



Meeting Location: Moruya Racing Pigeon Club, Poultry Pavilion, Moruya Show Grounds, Moruya

Meeting Day & Date: Sunday 11th October 2020

Time Commenced: 11.03am

Members Present:

Mario Magrin, Barb Magrin, Tony Rogers, Manny Byrne, Darcy Hoyer, John Mette.

Visitors Present:

Brett Anderson, Colin Page

Apologies:

Graham Ford, Greg Pound

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from general meeting held on Friday 30th August 2020 read out aloud.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes 30th August 2020 - (including outstanding actions from previous meeting):

- MB to publish minutes of extraordinary meeting held on 19th July 2020 on pigeon net website - **Completed**
- MB to send letter to The General Manager of the Eurobodalla Shire Council about being included in the process when any complaint is received about the keeping of racing pigeons in the Eurobodalla LGA – **Completed.**
- Trailer registration to be transferred to SERPC from MB – **Partially completed see General Business**
- MB to prepare advertisement for publication with the ARPJ - **Completed.**
- MB to advise all members not present at meeting of AGM date and requirements for any proposed changes to the current constitution - **Completed.**
- MM provide a price list from Narooma Produce store when available – **Completed see General Business.**
- MB to raise concerns with Brent Cavill of RPI and provide response to SERPC membership at next meeting – **Completed see General Business.**

MOTION: The minutes of general meeting held on 30th August 2020 are accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting

Moved Mario Magrin, Seconded Darcy Hoyer. No one spoke for or against this motion. All voted in favour of the motion with nil against – **CARRIED**

ACTION: MB publishes minutes of general meeting held on 30th August 2020 on pigeonrace.net net website.

CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT:

- Membership application by Brett Anderson
- Quote for new trailer decal/stickers
- Letter to The General Manager, Eurobodalla Shire Council
- Advertisement for Australian Racing Pigeon Journal
- Combine trailer registration papers



PRESIDENTS REPORT:

- Welcome everyone to meeting including visitors.
- Re-iteration of all Combine members' responsibility to promote the sport of racing pigeons in an effort to attract new members.
- I have obtained pricing for feed from Narooma Produce. If you order feed from there you need to tell them you are a member of this Combine to receive agreed discount. Feed price list handed to those present by MM.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:

- S1 and S1.1 Horizon Bank accounts presented to meeting, no questions asked and no issues identified.

RING SECRETARY REPORT:

- Nothing to report

RACE SECRETARY REPORT:

- Nothing to report

GENERAL BUSINESS:

MB

Written application for membership from Brett Anderson. Brett Anderson introduced himself to meeting. MB read aloud email from BA seeking membership of the SERPC Inc.

MOTION: The written application by Brett Anderson for membership with the SERPC is accepted.

Moved: Manny Byrne Seconded: Mario Magrin. There were no speakers for or against the motion. All present voted in favour of the motion, CARRIED.

ACTION: MB provides BA with Combine's induction package.

Reminder to all that those who take up positions in the SERPC have an obligation to fulfil the roles and responsibilities of those positions regardless of whether they are flying or not, for example, Liberation Committee. If there is any reason why anyone cannot do the job they volunteered to do then communication is the key. The Secretary/Treasurer must be told so processes can be put in place to fill any vacancy (temporary or otherwise).

Stickers/Decals on Combines trailer. A template for new trailer decal/stickers presented to all present together with a quotation from DeNeefe Signs. General discussion held about this issue.

MOTION: The Combines transport trailer decals/stickers be updated. I propose that this design is adopted.

Moved: Manny Byrne Seconded: Mario Magrin. There were no speakers for or against the motion. All present voted in favour of the motion, CARRIED.

Reminder for all that ring race rings for RPI race still available for purchase at \$20each. Contact myself if you want anymore.



RPI race basket issues – I have spoken to Brent Cavill at RPI about race basket heights and flooring. Flooring is being replaced with heavy duty 25mm square galvanised wire. This may well alleviate the height issues with the baskets. It is an issue that will be monitored in 2021 race season.

Combine's trailer and registration name – RMS advise is the Combine needs an CAN to allow trailer to be registered in Combine's name. We are not a registered company and therefore cannot get a CAN. The trailer will remain registered in name of Manny Byrne with the Combine listed as an interested party on registration records. I will write a letter to the Combine's members outlining the RMS advise and absolving any rights to the trailer beyond the ordinary rights of a flying member of this Combine to put this issue to rest.

ACTION: Letter to Combines members absolving any ownership rights to Combine's trailer.

MM

Trailer doors are too heavy for one person to operate. Maybe we need strut system or similar. General discussion about this issue.

MOTION: The Combine's trailer's side doors are turned into two hinged swinging doors opened from the centre and outwards.

Moved: Mario Magrin Seconded: Darcy Hoyer. No one spoke for or against the motion. All present voted in favour of the motion, CARRIED.

ACTION: Mario Magrin arrange for trailer side doors to be changed in line with passed motion.

TR

The club's Vice President needs to be a flying member of this Combine. Our current Vice President has not been to a meeting for this club for some time. There was a general discussion about this issue. This issue can be addressed in the upcoming AGM.

Club tosses – should be compulsory and all flying members should participate. General discussion was had and all agreed in the end that club tosses would be scheduled for members to participate BUT it was up to individuals if they chose to send birds or not and as such could not be made compulsory.

Food truck should not be organised unless we have 6 or more members wanting feed. General discussion took place. All members present were not interested in getting feed from that source into the future.

All voting should be a secret ballot. General discussion was had.

MOTION: Prior to conducting any voting the membership present must be asked if they consider the matter being voted on is in need of a secret ballot. The majority present will decide if the vote is a secret ballot or a simple show of hands.

Moved: Tony Rogers Seconded: John Mette. No one spoke for or against the motion. All present in favour of the motion, CARRIED.

Liberations – not all racing can be in ideal weather conditions. General discussion about this issue. The Combine's constitution has an extensive liberation protocol which has been in place for 2 racing seasons. Any changes to that need to be made via usual processes. No written proposals have been received this year for changes to the Combine's liberation protocol.

The constitution needs to stay as it is with no constant changes. If it is constantly changed what is the point of having one. MM – The constitution is a legal requirement as we are an incorporated association. It is in place to give us a set of guidelines for the racing of pigeons. At various times issues arise which need to be changed and that is usually done at each AGM after written notice is received.



Our constitution is only 3 seasons old and as we go along we have recognised some issues that don't fit and needed to be changed. We are trying to develop a flexible constitution which puts the welfare of the birds and its members first. There will be changes from time to time, this is unavoidable.

Vaccinations – is the club going to supply vaccines to its members? General discussion about this. It will be done. Vaccine to be ordered will be determined by needs of each member.

MOTION: The 10 percent levy currently in place for any vaccine supplied to the Combine's member is removed in an effort to keep the cost of racing pigeons down.

Moved: Manny Byrne, Seconded: Tony Rogers. No one spoke for or against the motion. All present voted in favour of the motion, CARRIED.

Clock times not revealed until we are at the club to read clocks and all times put up on a white board. General discussion about this issue. The majority present were satisfied with the current set up due mainly to the distances most members had to travel to get to the club house on race days.

Basketing times for 2021, not fair if our birds in baskets from 12 midday. General discussion about this issue. The matter could not be addressed to finality because it is not known what time birds are expected to be in Dapto to allow liberator to get to liberation point in enough time to allow birds and liberator ample rest. When we race and liberate on our own that is not an issue.

We should have our own combine ring race. General discussion about this issue. Last year's special races were only supported after members agreed to do so without paying a small levy as prize money for the winner. We can do anything we want as a Combine for special races but they have to be supported and if a fee is required to be paid then that fee paid. There will be special races again in the 2021 season but in what format to be decided upon by the membership at a later time.

JM

We need a small pressure cleaner to help with the cleaning of the trailer after use. It should be kept in the trailers tool box.

MOTION: A small pressure cleaner is purchased to assist with cleaning the trailer.

Moved: John Mette Seconded: Tony Rogers. No one spoke for or against the motion. All present voted in favour of the motion, CARRIED.

ACTION: MB purchases a suitably sized pressure cleaner.

DH

No general business

BM

Need to get new design for club shirts etc to reflect name change. I will arrange through eagle embroidery.

MOTION: The Combine's logo is updated to reflect current name.

Moved: Barbara Magrin Seconded Darcy Hoyer. No one spoke for or against the motion. All present voted in favour of the motion – CARRIED.

ACTION: Barb Magrin arrange for new logo through eagle embroidery.

BA

When trailer is altered I can get a second quote for decal/stickers as a comparison to the quote presented today.

MOTION: A second quote for decal/stickers for trailer is obtained after trailer has been



modified.

Moved: Brett Anderson Seconded: Manny Byrne. No one spoke for or against the motion. All present voted in favour of the motion – CARRIED.

Action: BA obtains a second quote for trailer decal/stickers after trailer has been altered.

Outstanding Actions:

- MB publishes minutes of general meeting held on 30th August 2020 on pigeonrace.net website.
- MB provides BA with Combine's induction package.
- MB authors a letter to Combines members absolving any ownership rights to Combines' trailer.
- MM arrange for trailer side doors to be changed in line with passed motion.
- MB purchases a suitably sized pressure cleaner.
- BM arrange for new logo through eagle embroidery.
- BA obtains a second quote for trailer decal/stickers after trailer has been altered.

Time Meeting Closed: 12.12 pm

Next Meeting: To Be Advised