

"East Coast long Distance Racing Combine Inc."

AGM and General Meeting

Sunday 26/10/24 – Dural Club Rooms 10:30 am

President/Chairman – Terry Condran 0411 489 334

Vice President – Jeff Shepard – Ph. 0451 855 956

Secretary - Tony Davis – Ph. 0438 244 061 - Email - anthony.davis100@outlook.com

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Publicity Officer – Brendon Solomon – Ph. 0433 297 369 - Email

Race Secretary – Greg Jack

1. Welcoming of Members Present

Terry Condran chaired the meeting; he welcomed the members present. John Borg, Wayne Weatherburn, Garry Pound, Anthony Agius, Rudy Diener, Peter Clark, Jeff Shepard, Tony Davis, Pat Arcella, Gordon Smith, Paul Vassallo, John Oldfield.

2. Apologies – Jeff Formosa, Greg Jack, John Banfield, Dave Gordon, David Woodhead, Dylan Borg, Alan Zahra, John Patsos, Brendon Solomons, Frank Anderson

3. Reading of last Meeting Minutes.

Secretary read The Minutes of the AGM Meeting 12/03/23 – Oatley RSL

4. Issues arising from the Minutes

The Chair asked if there is any business arising from the minutes of the meeting. With nothing raised the

***Chair asked that the minutes be accepted as true and correct.
Moved Tony Davis, Second, John Borg, All in favour.***

5. Correspondence in/out

Nil

6. Secretaries Report

The Secretary advised that the administration side of the club, planning, preparing, basketing and delivering the birds on time for both this year's races went to plan.

Red Rock on 28/5/23 went smoothly with good returns and all section trapping. The Bundaberg race all went to plan arriving at the liberation points on time without issue.

Regarding the Bundaberg race, he advised that there was only 1 bird in race time, congratulations to Rick Jones. He advised that this was far from idea and that if it was not for a large entry from Garry Pound the race would have been cancelled.

The loss of the Chairman, David Miller, has had its effect on all who knew him, he was passionate about long distance racing to the end. His efforts, drive, motivation and friendship will be missed.

He advised that with poor returns being realised by all Federation in 2024, this had forced the club to cancel our planned fund-raising auction and races this year.

Hopefully with a bit of luck to going our way, we will have a successful season in 2025.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer advised that the club is in a good financial position. He presented the financial report as detailed below.

Balance Sheet for period 1/01/2023 to 31/12/2023

Bank opening balance as at 1/01/2023	\$	12984.73
Income for year	\$	10842.40
Sub Total	\$	23827.13

Income

Membership fees	\$	70.00
Proceeds from Auction	\$	9110.40
Entries Red Rock	\$	752.00
Entries Bundaberg	\$	910.00
Total Income	\$	10842.40

Expenses

Fair Trading Lodgement fee	\$	50.22
Freight for auction	\$	500.56
Honorarium for T Davis	\$	1000.00
Luncheon at Oatley RSL	\$	314.00
Catering Basket Centres Red Rock	\$	352.00
Liberator Fees Red Rock	\$	1600.00
Prize Money paid Red Rock	\$	1535.00
Drivers Fee	\$	1200.00
Motel	\$	176.00
Catering Basket Centres Bundaberg	\$	423.00
Liberator Fees Bundaberg	\$	2700.00
Prize Money paid Bundaberg	\$	3036.00
Total Expenses	\$	11510.78
Bank Balance as at 31/12/23	\$	12316.35
Bank Balance as at 11/08/24	\$	12521.35

The Chair asked if there were any question arising from the report.

Gary Pound asked the meeting, if the sectional prize money that was not won in the South Coast, Cumberland and Central Coast, will it jackpot to the 2025 race.

There was a short discussion, on conclusion, Gary Pound moved, "that all unwon sectional prize pools be jackpotted to the 2025 race".

This was seconded by Rudy Diener. The Chair call for a show of hands. All in favour. Passed.

With no further questions raised, the Chair asked that the Treasures report be accepted as true and correct.

It was moved by Jeff Shepard, Seconded by John Borg. The Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

The Secretary advised that Dave Miller will need to be removed from the Clubs Bank account. It was agreed that Treasury will contact the Doonside Commonwealth Bank and effect the required changes.

Action Rudy Diener.

8. Election of Officers –

The Chair Declared all positions vacant; the Secretary advised the meeting that he had only received 1 nomination for each position on the Executive committee.

Executive Committee Positions – Nominations Received and Elected unopposed.

- President – Jeff Shepard - Nominated by T Davis – Jeff declined the nomination. Anthony Agius nominated Terry Condran – Terry accepted the nomination. With no other nominations received Terry was elected unopposed.
- Vice President 1 Positions – Terry Condran declined, T Davis nominated Jeff Shepard, Jeff accepted the nomination. With no other nominations received Jeff was elected unopposed
- Secretary – Tony Davis – Accepted nominated, elected unopposed
- Treasury – Rudy Diener – Accepted nominated, elected unopposed
- Race Secretary – Greg Jack – Accepted nominated, elected unopposed
- Media Officer – Brendan Solomons – Accepted nominated, elected unopposed

The Chair advised that all applicants should be elected unopposed, unless there are any objections to this proposal. With no objects raised, the chair requested that a motion be moved as proposed.

It was moved Peter Clark and second by Anthony Agius that all nominees for the Executive be elected to such positions. The Chair call for a vote by show of hand - Unanimous. Congratulations to all.

Committee/ Delegate Positions - Liberation Committee - (4 position) only 3 Nomination Received and Elected unopposed.

The Secretary advised that he had only received 3 nominations, none from the central coast. Anthony Agius nominated Garry Pound, Gary accepted the nomination

- 1 from CC - Gary Pound - Accepted nominated, elected unopposed
- 1 from NCF – Terry Condran - Accepted nominated, elected unopposed
- 1 from Sydney Basin – Dave Gordon - Accepted nominated, elected unopposed
- 1 from SCF/SH – Peter Clark - Accepted nominated, elected unopposed

Fed Delegates

The Secretary advised the meeting that he had only received 1 nomination for each of the Fed Delegate positions. There was general discussion regarding the role and responsibilities, The Secretary advised that the delegates role is to raise and represent our Fed at their Fed meetings. In essence any member of our Fed can represent and provide information about our events.

- 1 from NCF – Tony Davis
- 1 from Central Coast – Brendan Solomon
- 1 from SCF – Peter Clark
- 1 from CCF – Anthony Agius
- 1 from Southern Fed – Wayne Weatherburn – Declined no longer a member of southern Fed.
- 1 from Shoalhaven Fed – Jeff Formosa

Race Basket Centre Coordinator

The Secretary advised that there are 2 Coordinator for each Basket Centre. The chair requested that a motion be moved that those nominated for each basket centre be elected.

It was moved John Borg and second by Tony Davis that 10 nominees be elected to the positions. The Chair call for a vote by show of hand - Unanimous.

- 1 from NCF – Tony Davis, Terry Condran
- 1 from Central Coast – Brendon Solomon, Garry Pound
- 1 from Dural – Vince Pedavoli, Pat Arcella
- 1 from Blacktown – Rudy Diener, John Borg
- 1 from Liverpool – Anthony Agius, Mark Jefferies
- 1 from SC – Jeff Shepard, Peter Clark

9. Honorarium to be approved for Secretary

It was moved by Pat Arcella seconded by John Borg that the “Secretary be paid a \$1000 Honorarium”. The Chair call for a vote by show of hand – All in favour.

The Chair congratulated all the members in being elected to their respective position, and with no further business declared the AGM closed. 11.15

General Meeting start 11.20

1. Reading of General Meeting of 11/08/2024

The Secretary read the Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Doyalson RSL

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 Peter Clark, Seconded by Gary Pound.
The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.***

2. Issues arising from the Minutes.

Nil

3. Correspondence in/out - Nil

4. Business arising from correspondence. - Nil

5. Membership Application. - Nil

6. Proposed Race points – Booligal, Broken Hill or Peterborough

The Chair open the discussion on race dates and points for 2025. He advised that at the last meeting the was unanimous support to run the East Coast Classic form Booligal as well as some support for Broken Hill.

He advised that we need to make the decisions today and open the meetup for discussion.

Several members spoke in support of Booligal, it was agreed that the race was well support last time.

It was move by Anthony Agius "that we fly Booligal as The East Coast Classic on Friday 1/8/25, basket Wednesday 30/7/25". Seconded by Peter Clark. The Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

The Chair advised that both Broken Hill and Peterborough were discussed at the previous meeting and open the meeting for discussion. There was general discussion on the benefits of both race points as to fairness for all federation. It was pointed out that Broken Hill is more Northwest compared to Peterborough being more west and as such fairer with the mapping and flying distance for all.

It was Moved by Anthony Agius, seconded by Pat Arcella that we fly Peterborough on Friday 22/8/25, basket Monday 18/8/25. The Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

The Secretary advised that at the last meeting, we discussed how changing the race point each year has not been successful as flyers tend to prioritise their own federation races first, and that it was suggested and supported that, "we should race the same direction each year and not change".

The Chair allowed discussion on this point, and it was agreed by all that changing each has not been successful.

The Secretary moved that we race the same direction and races points from now on. Seconded by Pat Arcella. The Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

7. Forecast Budget for the Races and transport options.

The budget was discussed, and it was moved that we allocate \$1500 for Booligal and \$5500 for Peterborough. Moved Tony Davis, second Rudy Diener. The Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

It was agreed that we will determine transport option, as to what truck/trailers will be available for hire. The Secretary to determine and to report on transport options and associated cost by the next meeting.

8. Auction Dates and Fundraising

The Secretary advised that at the last meet we discussed and had agreement in principle that we should nominate a charity and donate a 10% of all entries, and fund-raising auctions. He advised that doing this will help raise the profile of the club, as well as increasing participation in races. He further advised that we discussed several potential charities, and it was determined that donating to Prostate Cancer Research would be a worthy cause, as this is one of the most common cancers that affects our members.

The Secretary moved that we donate 10% of all entries and fundraising auction to Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. - <https://www.pcfa.org.au/> seconded – Pat Arcella.

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

"Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) We are Australia's leading community-based organisation for prostate cancer research, awareness, and support. As the nation's predominant charity fund for Australian-based prostate cancer research, we exist to protect the health of existing and future generations of men in Australia and to improve quality of life for Australian men and families impacted by prostate cancer. Our vision is a future where no man dies of prostate cancer and Australian men and their families get the support they need".

Auction Date

There was general discussion regarding the auction date. The Secretary advised that we need to hopefully get a date in June or early July as this allows time for breeding. This suggestion was supported.

Peter Clark suggested that we use HOP Auctions as they are local. This was discussed as we have traditional used Tim Fawcett site. Members advised that Tim is not running auctions next year.

With discussion concluded, Peter Clark moved that we arrange with HOP Auctions to run our fundraising auction in 2025. Seconded by Jeff Shepard. The Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour. https://www.hopauctions.com.au/?lang=en_AU

Actions- Secretary to contact Lou from HOP to arrange date.

Members – To source/donate birds for auction.

9. Notice of Motions as received from Members.

- a. That the Peterborough Race be named the “David Miller Memorial Race” to recognise his lifetime of dedication in supporting, promoting, competing and management of racing pigeons. Moved Anthony Agius, Second Wayne Weatherburn. The Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour***
- b. That the club allow flyers to nominate birds for both the 2025 Booligal and Peterborough races, and that the club sell rings for the 2026 season. The details to be determine at the meeting. Proposed Tony Davis, Second Rudy Diener.***

The Chair asked the secretary to speak on the proposal. The Secretary advised that we need to reinvent ourselves come up with a way of getting flyers to compete in our races.

He pointed out that since our first race it became evident, that regardless how much the club subsidising the race by paying all transport costs, which are generated by our yearly fund raising auction, as well a getting donations of gift vouchers and products from our sponsors and supporters, and giving back all entries fee as prize money, we have struggled to get support, hence the need to change.

He referred to the work of Jon South who has successfully run the Country Challenge race, he sells rings and donates to a charity and it has worked.

He further advised that allowing flyers to nominate birds and to pay the entry fee in advance should help with getting commitment to race. This coupled with Prostate Cancer Foundation as our chosen charity, and that now, as we have voted to race the same race points from now on, this should generate some huge interest. We just have to sort out the details and get it publicised.

There were several suggestions as to what we can do. It was felt that selling of ring creates a lot of work and expense in purchasing ring, selling, postage and handling and was not supported.

The following is the list of proposals that came from members present.

For “The East Coast Classic Prostate Charity Race” - Booligal – Friday 1/8/25

- Flyers can nominate birds (Ring Numbers) to fly Booligal – by the Monday 14/7/25.
- Flyers must pay the entry fee at nomination.
- Non-Nominated Birds can be entered on basket night **Wednesday 30/7/25**
- Entry Fee – 1 to 10 birds \$10 each, 11 to 20 \$5 each maximum of 20 birds per flyer in race
- Surplus birds can be sent to Booligal, unlimited at \$2 per bird.
- Flyers who nominate and pay entry fee by the 14/7/25 will compete for an additional prize pool.
- Sectional Prize pool – 5 sections, South Coast, Shoalhaven, Greater Sydney, Central Coast, Newcastle Coalfields.
- Entry Fee distribution to prize pool – 70% to section, 20% to overall prize pool, 10% to charity.
- ECLDRC will contribute \$1000 to overall prize pool.
- Out of area and interstate flyers can send birds to any lofts with in the 5 sections.
- Out of area birds with compete for an additional prize pool.
- Breeders and Flyers of Out of area birds will receive, an equal share of all prize money won.
- Catering will be supplied at each Basket centre.

For the “Dave Miller Memorial” – Peterborough Friday 22/8/25

- Flyers can nominate birds (Ring Numbers) to fly Peterborough – by Monday 11/8/25.
- Flyers must pay the entry fee at nomination
- Entry Fee – \$10 each unlimited entry.
- Flyers who nominate and pay entry fee by the 11/8/25 will compete for an additional prize pool.
- Non-Nominated Birds can be entered on basket night 18/8/25 – no limit.
- Sectional Prize pool – 5 sections, South Coast, Shoalhaven, Greater Sydney, Central Coast, Newcastle Coalfields.
- Entry Fee distribution to prize pool – 70% to section, 20% to overall prize pool, 10% to charity.
- ECLDRC will contribute \$2500 to overall prize pool.
- Out of area and interstate flyer can send birds to any lofts with in the 5 sections.
- Out of area birds with compete for an additional prize pool.
- Breeders and Flyers of Out of area birds will receive, an equal share of all prize money won.
- Catering will be supplied at each Basket centre.

The Secretary moved that based on the information as detailed above, he will prepare advertisement flyer that we will send to the Pigeon Journal and arrange to have it post on all applicable pigeon website. Seconded by Rudy Diener.

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

Paul Vassalo advised the meeting that he will assist with the promotion of the races and will also source some sponsorship. Pat Arcella also advised that Sam Remo Loft will also contribute.

The Secretary will communicate with Brendon Solomon to assist in advertisement preparations and review, race and website promotions.

Club Sponsors & Supporters

The club would like to acknowledge all members and the following supporters/sponsors for the ongoing efforts is supporting and promoting long distance racing.

- Pat Arcella
https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?id=114666107043586&story_fbid=116089346901262
- Vince Pedavoli - <https://pedavoli.com.au/>
- 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.benzingaaustralia.com.au/>
- Tim Fawcett - <http://www.pigeonsales.com.au/>
- Stan & Mick Rippon - <http://www.pigeonrace.net/>

Nominated Charity – Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. - <https://www.pcfa.org.au/>

With no further business the Chair, thanked all present for their positive participation, the Dural Pigeon Club for holding the meeting and arranging for the catering.

Let hope we all have a successful race season.

Meeting Closed at 13:05