

“East Coast long Distance Racing Combine”

General Meeting

Held at Pat Arcella’s Residence - 23/06/19 – Start 12:00

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

Committee/Delegates - Peter Clark, Gary Pound, Anthony Agius, Graham Ashton, Mick Scroggy, Terry Day, John Borg, Dylan Borg, Stan Rippon, Wayne Weatherburn.

Attendees

Dave Miller, Peter Clarke, Tim Fairfax, Wayne Weatherburn, Anthony Agius, Alan Zarha, Graham Ashton, Rudy Diener, Anthony Davis, John Borg, Pat Arcella, Syd Gard, Pece Mihailov, Vince Petavoli.

Apologies

Dillon Borg, Mick Scroggy, Stan Rippon, Gary Pound.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. Reading the previous minutes, held at the Sydney Pigeon Convention - 30/03/19

The Secretary read the minutes to the meeting. The asked if there were any issues arising from the minutes as read. With no response the Chair asked that some move that minutes are true and correct. Moved by Peter Clark, Second John Borg. All in favour.

3. Treasures Report.

The Treasure advised the meeting that the Current bank balance is \$ 4812.00. He advised that the fund raising auction has contributed \$4222.00 which was a great result. He advised that the other funds are from Memberships and donations. There has been no expenditure for the period 30/03/19 to 23/06/19.

The chair asked the Treasures report as presented be accepted as true and correct. Moved Tony Davis, Seconded Peter Clark. All in favour.

4. Membership

The Secretary advised the meeting that we currently have 22 financial Members. He advised that he has prepared a membership application form which can be accessed via the clubs website, <http://www.pigeonrace.net/fed/ecldrc/content/1229>

He requested that all present fill out the new form so he can create a membership data base with all the members contact details. He further suggested that delegates print out some copies and take them to their respective clubs and to encourage others to join.

He advised that the application provides all the details regarding payment methods, which includes direct debit options as well as the email address that the applications must be sent to. The Treasure will provide a receipt for all monies received.

5. Progress to date - Incorporation

The Secretary advised the meeting that he has completed the clubs constitution and that he will lodge with Department of Fair Trading in July.

He advised that a copy of the constitution is posted on the clubs web site. He advised that there has been no changes to the model constitution with the exception of the cost of membership and the inclusion of clubs objectives.

He further advised that we will need to get public liability insurance through Australian Bird Keepers Associations once incorporated.

The chair asked the members if there were any objection to becoming incorporated and getting public liability insurance.

With no objection, the chair asked that this be moved as a motion. Moved by Tony Davis, seconded Rudy Diener, and the Chair call for a vote on the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Action

- Secretary to submit the constitution to Fair Trading for processing and arrange for public liability insurance.

6. Fund Raising Auction

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

A big thank you to all those who donated birds and to those who purchased birds. Thank to must got to Tim Fawcett for also donating a bird and hosting the event on his auction website <http://www.pigeonsales.com.au/>

7. Prize Cards, Prize Pools and Trophies.

The Chair advised the meeting that Ian Price from Berry Printing has kindly donated the prize cards for both the East Coast Classic and Long Distance races.

It was agreed that there will 50 cards awarded for the top 50 overall placegetters. The sectional areas will be award cards for the top 10 positions in each section.

It was discussed and agreed that there will be an overall prize pool and a sectional prize pool for each section. It was also agreed that each flyer can claim 2 prizes in both the overall and the section that they fly in.

In regards to the awarding of prize cards to the overall to 50 birds, it was agreed that regardless of the 2 prize limit per flyer, a flyer will be awarded a prize card for all positions they achieve within the top 50.

In regards to prize money, it was agreed that the entry fee of \$10.00 will be split, \$2.00 going to the overall prize pool, and \$8.00 will stay as prize money for the sectional prize pool. The more birds entered per section the greater the sectional prize pool.

Action

- The Secretary will arrange for the cards to be printed.

Major Prize Trophies.

Pat Arcella proposed that we need to have some substantial trophies made for the top 3 places. He suggested that we follow/adopt the “Dickin Medal” style award, and make all our long distance races held dedicated to the memory, efforts and achievements of the 32 pigeons who served in during WW2, and achieved a medal in recognition for their efforts.

Pat suggested, that a pigeon that can fly these extreme long distance races, also need to receive just recognition for their efforts. It was agreed by all present that this was a great idea.

Pat advised that he will donate 3 trophies for the first 3 places. He advised the meeting that he was considering a budget of 2 to 3k which should help attract entries and competition.

Info regarding the Dickin Medal – https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dickin_Medal

Maria Dickin was the founder of the [People's Dispensary for Sick Animals](#) (PDSA), a British [veterinary](#) charity. She established the award for any animal displaying conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst serving with [British Empire](#) armed forces or civil emergency services. The medal was awarded 54 times between 1943 and 1949 – to 32 [pigeons](#), 18 [dogs](#), 3 [horses](#), and a [ship's cat](#) – to acknowledge actions of gallantry or devotion during the [Second World War](#) and subsequent conflicts.

Pat further suggested that we do up an advertisement poster that can be distributed to all clubs, as well as posting it on the various website to increase awareness and draw attention to the race.

Peter Clark asked the Secretary to forward a copy of the clubs letter head so he can send out some sponsorship requests.

Actions

- Pat Arcella to arrange for the supply of the 3 major prize trophies.
- The Secretary to prepare advertising brochure and distribute.
- The Secretary to prepare a club letter head template and forward to Peter Clark.

Sectional Awards – The secretary suggested/encouraged the delegates/members of each section to seek/gathering additional sponsorship for trophies, gift vouchers, etc., for their sections.

He advised that he will be chasing donations from local suppliers in his section, as well as looking to secure some additional sponsors for all sections.

He advised members/delegates that all donations will be recognised/ advertised, on the clubs web site, via a link to their company web site, and as such we will supply a tax invoice to recognise the value of such sponsorship/advertising.

Actions

- Members/Delegates to source sponsorship for their respective section, and advise the Secretary to ensure they receive recognition on the clubs website

8. Liberation Committee/Race Secretary

The Chair raised the issue regarding liberation protocols and communication with the members. He suggested that we use a phone hook-up method where all members of the liberation committee can be connected together, he advised that Anthony Aguis has experience in doing this and asked that he provide details to the committee on how to do this. This was agreed.

The following members were elected to the liberation committee at the last meeting, Peter Clark SCF, Dillon Borg CC, Rudy Diener CC, Stan Rippon NCF, Mick Scroggy CC & Wayne Weatherburn SF.

I was also agreed that there must be a minimum of 4 in agreement to liberate the birds.

Race secretary

The Secretary advised that we need to elect a race secretary to check and ratify results after the race. This was agreed. The Chair called for nominations, Graham Ashton nominated Alan Zarha, this was second by Peter Clark. With no other nominations received, the Chair declared Alan as the Race secretary.

9. Yunta Race Date and Nomination Requirements.

I was discussed at the meeting that the birds will be **basketed on the Tuesday 3rd of September,** with birds planned to be **liberated on the Friday the 6th,** subject to favourable conditions. It is expected that birds will be trapped Saturday and or Sunday.

It was agreed that flyers are required to nominate their interest to fly 1 month prior (5th August) and confirm expected bird number 2 weeks prior (19th August) to allow for baskets to allocated be delivered to the basketing centres.

Sectional delegates will be responsible for promoting the race and providing details of expected bird numbers to the committee.

Action

- **Delegates to ensure that nominations to enter the race are forwarded to the Secretary by the 5/8/19.**

10. Basketing Centres and access to website

Website access

I was agreed that basket centres will be at Lake Macquarie, Central Coast, Dural, Liverpool and South Coast. The following people were nominated to have access to the club's website to input flyer details and enter results, SCF Alan Zahra, CCF – Dural, Luke Sienkiewicz, Liverpool – Mark Jeffrey, CC – Mick Scroggy.

Action

- The Secretary will arrange for passwords to be provided

Basketing Arrangements

The birds will be basketed in compliance with that centres basketing rules. The baskets will then be transported to the Truck. It was agreed that there will be 2 loading points Dural and Liverpool.

The NCF & CC birds will be basketed on Tuesday 3/9/19 between 4:30 and 6:00pm. They will then be transported to Dural to be loaded on the truck between 8:00 – 8:30.

Dural will basket between 6:30 to 8:00. The truck will depart Dural at 8:00 & 8:30 and arrive at Liverpool between 9:00 & 9:30.

Liverpool will basket from 6:00 to 9:30, SCF will basket between 7:00 & 8:00 and transport to Liverpool to be loaded on the truck between 9:00 & 9:30.

11. Transport Arrangements and Feed

It was agreed that Wayne Weatherburn will be the driver/liberator. I was also agreed that we need to have a second driver to ensure that we can transport the bird to Yunta as soon as practical. Wayne advised that he has another driver in mind and will confirm later if he is available.

The secretary advised that the distance by the most direct route from Liverpool to Yunta is 1329 km with an estimated total driving time of 16 hrs 36 min. based on that, it was agreed that the birds should be at the race point by midday Thursday 5th. Thus giving the birds ample rest time

The Chair asked Wayne to prepare a route plan and asked that he identify where they will be require accommodation so this may be booked in advance.

The Chair advised that he believes that a budget of \$2000.00 be allocated to cover all fuel, driver, accommodation and associated transport cost. This was agreed by all. The Treasure will make arrangement to allocate the funds as required.

Feed

There was a general discussion as to what feed should be placed on the truck. In the end it was agreed that it will be hard wheat, popcorn and corn. This will be mixed as 1 wheat, 1 popcorn, and 1 corn.

Actions

- Wayne Weatherburn to provide name of second driver and route plan.
- Treasure to arrange for the fund to be allocated when required.
- The Secretary to arrange for the supply of the feed.

12. Meeting Closed - 14:30

The Chair thanked Pat for hosting the meeting and for providing a hearty feed of pizza, beer and wine, all present were well feed and were in agreement.

13. Next meeting -To be advised.

Minutes by Secretary - Tony Davis

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