

"East Coast long Distance Racing Combine Inc."

Annual General Meeting

Dural Pigeon Club – 10/04/22.

Management Committee

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1. Welcoming of Members

The Chair welcomed all members, meeting started at 11:00 am.

Attendees - Dave Miller, Anthony Agius, Rudy Diener, Tony Davis, Pat Arcella, Terry Condran, Peter Clark, John Borg, Dave Gordon, Steve Gordon.

2. Apologies

Vince Pedavoli, Dylan Borg, Rudy Diener, Wayne Weatherburn, Gary Pound, Greg Jack, Dave Woodhead.

3. Presidents Report

The Chair advised the meeting that the Club has had a tough year, with covid having a big impact on racing, which forced the cancellation of all races planned for last year.

He thanked the committee, the sponsors, members for their ongoing and continued support for without such support we would not be able to make the races viable and affordable to all.

The Chair also acknowledged Pat Arcella and the Dural club for allowing us to hold the meeting in the club rooms at Kenthurst, and for supplying the refreshments and king prawns for lunch.

He further advised that planning was well under way for the Leslievale and Rockhampton race. He advised that the club will also be holding a fund-raising auction on Tim Fawcett website in early June, he encouraged members and supporters to donate a bird, if possible, as this auction provides us with the funds to help subsidise the cost of transport and allows the club to offer a great prize pool, which in turns generates strong competition and increase in race entries.

In summary all we need is some good luck and the weather to be favourable for good racing, we live in hope that 2022 will be a great year for us all.

4. Secretaries Report

The Secretary advised that he has been working on improving processes and procedures based on areas identified for improvement from the lessons learnt that was undertaken at the Blacktown meeting held on 22/11/20.

He advised that there were several assumptions and ambiguities identified in the way we managed the transportation and liberation of pigeons. As a result, a committee was formed, and a document was drafted for review and comment.

The "Transport and Liberation policy" addresses the issues identified and suggestion from members for improvement. This document now provides clear guidelines and procedures to manage the transportation and liberation of the pigeons.

This document was presented as a "draft for review" at the AGM held at Doyalson on the 11/04/21. It was discussed at length at this meeting, some amendments were made, and was posted on the club's website for review and comment.

The intention was that this would have been endorsed prior to racing in 2021, but due to covid restriction it was not formally accepted.

He advised that the document has been on the web site for 12 months and will need to be accepted at this meeting and is included on the agenda to be formally reviewed and accepted.

He also reiterated the Presidents statement that hopefully we will have a good race season in 2022 and thanked all those who continue to passionately support and sponsor the club and long-distance racing.

5. Treasurers Report

The Secretary presented the financial report on behalf of the Treasurer as detailed below.

He advised that with the club had not held the fund-raising auction in 2021 due to covid restriction. We have enough funding to stage the 2022 race program and expect the fund-raising auction planned for June 2022 should generate some additional income and as such the club is in a good financial position.

Balance Sheet for period 1/01/2021 to 31/12/2021

<u>Bank opening balance as at 31/12/20</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>11775.17</u>
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<u>Income for year</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>2070.00</u>
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<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>13845.17</u>
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Income

Membership fees	\$	70.00
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Donations	\$	2000.00
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<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>2070.00</u>
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Expenses

Function Room hire	\$	100.00
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Trophies	\$	683.90
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Honorarium	\$	1000.00
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Lodgement of Return to Fair Trading	\$	168.74
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<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1952.64</u>
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<u>Bank Balance as at 31/12/21</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>11,892.53</u>
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The Chair asked if there were any question arising from the report. With no questions raised, he asked that the report be accepted as true and correct.

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

6. Reading of 2021 AGM Minutes

The Secretary read the 2021 AGM Minutes held at Doyalson 11/04/21

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 Pat Arcella, Seconded by John Borg.

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

7. Election of Officers –

Executive Committee Positions – Nomination Received

- President – Dave Miller
- Vice President – Pat Arcella
- Secretary – Tony Davis
- Treasure – Rudy Diener
- Race Secretary – Greg Jack
- Media Officer – Dave Gordon

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.

With this being the case, 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 John Borg that all nominees be elected to such positions. The Chair call for a vote by show of hand - Unanimous.

Committee/ Delegate Positions - Liberation Committee - (3 position) Nomination Received

- 1 from NCF – Tony Davis
- 1 from Sydney Basin – Pat Arcella
- 1 from SCF/SH – Frank Rachilla

The Secretary advised the meeting that he had only received 3 nominations for the 3 positions on the Liberation committee.

With this being the case, 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 John Borg and second by Peter Clark that 3 nominees be elected to the positions. The Chair call for a vote by show of hand - Unanimous.

Fed Delegates

- 1 from NCF – Tony Davis
- 1 from Central Coast – Garry Pound
- 1 from SCF – Peter Clark
- 1 from CCF – Anthony Agius
- 1 from WF – Pat Arcella
- 1 from Southern Fed – Wayne Weatherburn
- 1 from Shoalhaven Fed – Jeff Formosa

The Secretary advised the meeting that he had only received 1 nomination for each of the Fed Delegate positions.

With this being the case, 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 John Borg and second by Peter Clark that 7 nominees be elected to the positions. The Chair call for a vote by show of hand - Unanimous.

Basket Centre Coordinator

The Secretary advised the meeting that he had only received 1 nomination for each of the Basket Centre Coordinators positions.

With this being the case, the Chair advised that all applicants should be elected unopposed, unless there are any objections to this proposal.

Anthony Agius addressed the meeting and suggested that there should be 2 people assigned to each basket centre to provide contingency and backup in the case of an unexpected absence. This view was supported by all present and additional nominations were taken.

With no other objections or issues raised, the chair requested that a motion be moved that the 2 nominated members for each basket centre be elected.

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

- 2 from NCF – Tony Davis, Terry Condran
- 2 from Dural – Vince Pedavoli, Pat Arcella
- 2 from Blacktown – Rudy Diener, John Borg
- 2 from Liverpool – Anthony Agius, Mark Jefferies
- 2 from SC – Dave Miller, Peter Clark

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

AGM Closed 12:15

Agenda General Meeting 2022

1. Welcoming of Members

The Chair welcomed all members, meeting started at 12:30 pm.

Attendees Dave Miller, Anthony Agius, Rudy Diener, Tony Davis, Pat Arcella, Terry Condran, Peter Clark, John Borg, Dave Gordon, Steve Gordon.

2. Reading of the General Meeting of 11/04/2021

The Secretary read the minutes of the last General Meeting held at the Doyalson on the 11/04/21. 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 Terry Condran, Seconded by John Borg.
The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

- 3. Issues arising from the Minutes - Nil**
- 4. Correspondence in/out – Nil**
- 5. Business arising from correspondence - Nil**
- 6. Membership Application – Nil**

7. Forecast Budget for the 2 Races, Hobart, and Rockhampton

The Chair gave an overview of planning to date. There have been some issues with the boat, pigeons are not allowed to be transported on Sprit of Tasmania. The truck will have to be sent on the Toll boat. The issue is that the Toll boat will not take passengers.

The Toll boat leaves from Melbourne 5:00 pm, the same port as the Spirit of Tasmania, which leaves at 7:30 pm. The Truck will need to be at the dock by 11:00 am to ensure there is enough time to feed and water the birds, and then get loaded on to the boat at about 2:00 pm.

Basketing will be on Monday afternoon the exact times for basketing needs to be confirmed. Sydney to Melbourne is 880 kms @ An average speed of 80 km per hr, it will take 11 hrs driving time. It is assumed that there will be 3 x 1hr rest breaks along the way bringing the expected total travel time to be 14 hours.

The Toll boat docks at Burnie at 7:00 am, and the Spirit docks at Devonport at 6:30 am which is 48 km away. The Truck driver and offsider will then need to get a taxi to catch the Sprit, and then get a taxi from Devonport to Burnie. The birds will need to be fed and watered before travelling to Leslie Vale.

It is 300 km from Devonport to Leslie Vale @ 80km will take 3 hrs 45 min.

After some discussion it was moved by the Secretary, seconded by Anthony Agius that we allocate a budget of \$4k for Leslie Vale and \$3k for Rockhampton.

The Chair call for a show of hands. All in favour.

A detail budget will be finalised once all the costs and travel plan have been determined.

As discussed, if the weather is not suitable for Liberation on the Friday, the birds will be transferred into a holding loft and the birds liberated once conditions are suitable.

8. Auction Dates and Fundraising

The Secretary advised that we have secured a date in early June for the Fund-raising auction - <http://www.pigeonsales.com.au/>

The Chair asked members to donate a bird or two, if possible, as this is a major fund-raising event and all funds raised goes to support and subsidised the cost of racing. The bird will be sent on the 3/06/22 from Mascot.

It is planned that all donated birds with pedigrees will need to be delivered to Rudy Diener on the 2/06/22. Currently the following fliers have nominated birds, Dave Miller, Pat Arcella, Vince Pedavoli, John Borg, Peter Clark, Ian Price, Tony Davis, John Banfield, Anthony Agius.

If anyone wishes to donate a bird please contact, Tony Davis, Dave Miller or Rudy Diener on the numbers above. Ideally, we will need to know numbers by Monday 30/5/22 to sort out baskets and airfreight bookings, etc.

9. Transportation and Liberation Policy & Procedures

The Secretary advised the meeting that the policy needs to formally be adopted to allow us to implement it for the 2022 race season.

The Secretary read the complete document to the meeting, he advised that at the last AGM there was only 1 section "**Pigeons will not be released in the following conditions.**" Item 5 – *"If head winds are predicted to be 10 km or higher for more than 25% of the race distance along the direct line of flight, the race shall be postponed."*

This generated long discussion with several different wind strengths being proposed. This led to the document being held over till the next meeting. *"Moved by Gary Pound, second by Anthony Agius, that the review is adjourned until the next meeting in May."*

The May meeting was cancelled due to covid and the cancellation of the race season.

There was again some discussion regarding the wind strength being too light and should be raised. It was moved by the Secretary that the wind strength be raised to 15km. This was seconded by Terry Condran. The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

The Secretary advised the meeting that it is a living document and that there will most likely be other amendments required in time, these will be dealt with, if and when identified.

The Secretary move that the document be approved, this was seconded by Peter Clark. The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

10. East Coast Classic

The Secretary advised that the East Coast Classic will be from Eden NSW. Birds will be Transported on Vince Pedavoli truck. Basket on Wednesday 24/8/22. Liberation Friday 26/8/22. Unlimited entry \$5.00 per bird. Additional details regarding race sponsors and prize pool will be advised in due course. If you have any question, please contact Tony Davis 0438 244 061 or Dave Miller 02 4284 1069.

He further advised that this is an ideal lead up race for those planning to fly Leslie Vale. It was moved Tony Davis, seconded Peter Clark that the club allocate \$1.5k budget for this race The Chair call for a show of hands. All in favour.

David and Steve Gordon suggested that the race should be from a race point further south and suggested Orbost as they felt that the birds would benefit will flying the longer distance.

Terry Condran advised that the Eden was ideal for the NCF and Central Coast flyers, NCF are flying west and he, along with others are planning to toss a team south, fly Eden, then send them to Leslie Vale.

The Chair advised that Eden was decide some time back, as it is a race that open to all feds, the race location was selected to ensure that all feds should have the ability to trap on the same day.

It was moved further south, and the velocities were slow, the long markers would be disadvantaged.

John Borg advised that he believed that Eden was ideal. This view was also supported by Peter Clark.

The Chair reminded the members that The East Coast Classic is separate to ECLDRC and that all flyers should be working out their own game plan in regard to preparing and training birds to fly both south and north races routes.

The Secretary suggested that CCF flyers, would most likely be able to arrange tosses on the south with other like-minded flyers who are looking at training birds further, south prior to sending to Leslie Vale. This also applies to Central Coast and NCF and SCF who also need to train and toss birds on the north.

Let hope that all our plans come to fruition, and we all have a successfully rase season.

11. Club Sponsors & Supporters

The club would like to acknowledge 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.benzingaustralia.com.au/>
- Tim Fawcett - <http://www.pigeonsales.com.au/>
- Stan & Mick Rippon - <http://www.pigeonrace.net/>
- Kevin Walters - <https://kwstowing.com.au/>

General Meeting Closed at 13:00