

"East Coast long Distance Racing Combine Inc."

AGM and General Meeting

Sunday 12/03/23 – Oatley RSL 10:30 am

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Vice President – Terry Condran – Ph.

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Publicity Officer – Trevor Gasseling – Ph. - Email - trevor.gasseling@mercerc.com

Race Secretary – Tony Davis

1. Welcoming of Members Present

The Chair welcomed the members present. Jeff Formosa, Wayne Weatherburn, Alan Zahra, Dave Miller, John Banfield, Terry Condran, Anthony Agius, John Borg, Rudy Diener, Peter Clark, Jeff Shepard, Tony Davis, Trevor Gassling.

2. Apologies - Pat Arcella, Garry Pound, David Woodhead, Frank Rachilla, Dylan Borg, Mick Scroggy.

3. Presidents Report

The Chair advised that we have had a very successful race from Eden with all sections trapping. The Leslie Vale race was more challenging, regarding the weather conditions which required that the birds to be held over for 10 days. In the end we got a window to liberate the birds. In the end the race was won, 2 birds were trapped on the south coast in reasonable time, as well 3 birds at Moruya. There were several birds trapped in all sections, but unfortunately out of race time.

He advised that Long Distance racing was not easy, and requires good birds, that can take on the challenges. He said that it is pleasing to see that there is renewed interest in breeding pigeons that can compete at the distance, all we need is to get some good luck on our side.

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. Dave advised that he has been having health issues but will continue in the role as Chair, if re-elected.

4. 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.

Eden went smoothly with reasonable returns, and Leslie Vale all went to plan arriving at the liberation points on time without issue.

Regarding Leslie Vale race, he advised that the main issue was the weather, as a member of the Liberation Committee I, as well as Frank Rachilla, Pat Arcella and Robin White were on the phone every day looking for a suitable window to liberate. This was a challenging task for all involved and urged members to understand and respect the critical role and responsibilities that each member takes on once elected to the position.

He thanked Wayne for his efforts as driver/liberator, as well the liberation committee for a job well done.

He agreed with the Chairs comments that we just need a bit of luck to go our way, and hopefully we will have a successfully season in 2023.

5. 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 1/01/2022 to 31/12/202

Bank opening balance as at 1/01/2023	\$	11892.53
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Income for year	\$	14064.00
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Sub Total	\$	25956.53
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Income

Membership fees	\$	15.00
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Proceeds from Auction	\$	8672.00
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Reimbursement for freight	\$	76.00
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Total Income	\$	14064.00
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Expenses

Fair Trading Lodgement fee	\$	48.21
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Freight for auction	\$	481.17
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Honorarium	\$	1000.00
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Transport Baskets	\$	108.00
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Public Liability insurance 2022	\$	40.00
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Reimburse T Davis for pick up and		
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Delivery of baskets for 2 races	\$	250.00
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Prize Money paid	\$	7175.00
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Drivers Fee	\$	1200.00
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Motel	\$	176.00
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Sprit of Tasmania fee	\$	1009.42
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Care or Pigeons Tasmania	\$	500.00
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Public Liability insurance 2023	\$	65.00
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Tasmanian Racing Pigeon Fed	\$	500.00
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Total Expenses	\$	12971.80
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Bank Balance as at 31/12/22	\$	12984.73
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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 Peter Clark, Seconded by John Banfield. The Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

6. Reading of 2022 AGM Minutes

The Secretary read the 2022 AGM Minutes held at Dural Pigeon Club 10/04/22.

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 John Borg.

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

7. Issues arising from the Minutes. Nil

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.

Anthony Agius addressed the meeting and moved that the club consider having 2 Vice Presidents. The Chair asked if those present if there was a seconder for the motion. John Banfield seconded the motion. The Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

The Chair asked for nominations, Anthony Agius nominated Terry Condran, Terry accepted the nomination.

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 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.

Executive Committee Positions – Nominations Received and Elected unopposed.

- President – Dave Miller
- Vice President 2 Positions – John Banfield, Terry Condran
- Secretary – Tony Davis
- Treasure – Rudy Diener
- Race Secretary – Tony Davis
- Media Officer – Trevor Gasseling

Committee/ Delegate Positions - Liberation Committee

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

Anthony Agius addressed the meeting and moved that the club consider having 4 on the liberation Committee.

The Chair asked those present if there was a seconder for the motion. Terry Condran seconded the motion. There was some general discussion on the subject.

The Secretary advised that this would require a minor amendment to the liberation policy if agreed. With this understood, and no other issues raised, the Chair called for a vote by show of hands. All in favour.

The Chair asked for nominations for the 4th position, Anthony Agius nominated Terry Condran, Terry accepted the nomination.

With this being the case, the Chair advised that all 4 applicants should be elected unopposed, unless there are any objections to this proposal.

With no objects raised, the chair called for a vote by show of hand – Unanimous, Congratulations to all.

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

- 2 from NCF – Tony Davis, Terry Condran
- 1 from Sydney Basin – Dylan Borg
- 1 from SCF/SH – Frank Rachilla

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 there Fed meetings. I essence any member of or Fed can represent and provide information about our events.

The Chair asked if others would like to nominate. Terry Condran, John Banfield, Jeff Shepard, and Mark Jefferies were nominated.

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 10 nominees be elected to the positions. The Chair called for a vote by show of hand – Unanimous, Congratulations to all.

- 2 from NCF – Tony Davis, Terry Condran
- 2 from Central Coast – John Banfield, Garry Pound
- 2 from SCF – Peter Clark, Jeff Shepard
- 2 from CCF – Anthony Agius, Mark Jefferies
- 1 from Southern Fed – Wayne Weatherburn
- 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 – Bryan 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, Alan Zahra

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

Agenda General Meeting 2023

1. Welcoming of Members

2. Reading of General Meeting of 13/11/2022

The Secretary read the Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Pat Arcella residence on 13/01/22.

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 Alan Zahra, Seconded by Terry Condran.

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

3. Issues arising from the Minutes. - Nil

4. Correspondence in/out

The Secretary advised that there was correspondence received regarding Public Liability insurance from the Canary and Caged Bird Federation of Australia. This has been paid.

A email from Mick Scroggy - 8 Mar 2023, at 5:24 pm

"Hi Tony,

Could you please add this request to the agenda for the E.C.L.D.R.C.

I am unable to attend the meeting due to health issues I am currently dealing with.

To East Coast Long Distance Racing Combine.

Newcastle Hunter racing pigeon club is requesting for their members flying in the Central Coast Racing Pigeon Federation to be permitted to fly in the Central Coast section for the E.C.L.D.C. Newcastle Hunter club has been flying in the Central Coast Federation for over 15 years and would like to be able to continue to support their Federation in the East Coast Long Distance Combine.

Thanking you

Mick Scroggy

Secretary Newcastle Hunter Club"

5. Business arising from correspondence.

The Secretary advised that this email was received well after the closing date of the agenda, which was the 19/2/23. Notice of AGM was provided to all members via text message on the 1/2/23.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the proposed boundary change. The Chair advised that he believes that this should be ruled out of order as adequate notice was not provided and as such was not included on the agenda.

John Banfield asked that the letter be discussed. Alan Zahra asked what the issue was about. The Secretary explained that the Hunter Club is able to fly in both the NCF and Central Coast Feds, some fly in both feds others only fly in the Central Coast.

The Chair advised that the boundaries were set by the ECLDRC, stating that Hunter flyers are included in the NCF boundary as he believes that's how it will remain unless it is change by majority vote.

John Banfield suggested that the Hunter flyers could be given an option as to what boundary they compete in. This started a discussion regarding over fly, fairness, who has the advantage etc.

The Secretary advised that it doesn't worry him personal which section they fly in, but he advised that Garry Pound had raised concerns after the first race from Peterborough that the Hunter Club should be in the NCF section. At the time there was no objection to the Hunter being included in the NCF boundary.

The Chair advised that this is not what we should be discussing as we have set our boundaries. The Chair eventually allowed a vote, which was 6 for the proposal and 4 against.

Note – The next day the Chair contacted the Secretary and advised that he has received a complaint that he had allowed a vote to proceed on the proposed boundary change. He advised that as it was not on the posted agenda, and as all members were not aware of the notice of motion, it should have been noted in the minutes as received and be added to the next General Meetings Agenda as required by the club's constitution.

The Secretary confirmed that that is the correct procedure.

A phone hook up was held with the other members of the committee, they were advised of the error, and it was agreed to have it discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

The Chair, Secretary and Vice President contact Mick Scroggy by phone call and advised him of the decision.

6. Membership Application - Nil

7. Proposed Race points - East Coast Classic – Red Rock, Bundaberg, Peterborough

The Secretary advised that the only nomination received were Red Rock for the East Classic and Bundaberg for the ECLDRC. He also advised that the Dural Club are planning to run a Peterborough race.

The dates for the races were discussed and the following dates were agreed.

Red Rock - basket Wednesday 16/8/23, liberate Friday 18/8/23.

Bundaberg - basket Monday 11/9/23, liberate Friday 15/9/23.

Wayne Weatherburn advised that he will be the driver liberator for both races.

Information regarding basket deliveries to basket centres and proposed basket times etc, will be determined and communicated in due course.

8. Forecast Budget for the Races and transport options.

The budget was discussed, and it was agreed that we allocate \$1500 for Red Rock and \$5500 for Bundaberg.

I was agreed that we will contact Vince Pedavoli to determine if his truck will be available for hire.

9. Auction Dates and Fundraising

The Secretary advised that Tim Fawcett has nominated the 11/6/23 for the start of the auction this will run till the 18/6/23.

The Chair ask members present to support this auction and talk to their mates about donating a bird or two.

The Chair reminded all present that this is our primary source of income and thanked those who have supported the Auction, either by donating birds or by bidding on them.

The following members pledged birds. Tony Davis, John Banfield, Anthony Agius, Rudy Diener, Jeff Shepard, Peter Clark, Terry Condran, Jeff Formosa, John Borg, Alan Zahra.

Anyone wishing to donate a bird please contact the Secretary.
The birds will need to be sent the week prior to allow time for photos etc.

There will be further information regarding get the bird to the airport in due course.
Please go to Tim's website for information <http://www.pigeonsales.com.au/>

10. Notice of Motions as received from Members.

No notices of motions were received, apart from the email from Mick Scroggy, which has been dealt with above.

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.benzingaaustralia.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 12:45