

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

## **General Meeting**

**Held at the Sydney Pigeon Convention - 30/03/19 – Start 4:30 pm.**

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

**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, Ray Wesche Tim Fairfax, Wayne Weatherburn, Dick Whitehead, Trevor Gasseling, Ian Price, George Wiktor, Grant Daniels, Brendan Solomon, Anthony Agius Tony Digiorgio, Salvatore Raschilla, Dominic Monteleone, Jeff Sheppard, Joe Monteleone, Rudy Diener, Anthony Davis, Dillon Borg

### **Apologies**

Pat Arcella, Vince Pedavoli, Dillon Borg, Mick Scroggy, John Borg, Stan Rippon, Gary Pound.

#### **1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all present to the first general meeting. The Chair advised that before we proceed we need to all become members of the new Combine. He advised that the committee had agreed that we will set the membership fee at \$5.00 per year and moved that this be formalised by way of a vote. This was seconded by the Secretary. The chair call for a vote on the motion and it was passed unanimously.

#### **2. Membership Proposal**

The Secretary proposed to the meeting that people wishing to participate in races organised by the Combine do not need to be members to fly, but if they wish to participate in meetings they must become members that will allow them to exercise their rights as defined in the clubs constitution. Non-members entering birds in the races will be required to pay an entry fee and will be required to comply with race rules as defined by the committee.

The Chair asked if there were any objection to the proposal/motion as put by the Secretary. With no objection to this proposal/motion. The chair call for a vote on the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The Chair asked all those present who wish to become members, to pay the Treasurer the agreed membership fee and to provide contact details for the membership register. I was pleasing to see that all present agreed to become members. The club now has 20 financial members.

#### **3. Minutes of inaugural meeting**

The Secretary advised the meeting that the minutes have been circulated to all those who attend the initial meeting at Doyalson RSL. He moved that the minutes as posted be

accepted as true and correct. This was seconded by Peter Clark. The chair call for a vote on the motion and it was passed unanimously.

#### **4. Progress to date - Incorporation**

The Secretary advised the meeting that attached to the previous minutes were a list of proposals and recommendation that we need to actioned. He advised that he has progressed preparing the documentation to become an Incorporated Association. He advised that he has prepared a draft constitution and the other associated documentation and that to progress further we need to formally agree to become an Incorporated Association.

The Chair asked if anyone wished to speak against becoming incorporated. With no objects voiced the Secretary moved "that we make application to the Dept. of Fair Trading to become incorporated as the "East Coast long Distance Racing Combine" This was seconded by Tim Fairfax.

The chair call for a vote on the motion and it was passed unanimously. Action - Secretary to prepare the required documentation and submit to Fair Trading for processing.

#### **5. Establish Bank account**

The Secretary advised that we opened a bank account today, at the Commonwealth Bank at Doonside. There are 3 signatories, The Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer. It will take a number of days for this to be activated. Account details will be provided in due course.

#### **6. Pigeon Net.com**

Stan Rippon advised by phone just prior to the meeting that he has established a site for both the East Coast Classic and the East Coast Long Distance Combine. The Secretary will have administration control of both sites.

Delegate from each section will be provided access to allow inputting flyer/bird details and race results. The delegates from each Federation will be required to nominate a delegate so access and passwords can be arranged.

The Secretary advised that all minutes and other relevant information will be posted on the website.

#### **7. Fund Raising Auction**

The Secretary advised that the auction will held on Tim Fawcett's auction site, starting on the 20/5/19 and finishing on the 26/5/19. The birds need to be sent on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

All those who are donating birds need to ensure that the birds are delivered on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> May or Friday morning.

Tony Davis is coordinating the transporting of birds for the NCF and Central Coast, David Miller for Shoalhaven and SCF, Anthony Agius and Rudy Diener for the Sydney Basin. Rudy will arrange air freight and transport the birds to the airport. It is expected that the birds will arrive in Adelaide by 1700.

It is important that the number of birds being donated is confirmed by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of May to allow adequate time to sort out carry baskets and to book the flight. If you are

providing a basket for transport please identify the size of the basket, length, width and height number of birds and weight of the basket including the birds.

The President advised that Norm Milner from Rockhampton, who was present at the meeting, has donated 10 birds to the auction. He advised that all these birds have been flown to 700 miles. He thank Norm for his generous support as did all present.

**8. Prize Cards.**

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. Ian is a members, and a keen supporter of distance racing. He thanked Ian for his great support as did all present.

**9. Liberation Committee**

The Chair raised the issue regarding liberation protocols and the makeup of the liberation committee. There was general discussion on this, and it was agreed that there will be 6 members on the liberation committee, made up of a minimum of 1 from each Fed.

The following members were nominated, 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 in 4 in agreement to liberate the birds.

**10. Yunta Race Date and Nomination Requirements.**

I was discussed at the meeting that the birds will most likely be basketed on the Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, with birds planned to be liberated on the Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 there interest to fly 1 month prior (5<sup>th</sup> August) and confirm expected bird number 2 weeks prior (19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**11. Basketing Centres**

There was some general discussion as to the number of basket Centres. I was agreed that each Fed delegate will identify the basket centre for their area. The birds will be basketed in compliance with that centres basketing rules. The baskets will then be transported to the Truck. It is proposed that there will be 2 loading points possibly Dural and Liverpool.

This will be confirmed by the Management Committee with details provided in due course.

**12. Addition Information.**

- The entry cost will \$10.00 per bird
- There will be no limit on how may birds a flyer can send.
- Prize Cards will be awarded to the top 50 birds overall, as well as prize cards for sectional winners.
- Each Flyer can trap 2 birds.

- Each Fed/Section will contribute a % of the entry fee to the overall prize pool.
- At this stage the section prizes will be Shoalhaven, South Coast, Sydney Basin, Central Coast, and Newcastle Coalfields.
- The delegates from each area, are encouraged to seek out sponsorship for both sectional and over all prize pool as well as possible subsidising the overall cost.
- All sponsors will be recognised on the clubs websites, the value of such sponsorship can be claimed as a tax deduction, as advertisement cost on our websites.
- The objective is to make these prestigious races similar to a National, good birds racing for good prizes, both sectional and overall.

**13. Next meeting**

To be advised.

**Meeting Closed at 17:15**

Minutes by Tony Davis

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