

"East Coast long Distance Racing Combine Inc."

AGM and General Meeting

Doyalson RSL Club 19/01/20 starting at 10:30.

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1. Welcoming of Members

The Chair welcomed all members

Attendees - Gary Pound, Dave Miller, Anthony Agius, Rudy Diener, Tony Davis, Pat Arcella, Paul Vassallo, Mick Scroggy, Terry Condran, D Armstrong, Dereck Louth, Peter Clark, Jeff Formosa, Jimmy Vescos, Ronda Vescos, David Woodhead, Alf Benetti, Dick Whitehead, John Patsos, Kevin Gamble.

2. Apologies

Vince Pedavoli, Stan Rippon, John & Dylan Borg, Wayne Weatherburn, Pece Mihailov, Graham Ashton, George Wiktor.

3. Presidents Report

The Chair advised the meeting that he felt that the Club has had a successful first year, the race was a great success, and he made comment of the number of flyers that trapped multiple birds in good time on the 2nd day a great effort that needs to be mentioned.

He advised that this year will also be a great year with 3 races being scheduled, and that the club's future success is only possible with continuing support from dedicated members, and the generosity of members and sponsors, who all strongly support a revitalisation of racing and breeding extreme long-distance pigeons.

The Chair acknowledged the massive support that both Pat Arcella and Vince Pedavoli have provided to date, and continues to provide, for without their initial drive and support, the club would not have been formed.

He further thanked and acknowledged the support, by way of trophies, gift vouchers, products, website access and cash donations that has come from the following sponsors:

- Ian Price - <https://berry.org.au/services/berry-printers/>
- Rudy Diener - <https://www.metalfencingspecialists.com.au/>
- Tony Mercia - <https://www.jm-produce.com.au/index.php>
- Kevin Clark - <http://www.benzingaustralia.com.au/>
- Mark White - <http://www.treidlia.com.au/>
- Rob Marshall - <https://www.birdhealth.com.au/rob-marshall>
- Tim Fawcett - <http://www.pigeonsales.com.au/>
- Stan & Mick Rippon - <http://www.pigeonrace.net/>

He thanked the Management committee, Tony, Rudy, Pat, Paul for a job well done, and the delegates who all worked together and behind the scene, to make this club a success. The Liberation committee for a job well done and liberator and driver, Wayne Weatherburn for managing and resolving the numerous issues encountered on the trip. Anthony Agius for the numerous phone hook ups and ongoing support, as well as all the other individual members who donated birds for the online auction, which generated much needed funds, which all has help to cover the cost and make the race a prestigious event.

4. Secretaries Report

The Secretary advised that he was pleased and very happy with the club's progress to date. The club currently has 40 members and expects that this will continue to grow as more come on board.

He pointed out that the club has a different dynamic to most other clubs, as all members support the goal of breeding and racing long distance pigeons, it is a lot easier to manage, with all members positively committed to moving forward in the same direction.

He acknowledged that there were a couple of administration issues identified with basketing and recording keeping with last year's race, and advised the he has prepared a draft document "Race Centre Protocols & Procedures" and a draft "Basketing Centre Master Sheet" that will address the issues as identified. These will be presented later in the meeting for consideration.

He advised members that there are several challenges that need to be realised and addressed this year for the club to grow and hold 3 successful races.

For the club to continue to grow, all members need to promote and communicate the clubs' profile and objectives. We need to maintain and where possible, improve our sponsorship arrangements to cover 3 races, continue to gain members support and assistance in donating birds for the club's fundraising auctions and exploring/identifying new sponsorship opportunities.

He reminded members that the executive is committed to making 2020 a success, but it is important that all delegates and members do what they can, to positively promote the club, to get more flyers to participate in the races and identify any potential sponsorship opportunities. This will increase bird numbers and adds to the competition and prestige of the races.

He advised members that he has had inquiries from a few clubs, which are outside our boundaries, who have asked if we would consider transporting their birds this year. It is encouraging that there are other clubs and flyers who wish to participate in our event, as it not viable for them to race such distance with small numbers. This will be discussed later in the meeting to determine if this will be a viable for both parties.

Thanks for the ongoing support.

5. Treasurer's report

Treasure advise that the clubs membership continues to grow and that the club currently has \$2239.40. He tabled the following Financial report.

Financial year **1st April 2019 to the 31st December 2019**

Comm Bank BSB. 062-293 Acc. 10337085

Bank Balance 1/04/19 - **\$ 0.00**

Income for Period - **1/04/19 to 31/12/19**

<i>Membership</i>	<i>\$ 255.00</i>
<i>Donations</i>	<i>\$1,600.00</i>
<i>Online Pigeon Auction</i>	<i>\$4,202.00</i>
<i>Proceeds from Raffle</i>	<i>\$ 395.00</i>
<i>Race Entry Fees</i>	<i>\$3,130.00</i>

Total Income **\$9,582.00**

Less Expenditure for Period - **1/04/19 to 31/12/19**

Transport Expenses	\$2,000.00
Tyres for Truck	\$ 399.00
Trophies	\$ 340.00
Yunta Race Prize Money paid	\$4,130.60
Refreshments for BBQ	\$ 303.00
Incorporation Fees	\$ 170.00
Total Expenditure	\$7,342.60

Bank Balance as at 31st December 2019 **\$2,239.40**

6. Reading of First Meeting Minutes held at Doyalson 13/01/19

The Chair read the minutes to the meeting and asked if there was any business arising from the minutes.

7. Issues arising from the Minutes

With no issues being raised the Chair asked that it be moved as a true and correct record.

Moved by Pat Arcella, Seconded Anthony Agius. All in favour.

8. Election of Officers –

The Chair declared all position vacant. In stating that he further advised that there was only one nomination received for each position who are the current position holders. The Chair advised that Alan Zahra has decided not to continue as Race Secretary, and that Derek Louth has nominated for this position.

The Chair asked the meeting if there were any other nomination. With no nomination's forthcoming from the meeting, the Chair asked that it be moved, that the meeting elect the incumbent members listed against the respective positions.

Moved By Pat Arcella, Seconded by Jimmy Vescos

The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

- President – Dave Miller
- Vice President – Pat Arcella
- Secretary – Tony Davis
- Treasure – Rudy Diener
- Race Secretary – Derek Louth
- Media Officer – Paul Vassallo

The Chair congratulated all those for taking on the positions and look forward to working with all in 2020.

Liberation Committee – 6 Position

The Chair advised that there were only 6 nominations received for the position of Liberation Committee who are the current position holders.

The Chair asked the meeting if there were any other nomination. With this, it was pointed out that Wayne Weatherburn was the Driver Liberator, and as such there was an addition position that could be held by another member.

This view was supported by all. With consensus Tony Davis nominated Anthony Agius as he has been managing the phone hook ups for the committee. This was seconded by Gary Pound.

Anthony accept the nomination.

The Chair asked that it be moved, that the meeting elect the incumbent members Of the Liberation Committee and Anthony Agius.

Moved By Pat Arcella, Seconded by Terry Condran

The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

- 1 from NCF - Stan Rippon
- 1 from Central Coast – Garry Pound
- 3 from Sydney Basin - Dillon Borg, Rudy Diener,
- Wayne Weatherburn – Driver/Liberator
- 1 from SCF/SH – Peter Clark

The Chair congratulated all those for taking on the positions and look forward to working with all in 2020.

9. Fed Delegates - 11 positions

The Chair asked the meeting if the incumbents were prepared to continue in the positions. He also pointed out that there is room for additional delegates and asked if there were any other nomination for the Fed Delegate Positions. The following list of members were nominated for the positions.

- 3 from NCF – Tony Davis, Stan Rippon, Mick Scroggy
- 2 from Central Coast – Garry Pound, John Patsos
- 2 from SCF – Peter Clark, Derek Louth
- 3 from CCF – Anthony Agius, Dillion Borg, Pat Arcella,
- 2 from WF – Alex Caruana, Luke Sienkiewicz
- 1 from Southern Fed – Wayne Weatherburn
- 1 from Shoalhaven Fed – Jeff Formosa

The Chair asked that it be moved, that the meeting elect the members as nominated for Fed Delegate positions.

Moved By Dave Woodhead, Seconded by Gary Pound

The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

10. Race Basket Centre Coordinator – 6 positions

The Chair asked the meeting if the incumbents were prepared to continue in the positions. He also pointed out that there are vacancies at the Central Coast and Blacktown. He asked if there were any other nomination for the Basket Centre Coordinator Positions. The following list of members were nominated for the positions.

- 1 from NCF – Tony Davis
- 1 from Central Coast – David Woodhead
- 1 from Dural – Vince Pedavolli
- 1 from Blacktown – Kevin Gamble
- 1 from Liverpool – Mark Jeffries
- 1 from SC – Derek Louth

The Chair asked that it be moved, that the meeting elect the nominated members to the position of Basket Centre Coordinator.

Moved By Dave Woodhead, Seconded by Gary Pound

The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

AGM Closed 11:15

General Meeting 2020
Doyalson RSL Club 19/01/20 starting at 10:20.

1. Welcoming of Members

2. Reading of Delegates Meeting of 23/11/2019

The Chair read the minutes to the meeting and asked if there was any business arising from the minutes.

3. Issues arising from the Minutes

Jimmy Vescos advised the meeting that item 8 in the minutes, regarding the request from other clubs to transport their birds on our transporter should be rejected. He stated that if Bathurst Club and any other club west or the Great Dividing Range, would have a detrimental effect on the Sydney birds. He said that they will start dropping into there lofts, and the other race birds will follow. He further stated that it would be best for their birds and all the other Sydney flyers if we do not let them in.

The Chair question Jimmy regarding his statement, pointing out that when we fly north and south it is inevitable that the birds will drop in first at Newcastle and the South coast and reminded Jimmy that the reason that the club was formed was to have more birds and bigger liberation, which was identified was one of the main reason Long Distance Racing has been failing in the past.

The Chair further advised that it was intended that any club wishing to send birds would be competing on their own, and not eligible for ECLDRC overall prize pool. They would be required to transport their birds to one of our basketing centres and a transport fee of \$10.00 would be charged per bird that would go to the ECLDRC prize pool.

Jimmy Vescos moved a motion, "that Bathurst Club and any other club outside the current ECLDRC boundaries are not included in our races or transported". This was seconded by Peter Clark.

The Chair asked that the motion be consider before calling for a vote.

Pat Arcella spoke against the motion, "stating that we need to encourage and promote long distance racing", he further stated that we should were possible include others if it is viable to do so.

David Woodhead spoke against the motion supporting the Chairs comments, and adding "we all know that some areas will have an advantage when flying different direction, and we accept that, we need to be happy with how it is, the more the better. We just want to get birds home, if we win something that a bonus". Peter Clark spoke for the motion supporting Jimmy's comments.

Terry Condran spoke against the motion stating that we should include as many as possible and agreed with the comments from Pat and Dave.

The Chair call a halt to debate and call for a vote on the motion by way of show of hands.

5 For, 11 Against, Motion lost.

Action. The Secretary to advise clubs outside the current boundaries, who make application to have birds transported, the conditions, cost and basketing requirements.

The Chair asked if there was any other business arising from the minutes. The Secretary advised that there are several actions that were detailed in section 5,6,7 of the minutes that he will address in general business.

With this agreed the Chair asked that the minutes as read be moved as a true and correct record.

Moved by Garry Pound, Seconded by Anthony Agius. All in favour

4. Correspondence in/out

Email from Tim Fawcett regarding online auction date, June 1st to 7th June. Email to Tim accepting auction date.

5. Business arising from correspondence

Nil

6. Actions from previous minutes.

a. From section 5. Regarding the NCF transporting the Blackall birds.

The Secretary advised that as the NCF secretary he raised this with members at the NCF Delegates meeting at Cessnock on the 10/12/19. He advised that the meeting had agreed in principal that the NCF truck would be able to transport the birds to Blackall, as the date chosen was the same as the NCF's schedule.

It was agreed that the final arrangements will be work out later, regarding transport, liberation cost and determining basketing and pickup arrangement. It was agreed that all issues will be resolved in due course.

b. From Section 5. Regarding Vince Pedavoli transporter being available for tossing prior to the first race

The meeting was advised by Pat Arcella that the transporter will be available on the **Saturday 1/8/20. It was agreed that the toss will be from Dubbo.**

Basketing will be Friday 31/7/20. It is proposed that the basketing centre's will be Liverpool, Dural, Blacktown.

A second toss will be held on Saturday 22/8/20 from Girilambone, Basketing will be either Thursday 20th or Friday 21st August.

The basketing times, liberation times, cost per bird/basket will be advised in due course. South Coast, Central Coast and NFC birds will need to be transported to the nominated basketing centre.

Important Note: Flyers wishing to participate in the tosses will need to nominate estimated bird numbers by Tuesday 28th July and Tuesday 18th August to ensure that we have the numbers to make the toss successful and to determine cost.

7. Membership Application

The Chair advised that we have received a number of membership applications since our last meeting. The Secretary advised that we need to official accept them into the club.

It was moved Paul Vassallo that all application received be accepted, Seconded Tony Davis. All in favour.

Action - the Secretary to work with the Treasure and compile a detailed membership list.

8. Race and Toss Dates

- Toss Dubbo – Saturday 1st August
- Toss Girilambone – Saturday 22nd August
- Race Peterborough – Friday 4th September
- Race Hobart – Friday 18th September
- Race Blackall – Friday 2nd October.

9. Forecast Budget for the 3 Races

The Chair advised the meeting that he is forecasting a cost budget of \$2500.00 per race. This no doubt will be updated in due course. He advised that the Hobart will be the most expensive, but we are working on gaining a fuel and transport subsidy grant from the Tasmanian Government.

He reminded all present that the club is doing its best to keeping racing affordable for all, this can only be achieved by members and flyers participating in fund raising, donations and entry fees. He advised that if members and flyer support the 2 auctions to the same level as last year and that entries increase; we should be able to cover all cost and put forward a good prize pool for each race.

10. Auction Dates and Fundraising

The Secretary advised that club will be holding an online auction on Tim Fawcett website <http://www.pigeonsales.com.au/> **starting on Monday 1st June and ending on Sunday 7th.**

Bird will need to be sent to Adelaide on Wednesday 20th May to allow time for photo and processing. Members who have donating birds for auction are asked **confirm bird numbers being donated by the Wednesday 13th May** to allow adequate time to arrange carry boxes and book flights. The birds and Pedigree's will need to be **delivered to the Treasure by Tuesday 19th May.**

2nd Fundraising Auction at Speed Street Liverpool

The Chair advised the meeting that he had secured **Wednesday night the 24th June 2020** for the Auction. He advised that this would give the members and flyers the ability to handle the birds, he felt that this should be well supported.

Members donating birds for auction are asked **confirm bird numbers being donated by the Wednesday 3rd June** to allow adequate time to prepare and advertise the catalogue. The birds ring number and Pedigree's will be needed to complete the catalogue.

Any member wishing to donate birds to either auction, are encouraged to talk the Secretary or President if you have any questions or concerns.

Members present were asked if they could donate a bird or two for the auction. 13 members pledged 25 birds, which is a great start. The Secretary advised members that we will require addition birds as we have the 2 auctions and asked that they chase up the mates to see if we can get more birds to auction. We need to raise about 6K to ensure that we cover cost and achieve a great prize pool.

Summary of Auction Dates and Requirements

- **Online Auction 1/6/20 to 7/6/20**
- **Owners to confirm birds being donated and email copy of pedigree to Secretary to compile catalogue by 13/5/20**
- **Birds delivered to Rudy Diener 19/5/20**
- **Birds sent to Adelaide 20/5/20**

- **Liverpool Auction 24/6/20**
- **Owner to provide details of birds and email copy of pedigree to Secretary to compile catalogue by 13/5/20**
- **Owners to arrange for birds to be delivered to Speed St Liverpool, by 5:00 pm**

11. Basketing, Race centre protocols and procedure

The Secretary presented to the meeting a draft procedure "Race Centre Protocols and Procedure", "Race and Clocking Rules" and a "Race Centre Master Sheet". The document details the requirement for the entering of bird in the race, clock rules, basketing requirements and transport of baskets, recording of all

entries and monies received on the Master Sheet and transmission of the master sheets and entry copies to both the Treasure and Race Secretary.

Action: *The executive are required to review and approve at the next meeting.*

12. General Business.

News Article, Race Report.

Jimmy Vescos asked why there has been no article published in the Australian Pigeon Journal or on Pipa. Dave Miller advised the meeting that the Peter Matthews, who was doing the article on last years race had passed away, and as such nothing had been done.

The Secretary advised that, the to the club website and the race results are visible on PIPA website via this link; https://www.pipa.be/en/links/links_for_country/3581 This link takes you to our website and the race results.

In order to have an article on their front page we need to compile a race report, which covers the race an overview of the club and future races, as well as details of the winning bird, but also the section winners.

This will also need to show photos from the presentation as well as pedigrees of the winners. It would be expected that it will need to be presented in similar format as there's. Once done I can email it to them for inclusion in the News and Results section.

Paul Vassallo was asked if he could prepare a report. Paul accepted.

Trophy Donation

Dave Miller advised that Robin White has advised that he will donate a trophy for the winner of the Leslie Vale race. Thank you Robin

13. Meeting Closed 13:00