

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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Agenda General Meeting Cessnock 7/02/2021

Start 9:00 am

1. Chair welcomed members to the meeting – 27 Members Present.

2. Reading of Delegates Meeting of 23/11/20

The Chair asked that the minutes be accepted as true and correct, Moved, Chris Newton, Seconded, Alan Wilmot. All in favour.

The Chair read the previous minutes to the meeting.

3. Issues arising from the Minutes. Nil

The Chair asked that the minutes be accepted as true and correct, Moved, Chris Newton, Seconded, Alan Wilmot. All in favour.

4. Correspondence in/out

Nominations for Executive – Stan Rippon, Tony Davis, Mick Watt, Greg Jack, Alan Wilmot. - For AGM

Nominations for Liberation Committee – Tony Davis, Stan Rippon, Mick Watt, Bill Collins, Brian Walters. – For AGM

Schedules – from Greg Jack, Jay Newton, Mal Clements – for AGM

Email from Australian Pigeon Board NSW Rep – Steve Shears – regarding multi-State Race from Emmerdale.

PMV declarations.

5. Business arising from correspondence.

The Secretary read the email from the Australian Pigeon Board to the meeting. This proposed 3 state race, is in the concept/planning phase. They have asked the ECLDRC to support and coordinate NSW. The Secretary advised that they have proposed a race date of 2/10/2. He advised that this will be considered at the ECLDRC AGM.

The Chair asked that it be moved that the Secretary deal with the correspondence as required. Moved, Alan Wilmot, Seconded, Mick Watt. All in favour.

6. Treasurer's report – Operating account 135221 - Period November to December 2020

Balance C/Fwd	23/11/20	\$ 25,887.36
Income (Surplus, tossing, Ring Sales, etc)		\$ 0.00
Interest		\$ 0.00
Total Expenditure (Fuel/Race Expenses, Trophies).		\$ 649.99
Balance as per Westpac Statement at 31/12/20		\$ 25, 237.37

Truck maintenance account 230894 - Period November to December 2020

Balance C/Fwd	23/11/20	\$ 1,123.55
Income (deposit from main account)		\$ 0.00
Interest		\$ 0.00
Expenditure (Fuel)		\$ 0.00
Balance as per Westpac Statement at 31/12/20		\$ 1,123.55

The Chair asked that the Treasurer's report as presented be accepted as true and correct.

Moved, Gary Lott Seconded, Dick Archer- All in favour.

7. Presentation of Trophies and awards.

The Race Secretary presented the trophies to the individual race winners, all race results are detailed and accessible via the Federation Website.

Summary of the Series winners:

Flyer of the Year – 1st C & J Newton, 2nd Fleming & Fairfax, 3rd M & D Watt

Bird of The Year - C & J Newton - B/Bar Pied H NEW-2019-773

Sprint Series - 1st C & J Newton, 2nd Fleming & Fairfax, 3rd P Edman

Mid Distance – 1st M & D Watt, 2nd C & J Newton, 3rd M & R Clement

Long Distance - 1st C & J Newton, 2nd M Burke, 3rd Kowalski & Mc Manara.

5 Bird Championship - 1st M & R Clement, 2nd Fleming & Fairfax, 3rd W Sherbak

Junior Championship – 1st Thea Chisholm, 2nd Archer Kids, 3rd Zaden Adams.

J M Produce Prize Vouchers.

- Awarded to M & R Clement – Value \$250.00 – 1st prize - Bourke – 12/9/20.
- Awarded to C & J Newton – Value \$150.00 – 2nd prize - Bourke – 12/9/20.
- Awarded to T & T Lofts – Value \$100.00 – 3rd prize - Bourke – 12/9/20.
- Awarded to Peter Edman – Value \$250.00 – 1st prize - Barrington – 20/09/20.
- Awarded to M Burke – Value \$150.00 - 2nd prize - Barrington – 20/09/20.

- Awarded to Garland & Howe – Value \$100.00 – 3rd prize - Barrington – 20/09/20.
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Jester Park Prize Vouchers.

- Awarded to C & J Newton – Value \$250.00 –First prize – 5 Bird National – Bourke 12/9/20.
- Awarded to Fleming & Fairfax – Value \$150.00 – 2nd prize – 5 Bird National – Bourke 12/9/20
- Awarded to M & D Watt – Value \$100.00 – 3rd prize – 5 Bird National – Bourke 12/9/20
- Awarded to C & G Adams – Value \$25.00 – LAST PLACE – 5 Bird National – Bourke 12/9/20

The Chair congratulated all the flyer for their efforts and acknowledged that the prizes were well spread out amongst the various clubs and indivial flyer.

The Chair acknowledged the years of ongoing support from our sponsors, he asked the Secretary to write to both JM Produce and Jester Park to thank them for the ongoing sponsorship.

8. General Meeting Closed - 9:30.

Next Meeting – Maitland club rooms 2rd March 2021 commencing 19:00 hrs

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S. Rippon President

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2020 Annual General Meeting

Location Cessnock Sunday 7/02/21

Start 9:30 am

- 1. Welcoming of Members – 27 Members present.**
- 2. Apologies - Nil**
- 3. Reading of 2019 AGM Minutes**

The Chair read 2019 AGM minutes to the meeting and asked if there was any business arising from the minutes.

- 4. Issues arising from the Minutes.**
- 5. With no issues being raised the Chair asked that it be moved as a true and correct record. Moved by Chris Newton, Seconded by Alan Wilmot. All in favour.**

6. Presidents Report

The Chair advised the meeting that this year has been a very testing year for us all, with the Covid19 impacting on all aspects of life. The impact of such required the Federation to make numerous changes to the way we operated pre the virus.

He thanked the executive, Greg, Mick, Tony, Alan and Delegates for their support and ongoing efforts and noted that it is pleasing to see that they have all re nominated for the current positions.

He made special mention of the efforts of the Secretary and assistance from Richard Clement in drafting, writing letters and printing off Covid19 information posters, etc, to help the Federation to get back to racing.

Letters were sent all local MP'S and the Health Minister, which after numerous communications both in writing and via phone calls, the Federation secured approval to recommence training of pigeons, and with this initial approval, eventually led to the start of racing.

There was a lot of work done behind the scenes in preparing and distributing Covid19 Safe Plans and procedures to all clubs and basketing centres, to ensure that the Federation, affiliated Clubs, and all members were briefed on the compliance requirements with the social distancing, cleaning, and PPE requirements, which were put in place and supported by all clubs and members.

Federation Delegate meetings were held via "ZOOM", with a few teething problems, all clubs and delegates soon got use to the new normal.

As a result of our efforts, the first round was abandoned, and racing commenced on the 27/06/20.

The race season went well, and it was noted that the prizes were spread out with mostly all clubs figuring in the top 10.

He noted that there were 4 races, where the race date was moved to avoid forecast inclement weather, which in the main were considered successful decisions, except for the last of the race, which although birds were trapped in race time, it was far from ideal and not what the Liberation Committee expected at the time of basketing, but that's pigeon racing.

He reminded members that the Liberation Committee follows the procedures and procedures that are detailed in the liberation policy, and that all members of the committee participated in making decision based on these procedures and the BOM forecasts.

As usually the committee each year have complaints levelled at them based on actual outcomes. He reiterated that the Liberation Committee has been able too, in all cases, able to justify their decision base on the current forecast at time the decision to basket was made.

He further advised that when a decision is made to basket for the longer races the forecast at that time is less that 50% accurate, and we can only react to changes, as the forecast is progressively updated right up to time of liberation.

The Chair noted that the COVID-19 situation is far form over and he hoped that with the breaking of the drought and a bit of good luck we will all have a successful 2021 season.

7. Secretaries Report

The Secretary advised that he concurs with the Chairs comments, and also felt that considering the impact the COVID-19 virus had on other states, especially Victoria, who only started racing in November, we had a very good season.

He thanked the Executive and Liberation Committee for their support throughout the year and is looking forward to 2021.

He thanked our Sponsors: JM Produce and Jester Park for there ongoing support. He advised that he could confirm that the sponsorship arrangements will continue in 2021 and reminded members to support both venues.

He advised that regardless of some criticism, that gets raised from time to time regarding Liberation decisions, he assured the members that he and the other members of the Liberation committee and Executive are committed to doing the best we can, to keep the Federation in good condition, and run-in compliance with the Federations policies and procedures.

He advised that he also hopes that we will have a successful race season in 2021. All we can do is hope it turns out that way and it is better the 2020. No doubt we will see.

8. Treasurer's report

The Treasure delivered the report as detailed below. He advised that he believes the Federation financial position is healthy.

Once the race schedule has been decided he will compile a cost estimate and propose what race fees will need to be for the 2021 race season.

This figure will be based on the number of flyers, and if they are flying half or full teams.

He further advised that he believes that the toss and surplus fees will remain the same for 2021 as was charged last year.

Income & Expenditure Report Newcastle & Coalfield Racing Pigeon Federation Inc. 2020

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Membership Fees	\$1,575.00	Race Expenses	\$6,490.00
Race Fees	\$21,800.00	Truck Fuel & Repairs	\$10,495.86
Application Fees	\$200	Truck Rego inc G/Slip	\$1,624.08
Tosses & Surplus	\$1,920.00	Truck Insurance	\$1,855.48
Sponsorship	0	Public Liability	\$140.00
2020 Blue Band	\$1,048.00	2020 Blue Band Prizemoney	\$1,048.00
2020 Gold Band	\$996.00	2020 Gold Band Prizemoney	\$996.00
2020 Breeders Plate Sales	\$6,222.00	2020 Breeders Plate Prizemoney	\$6,222.00
5 Bird Club	\$350.00	Trophies & Fed Prizemoney 2019	\$377.30
Vaccine Sales	\$8,891	Purchase of Vaccines	\$9,741.40
ECLDC last race	\$2,000.00	Honorariums	\$1,000.00
Basket sales	\$550.00	5 Bird Club	\$350.00
Interest (Main & Truck Accounts)	\$27.03		
Vaccine on hand	850.00		
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$46,429.03</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>40,340.12</u>
		Balance main account 31-12-20	25237.37
		Balance truck account 31-12-20	1123.59
		Balance total @ 31/12/20 inc.	
		\$730.00 cash & \$985 cheques to be	
		banked)	
Balance @ 31/12/19	\$19,998.75	Cash at hand (Float)	\$261.45
Cash at hand (Float)	\$237.30		
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$20,236.05</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$28,337.41</u>
Less prizemoney to be paid	\$3,151.55	Less prizemoney to be paid	\$5,163.60
		Less Trophies	\$370.00
Balance	\$17,084.50	Balance	\$22,803.81
Money still owed from 2019	\$480.00	Money still owed from 2020	\$0.00
Total @ 31/12/19	\$17,564.50	Total @ 31/12/20	\$22,803.81
Profit 2019	\$4,263.78	Profit 2020	\$5,239.31
		Fixed Term Investment 31/12/20	
Fixed Term Investment 31/12/19	\$21,907.01	(+\$384 in 12 months)	\$22,291.00

Total Profit for 2020 **\$5,623.31**

**Summary of Financial position as at 31/12/20 to be read in conjunction with detailed
income/expenditure report 2020**

<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>31/12/2020</u>
Westpac Main Account	\$25,237.37
Westpac Truck Account	\$1,123.59
Westpac Term Deposit	\$22,291.46
Cash & cheques to be banked	\$1,715.00
Petty cash float	\$261.45
<u>Total current assets</u>	<u>\$50,628.87</u>
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>	
Truck at cost	\$135,947.85
Less accumulated depreciation	\$122,353.07
	\$12,731.66
<u>Grand total of assets</u>	<u>\$63,360.53</u>
<u>Less Current Liabilities</u>	
Honorariums	\$1,000.00
Prize Money Owing	\$5,163.60
Trophy's for 2020	\$377.30
<u>Long term liabilities</u>	<u>Nil</u>
<u>Total liabilities</u>	<u>\$6,540.90</u>
<u>Total members assets as at 31/12/20</u>	<u>\$56,819.63</u>

The Chair thanked the Treasure for the detailed report and asked if there were any question regarding the financial report as tabled.

With no questions being raised, the Chair asked that the Treasurer's report as presented be accepted as true and correct.

Moved, Gary Lott Seconded, Dick Archer- All in favour.

9. New Membership Applications - Nil

10. Election of Officers – Nominations Received

President – Stan Rippon

Secretary – Tony Davis

Treasurer – Greg Jack

Vice President – Alan Wilmot

Ring Secretary – Greg Jack

Race Secretary – Mick Watt

The Chair declared that all positions are now vacant, and as there has only been 1 nomination for each position, he asked that it be moved that the nominated members be elected unopposed.

This was moved by V. Smola, Seconded by P. Edman. All in favour.

Liberation Committee – 4 positions - To be decided by ballot.

5 Nominations Received.

Brian Walters, Stan Rippon, Bill Collins, Mick Watt, Tony Davis

Ballot Papers were distributed, and the Chair appointed V. Smola and P Edmans as scrutineers.

The Ballots were counted, and the following were elected, Stan Rippon, Bill Collins, Mick Watt, Tony Davis

11. Setting of Race and Federation Membership Fees for 2021 season.

The Treasure moved that membership fees remain that same - \$ 50.00 joining fee, \$25.00 annual membership.

This was second by the Secretary, the Chair call for a vote all in favour.

The Treasure advised that the race fees will be set after the next meeting, as he will need to know flyer numbers to determine the cost. The Chair agreed to this proposal and call for a vote all in favour.

12. Honorariums for Officer Bearers – Motion to pay Honorariums for 2020 and to set rate for 2021.

The Treasure advised the current fee is \$200.00 PA. and suggested that it remain the same for 2021.

This was moved by Mal Clement, seconded by Dick Archer.

The Chair call for a vote. All in favour.

13. Race Schedules

- a) **Greg Jack – west**
- b) **Greg Jack – west + north.**
- c) **J Newton – west**

The Chair asked that both proposers speak in favour of their proposed schedule. Greg Jack retracted schedule “B”, which left A and C.

After the discussions were concluded the Chair called for vote by show of hands.

Schedule A – 19 vote, Schedule C – 4 votes.

Schedule A successful.

Date	Race Point	Distance	Basket	Lib Time	Race Details	
29/05/2021	Merriwa	140 km	Friday	11:00	Fed Open	
5/06/2021	Merriwa	140 km	Friday	11:00	Fed Open	
12/06/2021	Dunedoo	235 km	Friday	10:00	Fed Open	
14/06/2021	Dunedoo	235 km	Sunday	10:00	Fed Open	June long weekend, Monday race.
19/06/2021	Gilgandra	320 km	Friday	9:00	Fed Open	
26/06/2021	Merriwa	140 km	Friday	11:00	Fed Open Sprint Series	
3/07/2021	Merriwa	140 km	Friday	11:00	Fed Open Sprint Series	
10/07/2021	Dunedoo	235 km	Friday	10:00	Fed Open Sprint Series	6 Sprint Series Races
17/07/2021	Dunedoo	235 km	Friday	10:00	Fed Open Sprint Series	
24/07/2021	Gilgandra	310 km	Friday	9:00	Fed Open Sprint Series	
31/07/2021	Gilgandra	310 km	Friday	9:00	Fed Open Sprint Series	
7/08/2021	Nyngan	445 km	Thursday	8:00	Fed Open Mid Distance Series	
14/08/2021	Nyngan	445 km	Thursday	8:00	Fed Open Mid Distance Series	
21/08/2021	Nyngan	445 km	Thursday	8:00	Fed Open Mid Distance Series	
28/08/2021	Cobar	565 km	Thursday	EAP	Fed Open Mid Distance Series	
4/09/2021	Cobar	565km	Thursday	EAP	Young Bird Derby, Fed Breeders Plate #1, Fed Blue Band Mid Distance Series	6 Mid Distance Races
11/09/2021	Cobar	565km	Thursday	EAP	Fed Open & 2 Bird Trap 2, \$20 per team, Mid Distance Series	
18/09/2021	Emmdale	710 km	Thursday	EAP	Fed Open L/Distance Series	5 Long Distance Races + 1 on the ECLDC truck will give 6
18/09/2021	Emmdale	710 km	Thursday	EAP	5 Bird National L/Distance Series, Liberation half hour after Open.	
19/09/2021	Emmdale	710 km	Thursday	EAP	Sunday Liberation, Fed Breeders Plate #2, Fed	

					Gold Band, Fed Open L/Distance Series
Weeks Break 25/09/2021					
2/10/2021	Little Topar	900 km	Wednesday	EAP	Fed Open L/Distance Series
3/10/2021	Wilcannia	850 km	Wednesday	EAP	Fed Open L/Distance Series

14. Notice of Motions as received from Members.

- a) *At a recent meeting of our CIPC members, it was agreed that the release of surplus birds with the race birds has created an unfair situation for the average pigeon flyer in the federation. It is considered that the more birds you have racing to your loft on race day the better the chance of creating an advantage for the big team flyers. Therefore, we would like the following placed on the AGM agenda. "That the liberation of surplus birds take place thirty minutes after the race birds from all race points".*
Moved by Craig Harris, Seconded Ken Harris

Craig Harris spoke in favour of the proposal; the Chair allowed a number of speakers both for and against the motion to express their views. At conclusion of the discussions the chair call for a vote by show of hands.

9 for 13 against. Motion Lost.

The Secretary proposed and amendment to the motion. "that the surplus birds for the entire sprint series be put up ½ hour after race birds, surplus for middle distance and long distance be put up mass".
This was seconded by Tim Fairfax.

The Chair allowed members to speak on the motion and call =ed for a vote by show of hands.

20 for 0 against – passed unanimous.

b) Motion 1

That we extend the 30 bird race entry limits past just the first round as already agreed to now take in and include a 30-bird limit for the full 2021 sprint series.

Moved By R&M Clement, Seconded by Jai Newton

The Chair allowed several speakers, both for and against the motion to express their views. At conclusion of the discussions the chair call for a vote by show of hands.

13 for 9 against – motion Passed

c) Motion 2

That clubs and combines agree on a standard set of times for clocks to be presented and read on race days with velocities posted with a set time frame on the pigeon web sites.

Moved By R&M Clement, Seconded by Mal Watters

The Chair allowed several speakers, both for and against the motion to express their views. At conclusion of the discussions the chair call for a vote by show of hands.

6 for 14 against – motion lost.

d) Motion 3

That we reinstate and confirm exactly what clock rules and wrap of and tape reading procedures are to be used particularly when non digital clocks are in use and update and reconfirm the requirements to all clubs.

*Moved By R&M Clement, Seconded by **The motion was not seconded. Motion Lost.***

e) Motion 4

Race schedules (race points and special race dates and distances) for the next or following race season be confirmed before September 1st of the prior. I.e., we should confirm 2022 race points and scheduled events by Sept 1st, 2021.

Moved By R&M Clement, Seconded by no body.

The Secearty advised that this motion was passed last year, but due to covid and the Zoom meeting procees this did not happen. It is the intention to undertake this in 2021 as planned.

With no objections from the floor, this was agreed.

f) *I wish to put a motion forward for the AGM that rescinds the concept of having six sprint races, 6 middle distance races and 6 long distance races.*

This came from a proposal from my son and I as a trial, to make it fair to all flyers with averages. However, it has proved unworkable due to the distance component of this scenario, particularly with this western route that we are due to fly.

Moved By R&M Clement, Seconded by Jai Newton

The Chair allowed several speakers, both for and against the motion to express their views. At conclusion of the discussions the chair call for a vote by show of hands.

2 for 16 against – motion lost.

g) *We would like to move a motion that:*

The pigeons are transported to the designated race point as per the schedule.

The decision is made, when or whether to liberate, at the race point.

Races only be postponed due to extenuating circumstances. Eg East Coast Low, Floods or Truck broken down etc.

Moved: M. Watters, Seconded: R. Herivel

The Chair allowed Mal Watters the opportunity to speak in favor of the motion as proposed. He advised that he felt that flyers who worked are disadvantaged by the current system, and also advised that he felt that we are Moddy coddling the birds by not sending them if it is a bit tough. He advised that he feel that this is one of the reasons why the returns have been poor in the longer races.

The Chair advised that the motion as presented fails to identify and or address the impact of such a proposal to the current liberation policies, procedures, and code of practice. He advised that the motion is ambiguous and lacks details.

The Secretary supporting this view advised that the motion as proposed effectively removes the roles and responsibilities of the liberation committee/policy.

He reminded members that the current policies and procedure took 18 months to plan and was presented to the 2015 AGM, where every proposed change was explained, discussed, amended, voted on and passed as required.

He further suggested that the motion, in its present state should be considered out of order, as the impact have not been identified in any detail.

He did however suggest that if they believe there is a requirement to work through a process improvement plan, regarding transportation and liberation process etc., that the ideal way would be to form a committee to work through the issues and report the Fed on proposed changes that will required to effect change to the current process, procedures and policies, which will need to be tabled an ratified at the next AGM.

The offer to form a committee to look at concerns was not supported.

The Chair advised that after much debate, he ruled that motion was out of order.

- h) We would like to move a motion, in the interests of the driver and liberator, that the truck air-conditioning and radio be repaired before the season commences.*

Moved: M. Watters, Seconded: R. Herivel

The Chair advised that the repairs, as identified/ required will be undertaken at the earliest convenience.

All in favor

- i) That all birds that go into the last 2 races have a race rubber on each leg, [not birds with ETS rings} The reason for this is to help stop problems like in the race this year.*

Moved A Wilmot, Seconded Shane Brown.

The Chair allowed several speakers, both for and against the motion to express their views. At conclusion of the discussions the chair call for a vote by show of hands.

Passed Unanimous.

- j) That the ECLDC birds not be liberated with the NCF birds, As shown by this year's races it could have hampered the returns of NCF liberated birds.*

Moved A Wilmot, seconded Shane Brown.

The Chair allowed several speakers, both for and against the motion to express their views. At conclusion of the discussions the chair call for a vote by show of hands.

19 for 1 against – motion Passes.

9. 2021 Club Life Ring order



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Club	Colour	No of Combo Rings	No of Standard Rings
Lake Macquarie			
Adamstown			
Raymond Terrace			
Maitland			
Cessnock			
Cessnock Inv			
NCF Blue Band	FR006		
NCF Gold Band	FR004		

10. Race Basket Audit

Club	Race Basket No	Spare Race Baskets	Additional Baskets Required
Lake Macquarie			
Adamstown			
Raymond Terrace			
Maitland			
Cessnock			
Cessnock Inv			
Totals			

11. General Business

Steve Baily advised the meeting that Brett and Logan George left the meeting and was concerned that the Federation is not doing enough to support Juniors. He advised that he was of the impression that Juniors should receive Fed prize cards and advised that Logan was disappointed.

Mick Watt advised that he did not do prize card for Juniors, but could not see a problem with issuing cards, he advised that he is waiting for new cards so could not do they now.

The was general discussion on this subject and it was moved by the Secretary that Juniors should be award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize card. This was second by the Treasurer.

The chair call for a vote by show of hands.

Passed Unanimous.

Note 1 - Members were reminded that the PVM declaration is required to be provide to the fed secretary confirming that the birds have been vaccinated, prior to being eligible to fly.

Meeting Close.10:45

Next Meeting – Maitland club rooms 2rd March 2021 commencing 19:00 hrs

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary