets down centre), is this viable as well as trailer, or do members need the shorter Singleton toss on Sunday as noted on schedule?

Business from Clubs:

Budgewoi : NIL

Hunter: Advised club intending to use wire on bottoms of new baskets.

Questioned whether there should be 2 Fed points scores on Derbies or just one for the Derby and one for the race held on same day. For those who fly the Derby in their club, only. (ie: don't enter birds in Fed Derby), the club points score would include, but not the Fed to be discussed in clubs and bought back to Fed April meeting.

Wyong: Asked if All Junior's competing in Fed could be presented with Trophy detailing their achievements in year . Unanimously agreed by delegates.

Davistown: Expressed concern regarding condition of baskets if left dirty in transporter for week. More chance of mold growing as new unit more open to elements (fog) and this was experienced last year with Closed unit. Further investigation and discussion needed.

Meeting Closed 8.30 pm

Next Meeting Tuesday 1st April 25 commencing at 7.30pm . Doyalson