

Final Meeting Minutes

**2019 East Coast Classic Race**

**Held at Doyalson RSL - 13/01/19 – Start 11.00 am.**

**Attendees**

Peter Clark, Gary Pound, Anthony Agius, Dave Miller, Mick Scroggy, Terry Day, John Borg, Dylan Borg, Rudy Diener, Stan Rippon, Tony Davis.

**Apologies**

Pat Arcella, Vince Pedavoli, Graham Ashton, Carlo Pedavoli

This meeting was called to discuss arrangements for the 2019 race. The following is details of what was discussed and agreed too.

1. **Inclusion of Shoalhaven and Sydney Basin Flyers.** The Race will now be expanded to include Shoalhaven and Sydney Basin flyers. Anthony Agius advised that there was interest from a number of Sutherland and Maroubra flyers. He advised that The Sutherland Club would be available as a basketing centre.  
There was general discussion about whether other Sydney club would be interested in flying the race, it was agreed if they wished to fly, they will need to get their birds to Sutherland to basket. Dave Miller advised that a number of Shoalhaven flyers have also expressed interest in the race.  
It was agreed that we all would like to see the race supported by as many flyers as possible.
2. **Race Location and Date.** The Race point and date was discussed, it was determined that as both the South Coast and Central coast will not have a race schedule until after their AGM, it was agreed that this will be determined once known.  
It was hoped that both Feds would have Yamba on their schedule. Mick Scroggy advised that The Central Coast may be going to South Grafton instead of Yamba. Dave Miller advised that he believes that the South Coast will be flying Yamba. If this eventuates all the birds will need to be transported on the South Coast Truck. The date of the race will be in September and confirmed once the schedules are available.
3. **Bird Numbers.** It is anticipated that we may have up to 500 birds in the race, this was based on the following estimate, Shoalhaven 50, South Coast 150, Sydney 100, Central Coast 100, Newcastle Coal Fields 100. There is the possibility that this may increase if more Sydney Basin flyers wish to enter. It was proposed that we need to get flyers to nominate the interest 1 month prior to the date and confirm 2 weeks prior to allow for baskets to be allocated and delivered to the basketing centres. Sectional delegates will be responsible for promoting the race and providing details of expected bird numbers.  
The South Truck holds 2500 birds, Dave Miller advised that there should be no issue with room for the birds at that time of year. If we get more nominations that estimated we may need to look for additional transport.
4. **Liberation of Birds.** Last year all the birds were liberated together. The Central Coast truck transported the NCF birds, and the East Coast Classic birds were liberated with the SC and CC race birds including CC surplus.

I was suggested by Peter Clark and Dave Miller that for this year's race the ECC birds should be liberated half an hour to 1 hour after the race birds. It was agreed that this will lead to a fairer race. This was agreed to in principle, the decision to delay, or race the following day will be decided by the committee in due course.

5. **Entry Fee, prize pool & prize cards.** It was determine that the entry fee will be \$6 per bird, with a limit of 5 birds per flyer. \$1 will got to cover basket and transport costs, \$2 to go to the overall prize pool and \$3 for sectional prizes. At this stage the section prizes will be Shoalhaven, South Coast, Sydney Basin, Central Coast, and Newcastle Coalfields. There was some discussion of having more sections, for example Western Sydney or Coalfields. It was agreed that we need to encourage people to compete in the race, if there are sufficient numbers of flyers from an area, this then could be made a section which will allow those to receive recognition and a percentage of the prize pool. Prize cards will be issued for each section, 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> for overall. We need new prize cards, Peter Clark advised that he will approach Ian Price, who produced the previous prize cards. It is proposed that will get enough card to last a couple of years.
6. **Sponsorship for the Race.** Tony Davis advised that to make this race a success and encourage flyers to enter we need to get as much sponsorship as possible. JM Produce and the South Coast Long Distance Club has sponsored the race since the beginning, David Borg from Pet Haven also sponsored last year's race. The South Coast Long Distance Club has donated \$100.00 for the overall winner of this year's race. It is hoped that the other will continue to support the race.  
He asked that the delegates from each area, seek out some sponsorship for both sectional and over all prize pool. He advised that all sponsors will be recognised on the clubs websites and the value of such sponsorship can be claimed as a tax deduction, as advertisement on our websites. The objective is to make this a prestigious race similar to a National, good birds racing for good prizes, both sectional and overall.
7. **Website.** Dave Miller advised that we need to create a race on Pigeonrace.net were all the results from all section can be visible. Stan Rippon advised that he will be able to set up a race, were all sectional administrators will be able to enter their results which will be visible to all. Stan has advised that Pigeonrace.net will create the new site and maintain for free. Thanks Stan and Mick for your donation and support.
8. **Race Promotion.** It was discussed that to make the race a success we all need to encourage participation. The pigeon convention will be a good opportunity to promote the race. We also can get some exposure by posting on each of the delegates current websites, as well as creating a topic on the various pigeon website.
9. **Next meeting**  
It is suggested that or next meeting be at the Pigeon Convention in March

Meeting Closed at 11:30

Minutes by Tony Davis

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