

# **“East Coast long Distance Racing Combine Inc.”**

## **AGM and General Meeting**

**Doyalson RSL Club 11/04/21 starting at 10:30**

### **Management Committee**

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**Secretary** - Tony Davis – Ph. 0438 244 061 - Email - [anthony.davis100@outlook.com](mailto:anthony.davis100@outlook.com)

**Treasure** - Rudy Diener – Ph. 0414 246 864 - Email - [metal\\_fencing@hotmail.com](mailto:metal_fencing@hotmail.com)

**1. Welcoming of Members** – The Chair welcome all present to the AGM. 13 Members present.

### **2. Apologies**

Mick Scroggy, Greg Jack, Pece Mihailov, Frank Rachilla

### **3. Presidents Report**

The Chair advised it has been a tough year for long distance racing with Covid having an impact which continues, as well as the returns from the 2 Tiboburra races being far from anticipated, but we did get birds regardless.

He advised the meeting that 2 flyers have passed away this year, David Dale, and Ray Reid. He called for a minute's silence to be observed to remember these men and their contribution to the sport over many years.

He commented on, and thanked committee, for the efforts and support. He advised that there has been some trying times, with not all things going to plan, but in the end, we adapted revised changed and moved on. He advised that we must remain positive and look forward to the future and hopefully we will continue to grow and have successful racing this year.

The lessons learnt has identified several areas for improvement which will be discussed during the meeting. We are planning to run 2 races this season, Hobart, and Rockhampton. The Dural Club will be running a 3<sup>rd</sup> race from Peterborough.

We have still had to confirm transport to Hobart and will hopefully get a government subsidy to reduce the ferry and fuel cost to Tassie. He further advised the Secretary has had preliminary discussions with the Central Coast Fed to hire their Truck to go to Rockhampton, early days, and plenty to sort out, negotiations continue, and we will provide updates once arrangements have been confirmed.

Again, plenty to do, and hopefully we will not have any issues with Covid restriction and that we have a successful season.

### **4. Secretaries Report**

The Secretary advised that it was a trying year, and even though we have had number of changes required due to Covid, we did hold 2 races, we got birds home, but looking back and after conducting a “Lesson Learn” we have identified several areas for improvement.

Our goal is to implement the changes as identified, and hopefully we will see improved returns and greater participation in our races. One thing for sure it was/is never going to be easy, and hopefully 2021 will be a good year for the club and its members.

I must say that the club's existence and future sustainability has and has only been possible with the ongoing support from all our sponsors and supporters.

It is important that we recognise these individuals and their businesses for their sponsorship and generosity, for without this support, passion and commitment to long distance racing we would not have a viable club.

Pat Arcella - <https://www.sanremolofts.com.au/>

Vince Pedavoli - <https://pedavoli.com.au/>

Rudy Diener - <https://www.metalfencingspecialists.com.au/>

Tony Mercica - <https://www.jm-produce.com.au/>

Ian Price - <http://www.bomaderryprinting.com.au/>

Mark White - <https://www.facebook.com/treidliabiovet/>

Kevin Clark – <http://www.benzinaustralia.com.au/>

Tim Faucett - <http://www.pigeonsales.com.au/>

It also is import that we also recognise the efforts of the members who have taken positions on the Executive, as a Fed delegate, and or as a basket centre coordinator, as well as those members who have donated birds to the fund-raising auctions, and to those who have purchased birds at these auctions or have just enter birds to compete, thank you.

All this support has helped the club grow, the feedback and suggestions we have gathered through trial and error, all help to build a strong club, that regardless of setbacks, the club is strong and committed to reviewing and improving processes to ensure that we give all flyers and their birds the best chance of successfully competing in our prestigious long-distance events.

There is a lot of work in breeding and testing birds to determine if they are capable of preforming at the distance. It is pleasing to see a resurgence of interest in the old strain of birds being sort, breed from, crossed, swapped, and tested.

These are huge challenges, that all passionate long distance flyers face, to get consistence performance and birds that will breed on. This takes dedication and commitment, and we all know is not easy.

We are all aware that we have our critics, who run a negative campaign, who would rather see long distance racing fail, as its all too hard.

I say, nothing like a challenge, here is a couple of motivational quotes that should keep us all focussed on the objective.

“If at first you don’t succeed, try and try again”, “If you can dream it, you can do it”, “You don’t get what you wish for, you get what you work for”.

## **5. Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasure presented the financial report as detailed below.

He advised that with the club receiving donations from several supporters and fund-raising auction being a great success and as such the club is in a good financial position. With the current bank balance, we should have no issues in funding the 2021 race schedule.

### **Balance Sheet for period 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020**

<b><u>Bank opening balance as at 1/1/20 -</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>2,239.40</u></b>
<b><u>Income for year</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>26,366.75</u></b>
<b><u>Sub Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>28,606.15</u></b>

### **Income**

Membership fees	\$ 205.00
Profit from Auction	\$20,014.00
Race Entry Fees	\$ 6,147.75
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$26,366.75</u></b>

### **Expenses**

Function Room hire	\$ 100.00
Parcel Post	\$ 55.50
Refunds	\$ 1,348.00
Liberation Fees	\$ 6,000.00
Prizemoney	\$ 9,046.95
Accommodation	\$ 135.00
Freight	\$ 145.53
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 16,830.98</u></b>

**Profit for year ending 31/12/20**                      \$        **11,775.17**

**Bank Balance as at 31/12/20**                      \$        **11,775.17**

The Chair asked if there were any question arising from the report. With no question raised, he asked that the report be accepted as true and correct.

It was moved by Gary Pound, Seconded by John Borg. The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

### **6. Reading of 2019 AGM Minutes**

The Secretary read the minutes of the last AGM, held at the Doyalson RSL on the 19/01/20.

The Chair asked if there is any business arising from the minutes? With nothing raised the Chair asked that the minutes as read be moved as true and correct.

Moved by Pat Arcella, Seconded by Gary Pound.

The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

### **7. Election of Officers**

The Chair Declared all position vacant, the Secretary advised the meeting that he had only received 1 nomination for each position. With this being the case, the Chair advised that all applicants should be elected unopposed, unless there are any objections to this proposal. With no objects raised, the chair that a motion be moved. It was moved Anthony Agius and second by Gary Pound that all nominees be elected to such positions. The Chair call for a vote by show of hand - Unanimous.

#### **Nominations Receive.**

- President – Dave Miller
- Vice President – Pat Arcella
- Secretary – Tony Davis
- Treasure – Rudy Diener
- Race Secretary – Greg Jack
- Media Officer – Pece Mihailov

All elected unopposed

**Liberation Committee – 3 Position - Nominations Receive.**

- 1 from NCF – Tony Davis
- 1 from Sydney Basin – Pat Arcella
- 1 from SCF/SH – Frank Rachilla

All elected unopposed

**Fed Delegates - 7 positions- Nominations Receive.**

- 1 from NCF – Stan Rippon
- 1 from Central Coast – Garry Pound
- 1 from SCF – Peter Clark
- 1 from CCF – Anthony Agius
- 1 from WF - Rudy Diener
- 1 from Southern Fed – Wayne Weatherburn
- 1 from Shoalhaven Fed – Jeff Formosa

All elected unopposed

**Race Basket Centre Coordinator – 5 positions- Nominations Receive.**

- 1 from NCF – Tony Davis
- 1 from Dural – Vince Pedavoli
- 1 from Blacktown – Rudy Diener
- 1 from Liverpool – Mark Jefferies
- 1 from SC – Dave Miller

All elected unopposed.

The Chair asked if there was any further business to be discussed or raised?  
With nothing being raised, the Chair declared the meeting closed.

**AGM Closed 10:50**

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Dave Miller President

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Tony Davis Secretary

## General Meeting

### Doyalson RSL Club 11/04/21 starting at 11:00

#### 1. Welcoming of Members

The Chair welcome all present to the General Meeting. 13 Members present.

#### 2. Reading of Delegates Meeting Held at Blacktown 22/11/2020

The Secretary read the minutes of the last General Meeting held at the Blacktown on the 22/11/20.

The Chair asked if there is any business arising from the report? With nothing raised the Chair asked that the minutes as read be moved as true and correct.

Moved by Gary Pound, Seconded by John Borg.

The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

#### 3. Issues arising from the Minutes.

Nil

#### 4. Correspondence in/out

- a) 1/02/21 - Email from Steve Shears, NSW Delegate for The Australian National Racing Pigeon Board, regarding a proposed national race from Emmdale. The Secretary read the email to the meeting. The Chair advised that this will be discussed in general business.
- b) 20/03/21 – Email from Pece Mihailov, regarding proposed change and suggestion regarding the development of the ECLDRC Transport & Liberation Policy and Guidelines. The Secretary read the email to the meeting. The Chair advised that this is an item on the Agenda and it will be discussed then.

#### 5. Business arising from correspondence.

Nil

#### 6. Treasures Report

The Treasures tabled the follow Finical report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$11,775.17</u>
Income	\$ 2,000.00
Sub Total	\$13,775.17
Less Expenses for the period	
Trophies	\$ 683.90
<u>Closing Balance 10/4/21</u>	<u>\$13,092.27</u>

The Chair as if there were any question arising from the report. With no question raised, he asked that the report be accepted as true and correct.

It was moved by Peter Clark, Seconded by John Borg. The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

## **7. Membership Application**

The Treasure advised that he Had received application from David Bainbridge, Frank Anderson, and Paul Farrugia.

The Chair asked if there were and objections to the new member applications. With no objections raised it was moved Tony Davis, seconded Peter Clark that they be accepted as new members.

The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

## **8. Forecast Budget for the 2 Races, Hobart, and Rockhampton (Peterborough run by Dural Club)**

The Chair advised the meeting that the Hobart race will be the most expensive, as we will have the ferry cost on top of the normal transport cost. He further advised that he in discussion with the Tasmanian Federation to hopefully gain access to the transport subsidization that is afford to the Tassie Federation. He said discussion are progressing and will update as information comes to hand.

The Secretary advised that the Rockhampton race should be of similar cost as Tibooburra and Peterborough. He advised that we need to set a baseline budget, which can be revisited and adjusted on transport and accommodation cost have been confirmed.

It was moved Tony Davis, and seconded by Anthony Agius, that we approve a budget of \$2500 for Rockhampton and \$3000 for Hobart.

The Chair asked if there were any other proposals or suggestion? With nothing being raised, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

## **9. Auction Dates and Fundraising**

The Secretary advised that he has had a discussion with Tim Faucett regarding the date of the auction. Tim advised that he had had spot available in September the exact date will be confirmed in due course. He advised that Tim has added details of our auction to his website.

The Chair advised that this fundraising auction is our main source of income. All funds raised is used to subsidize the cost of racing, to all flyers wishing long distance racing and very reasonable cost. He advised all present that we need members to donate birds for without this ongoing support we will not be able to continue subsidising the cost and to maintain a healthy prize pool.

He advised that there is a clip board being passed around where member can nominate bird for auction.

The Secretary advised we currently we have 11 birds pledged. Anyone who wishes to donate a bird to the fund-raising auction, please email the number you wish to donate to the Secretary at [anthony.davis100@outlook.com](mailto:anthony.davis100@outlook.com)

The Secretary will contact you in August to coordinate transport to South Australia. Remember all funds raised go to subsidize Long Distance Racing.

## **10. Transport and Liberation policy and procedures.**

The Secretary tabled the draft document for review, this was compiled by the Secretary, based on the information gathered by the "Transport and Liberation policy and procedures Committee", which as formed as a result of information that was gather at the "lessons learnt" which was held at held at Blacktown.

The committee members - Tony Davis, Dave Miller, Pat Arcella and Pece Mikhailov.

The Secretary advised that the draft has been posted on the website for member review and comment. He noted that the only comments and feedback that has been received to date has been from the committee.

He reminded member present that we need to review the document in detail, so that an informed discussion can ensue, with the focus of ensure we have an approved auditable Transport and Liberation policy and procedures” in place prior to the first race.

The Secretary requested members present to allow for the document to read out aloud, in full, without interjection.

He proposed that we can then review the document progressively discussing and documenting possible changes and amendments, and once complete re-read vote and implement.

The Secretary read the document for the first time.

The Chair advised the meeting that there have been several meetings with committee, that has got us to this stage. He advised that for the most part Australian Liberation policies that were reviewed fail to fully address the issues faced with the management and transportation of long-distance pigeons.

The Chair was happy to support the draft, as the first that has been drafted based on the issues encountered during the first 2 years and suggestion for improvement as identified in the “lesson learnt.

The chair asked for comments from the meeting.

Pat Arcella advised that there was considerable discussion and consensus to get the document to this stage. It is currently 5 pages long and clearly articulates the need to ensure that the birds a managed to ensure that the birds reach the race point in optimum condition.

There was general discussion, and it was agreed in principle that it clearly provide direction and reporting progress during transport. The liberation policy was discussed in detail.

The was a long discussion, particularly on the section that covers the heading “Pigeons will not be released in the following conditions”.

*Item “5. If head winds are predicted to be 10 km or higher for more than 25% of the race distance along the direct line of flight, the race shall be postponed.*

This point attracted the most discussion. The Secretary advised that this was sourced from the NCF liberation policy. He advised that the NCF has stronger wind speed, then what is proposed by the committee.

The Secretary advised that it was evident that there is more work to be do before this will be accepted, and as time is limited, he proposed that members review the document over the next month, and that we will reconvene in May to undertake a final review and approval.

I was moved by Gary Pound, second by Anthony Agius, that the review is adjourned until the next meeting in May.

The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

The Chair adjourned further discussion until the next meeting in May. Time and date will be advertised once confirmed.

## **11. Notice of Motions as received from Members.**

### **a) That the club agree on an honorarium for the Secretary**

***Proposed by Dave Miller, Seconded Peter Clark.***

The Chair spoke for the motion advising that he felt that the secretary has been doing the most work and deserves to be paid a gratuity for his efforts.

There was general discussion in support of the motion. I was moved by Pat Arcella, that \$1000 be allocated annually, this was seconded by John Borg.

The Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

- b) The Basket Centres for the Tasmania Race will be Newcastle, Liverpool, South Coast.**  
***Proposed by Dave Miller, Seconded Tony Davis.***

After a short discussion the Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

- c) The Basket Centres for the Rockhampton Race be Liverpool, Dural, and Newcastle**  
***Proposed by Dave Miller, Seconded Tony Davis.***

After a short discussion the Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

- d) All out of area invitation federations must basket at only the nominated basketball centres.**  
***Proposed by Dave Miller, Seconded Tony Davis.***

After a short discussion the Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

- e) The entry fee for out of area birds will be \$10.00, which must be paid on basketball night. The ECLDRC committee will determine the amount of prize money to be allocated to those clubs. This will be payable to such Clubs/Flyers after the results have been made official. This will also include the winner being awarded ECLDRC Prize Cards.**  
***Proposed by Dave Miller, Seconded Tony Davis.***

After a short discussion the Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour

## **12. General Business**

### **Email from Steve Shears, NSW Delegate for The Australian National Racing Pigeon Board.**

The Secretary advised the meeting that in principle the concept has merit, but the date proposed by the Board for the Race is the long weekend in October. This clashes with our Rockhampton Race.

The other points that were raised is that the board was asking our club to manage and coordinate the transportation of the Birds to Emerald.

He advised that as the ECLDRC has not got a transporter, this was a big ask considering 2 Feds are racing north, Cumberland and the Central Coast are racing Gympie and Bundaberg, and the NCF racing from Little Topar and Wilcannia. The SCF will be racing south and as such there are real doubts if flyers will have birds to send.

The Western Fed are flying west and own a transporter, they could be in the best position to support such a proposal, it is suggested, that the Board discuss this possibility directly with them.

The Chair supported the Secretary's concerns. There was consensus that if the race was held earlier in the season there may possibly be more support, but at this stage believe it will not be viable.

It was moved Tony Davis, seconded by Gary Pound, that the ECLDRC is not in a position to support the Board's proposal at this stage.



The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour

The Chair asked if there was any further business to be discussed or raised?

With nothing being raised, the Chair declared the meeting closed.

**Meeting Closed 13:35**

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Dave Miller President

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Tony Davis Secretary