

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

## **Delegates Meeting**

**Held at Pat Arcella’s Residence - 23/11/19 – Start 10:50**

**Management Committee** - Dave Miller – President/Chairman, Pat Arcella – Vice President, Tony Davis – Secretary, Rudy Diener – Treasure, Race Secretary – Alan Zarha

**Attendees** - Gary Pound, Anthony Agius, John Borg, Dylan Borg, Dave Miller, Anthony Agius, Gary Pound, Rudy Diener, Anthony Davis, Pat Arcella, Vince Pedavoli, Paul Vassallo, Wayne Weatherburn.

**Apologies** - Mick Scroggy, Stan Rippon, Stan Rippon, Alan Zarha.

**Visitors** – Alex Caruana, Mark Paes, John Saliba, Dick Whitehead.

### **1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting, he advised that this meeting was to discuss the date and location of the AGM, the dates of next year’s races and to allow all delegates to provide input and suggestion for improvement.

He thank Pat Arcella for hosting the meeting and presentation, Vince Pedavoli for the use of his transporter. He further thanked the committee and delegated who all worked together to make this club a success.

He welcomed Alex Caruana, Mark Paes and John Saliba from the Western Fed and advised we need to explore opportunities were all the Feds involved can benefit in supporting the club, and hope that all Federation will include our races in their Federation point scores. Based on last year’s race success we are expecting greater numbers of birds and flyers, there is renewed interest in breeding long distance pigeons and competing in next year’s races.

### **2. Date and Location of AGM**

The Chair proposed that we hold the meeting at Doyalson RSL. This was agreed and it was determined that it will be held on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> January at 10:30.

The Secretary to make arrangement with the club for a meeting room.

The Secretary advised that these meeting minutes will be published on the clubs website 12/12/19. This will be the formal notice to all members of the AGM, all financial members the opportunity to apply for any position on the Management Committee.

### **3. Treasures Report.**

The Treasure advised the meeting that the Current bank balance is approximately \$ 2000.00. He advised that he will prepare a detailed financial report for the AGM.

The chair asked if there were any outstanding accounts to pay. The treasure advised that all accounts and prize monies have been paid.

### **4. Membership**

The Secretary advised the meeting that we currently have 22 financial Members. He advised that he expects to have more flyers joint that are coming to today presentation.

He advised that only fully paid members can hold executive/ delegates positions and be eligible to vote.

Membership application form which can be accessed via the clubs website,

<http://www.pigeonrace.net/fed/ecldrc/content/1229>

#### **5. Race dates and location for 2020**

The Chair advise the meeting that we plan to hold 3 races in 2020. The race points are Peterborough, Hobart and Blackall. There was general discussion in regards to which is raced first. It was decided that we will race:

- Peterborough on the 4/9/20.
- Hobart 18/9/20.
- Blackall on the 2/10/19.

The Chair pointed out that 3 Feds, CCF, Western and the NCF are flying North West this year, with all planning to hold there last race at Charleville on the long weekend in October. He advised there is an opportunity for 1 of these Federations to transport our birds to Blackall.

This was agreed by all that we need to explore all opportunities to reduce/share cost.

The Secretary advised that Blackall and Charleville are on the NCF schedule for 2020 and that he will talk to the NCF if this will be supported. The cost of this as well as basketing arrangement will need to be determine. He advised that he will provide an update at the AGM.

Pat Arcella advised that he has a trailer that could be used to transport the Blackall birds if we can't gain agreement from one of the Fed's to utilise one of their trucks.

Vince Pedavolli advised that the truck will be available for a toss on the 22/8/20. This toss will be open to all feds and was proposed to be to 450 to 500km. The location to de determine at the AGM.

It was further suggested that we could make this a race, Dash for Cash". I was agreed we will look into this to determine if this would be viable as this create a lot of work.

#### **6. Fund Raising Auction**

The Secretary advised that the first auction was a great success raising \$4222.00 for the club. I was agreed that we will hold another online auction each year to continue to raise funds to subsidise the cost of running of the race.

The Secretary advised that he would contact Tim Fawcett to arrange a date for 2020.

The Chair suggested to the meeting that we hold a second auction at the Liverpool sale centre. He advised that he believed this will allow flyers to look at and handle birds, prior to auction and give perspective flyer the opportunity to purchase LD pigeons. This was supported by all.

He advised that he will provide details at the AGM.

The Secretary advised that the Auction is a main source of income followed by donations and sponsorships from various donors and business. He thanked all that have support the club in these fundraising events, which has allowed us to subsidise the cost of LD racing

## **7. Process improvement and lessons Learnt.**

The Chair asked all present if they had any issues or suggestion.

Vince Pedavoli advised that there was a bit of confusion at the basketing centres. He suggested that we nominate Race Coordinator at each basketing centre. This person will be responsible for the basketing of birds, collection of monies and race sheet.

He advised we need to have a procedure that covers all requirements and that there need to have a spread sheet that details the Flyers Name, number of birds, and amount of money paid.

The Race coordinator will be responsible for compiling this, as well as sending a copy of each flyers race sheet.

The Chair advised that there needs to be 3 copies of the race entry printed, 1 for the flyer, 1 for the basketing centre, and 1 to be sent with the race summary sheet and the money.

This is to be given the Driver who will pass this on the Race Secretary and Treasurer at the last basketing centre.

The Secretary advised that he will do a spread sheet and prepare a procedure to document the process. This will be presented at the AGM for review and acceptance.

The other point Vince raised was that we need to advertise what clocking Systems are available at each basketing centre.

The other point Vince raised is that we need to have greater exposure of the club and the clubs events. He advised that a number of people were not aware of the presentation as well as the race. This view was supported by a number of other members.

The Secretary advised that all the clubs information is on the clubs web site <http://www.pigeonrace.net/fed/ecldrc> He advised that we have been on Pigeon Radio promoting the race and the clubs objectives, and reiterated that all members and delegates are expected to promote the club.

He advised that the areas were we could improve exposure is via the internet. There are numerous web site were we could provide information, but stated that to do this would require someone to do this official on the clubs behalf.

He suggested that we create a position for a Media officer, that way we can have someone who is experienced in website protocols who can post information about the club. This was agreed to by all.

The Secretary asked if Paul Vassallo would take on this role, Paul accepted the position.

**8. Including other Federation.**

Alex Caruana asked is if other Federation could also compete in the races. He advised that The Bathurst Fed would be interested in participating. The secretary advised that in principal the more flyers and birds the better.

There are a number of issues that this raises in regards to flying in a separate section and being eligible to compete for the overall prizes. There will also need to be additional arrangements regarding basketing birds etc,

At this point in time the club has not set a minimum distance to be eligible to compete for the overall prize pool, but can see no reason why they can't send birds to the races and compete in there on section.

He advised that the Taree Fed has also expressed an interest in sending birds. If any Fed wishes to participate in the race they must send a letter requesting such. We would then do some mapping to determine the distances and put to this to the AGM for consideration.

Alex provided a contact for the Bathurst Club. The secretary will make contact with the club to advise of requirements.

**9. Meeting Closed - 12:00 - Presentation Started at 12:01**

The Chair all or sponsors and thanked Pat for hosting the meeting and presentation and for providing a BBQ, beer and wine, all present were well feed and Trophies were present. 6 New members joined the club on the day.

A fund raising auction was held which generated \$ 395.00. Congratulation to the winners and thank you to all who donated prizes.

**10. Next meeting – AGM to be held at Doyalson RSL 19/01/2020, starting at 10:30**

**Minutes by Secretary - Tony Davis**

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