

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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Annual General Part 1

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Location Adamstown Sunday 4/12/16

1. Welcoming of Members

The Chair welcomed members, meeting commenced at 11:00 am with 30 Members present.

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Presidents Report

The President thanked the members for the support throughout the year. He advised that compared to previous years this year was very successfully with only 1 race cancelled due to bad weather and good returns with the exception of the last couple of races.

4. Secretaries Report

The secretary advised that this year was very competitive year with the prize money being spread around and no one flyer dominating, this instils confidence and nurturer's competition, he hopes that the coming year turns out to be a great success.

He mentioned that the westerly winds early in the season was particular hard on the western flyers, but there is nothing we can do for that, just hope for more favourable winds. Our sponsors JM Produce and Rob Marshall we thanked for their ongoing support. He advised that he has secured sponsorship for next year and reminded members to continue to support or sponsors, as this ensures continued sponsorship.

He further commented that the EAST Coast Classic was a great success and thanked Peter Edmans for raising the issue in the first place, and getting the other Feds, the south and central coast on board.

He advised that this race will again be sponsored by JM Produce and Rob Marshall and is looking forward to the other Fed gaining additional sponsorship to make the race bigger and better for next year.

5. Treasurer's report covers – October & November 2016.

The Treasure advised the members that the clubs finances are in good order and requested all members to utilise the internet banking services as it saves time, he thanked members for their support.

accepted as true and correct record. Moved by Chris Newton, Second – Alan Wilmot - All in favour

7. Election of Officers –

As per protocol the Chair declared all positions vacant, he advised that as there has only been nominations received from the incumbents, there is no vote required. The Chair moved that all office bearers as nominated be formally elected unopposed. This was seconded by Chris Newton, all in favour. The Chair thanked the members for their ongoing support and congratulated all officer bearers for continuing in the elected positions.

President – Nominations Received – Stan Rippon

Secretary– Nominations Received – Tony Davis

Treasurer– Nominations Received- Paul Bettens

Vice President– Nominations Received- Alan Wilmont

Ring Secretary– Nominations Received – Tim Fairfax

Race Secretary– Nominations Received- Mick Watt

Liberation Committee – 4 Nominations Received - Tony Davis, Mick Watt, Stan Rippon, Bill Collins

8. Setting of Race and Federation Membership Fees for 2017 season.

Current fee structure -\$400.00 Race Fees, Application fee to join the Federation \$50.00 and the annual membership fee to \$25.00.

Moved Geoff Garland, Seconded by Mick Watt, All in favour - Passed

9. Vote on Race Schedule - To discuss and vote by ballot

No 1 Proposed by Peter Edmans

No 2 Proposed by Terry Condran,

No 3 Proposed by Tim Fairfax.

The Chair allowed each proposer time to speak in support of their proposed race schedule. Other members also spoke both for and against each schedule. After the member had explained their positions, likes and dislikes, the Chair advised the following:

The Chair advised, that as we have 3 schedule we will vote by show of hands. The Secretary suggested that a ballot be held as this may deliver a true result, the Chair advised that a show of hands will suffice.

The chair advised that the members will vote by show of hands, Proposal No1, will go against Proposal No2, **The votes was counted No1 - 12 votes, No2 – 15 votes.**

The Chair advised that No2 will now compete against No3, A show of hand was called for, **The votes was counted, No 2 – 14 Votes, No 3 – 15 Votes.**

The Chair declared that No3 is the winner.

A number of members were not happy with the result, and call for a recount, the Chair advised that the vote will stand. A number of members left the meeting at this point.

10 . Honorariums for Officer Bearers – Motion to pay Honorariums for 2016 and to set rate for 2017. It was moved by W Scherbach, that the Honorariums remain the same without change. Seconded by Tim Fairfax, All in favour - Passed

11. Notice of Motions

A. 3rd Decimal Point.

It is proposed that race results to be record to the 3rd decimal point to voided dead heats and ties in races.

Proposed -Tony Davis, Seconded by Tim Fairfax – **5 for 9 against – Motion Lost**

B. Alteration to traps/Lofts.

It is proposed that prior to use/racing, any changes relocation, and modification to the position of electronic traps/board be inspected for compliance by the race committee. A photo/photos must be taken and kept by the Fed. If there are any disputes the photos will be used to determine compliance. All members are to advise the Fed if there board/loft needs inspecting as early as possible to ensure inspections can be undertaken prior to the commencement of racing.

Proposed by Tony Davis, Seconded by Zorin Rankavic, - **2 for 12 against – Motion Lost**

C. EAP Liberation Times

It is proposed that EAP be discussed and clarified, as there have been a number of questions regarding the half hour after sunrise as opposed to half hour after daylight. A request was also made from the SCF that this be looked at, as this may impact on their decision to fly the East Coast Classic. Proposed by Tony Davis, Seconded by Mal Clements, The Chair called for discussion on this motion, the Chair advised that he was opposed to this proposal, other spoke both for and against.

The chair called for a vote – **10 for 4 against – Motion Passed**

D. Federation Boundaries Changes

Proposal to investigate the restructuring of the Federation Boundaries for 2018 season the current boundaries are outdated and is proposing to look at dividing the Fed into 3 divisions, coastal, centre and west. It is proposed we form a committee, set an agenda to determine the position of the boundaries and to look at options to have divisional and overall Fed results, and to spread prize pools across the divisions based on a user pay system. Nominations for committee members required prior to AGM part 2. It is intended that the recommendations be presented to Fed delegates at the June 2017 meeting prior to the commencement of ring sales for the 2018 season.

Proposed by Tony Davis. Seconded by Mal Clements.

The Secretary spoke at length on the benefits of forming a committee to look at and investigation alternatives to the current system, to ensure that we structure to achieve as fair as possible grouping of flyer, and as such hopefully provide a more fairer and equitable sharing of prize pools and recognition of flyers in differing locations as well as maintaining recognition of overall winners.

The Chair called for a vote – **4 for 7 against – Motion Lost.**

E. Future Race Routes

Proposal to look at future race directions for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2013 to fly 2 years north and 2 years north west and maintain these routes as opposed to flying the west, south west and

south routes. This proposal is based on increasing the changes of successfully flying the long distance races and to reduce old bird losses due to 180 & 90 deg. direction changes. It is proposed we form a committee to look at the options. Nominations for committee member required prior to AGM part 2. Subject to support it is proposed that this be voted on at the 2018 AGM.

Proposed by Tony Davis. Seconded by Mal Clements.

The Secretary spoke at length on the benefits of forming a committee to look a future race directions, he advised that there is evidence that flying the same direction for a number of years has reduced the number of losses and have allowed flyer to fly 3 and 4 year olds as opposed to changing direction.

He referenced the Southern Fed who have been flying the South West route for a number of years and have advised that they have less losses now with old birds. He also related to the European model were they fly the same directions year in year out. There were a number of member who were opposed to this proposal.

The Chair call for a vote – **3 for 8 against – Motion Lost.**

The Secretary advised members that he was very disappointed with the lack of support, and reminded members that the last 2 motion proposed were to gain agreement to form a committee to look at and discuss possible options, not to make any agreement, other than that to look at the options and table a number of proposal for consideration at future meetings. He further advised the members that with more coastal flyers joining the Fed, the more the western flyers are the more they will be disadvantage.

12. General Business

Ring Transfers from G Lott to C Newton, Peter Davis to Condran & Brandabour

13. New Member Application

The following applications have been received from Anton Mass, Terry Price & Peter McQuinn. The Chair asked that they be accepted as members. All in Favour, Welcome Gentleman.

14. Australian National Racing Pigeon Board –

The Secretary reported on Canberra Meeting 19/11/16 – He provide a summary of the board's objectives and overview of what was discussed, and provided a number of handouts to the members.

The main point that were covered;

- The board was formed on the direction from the government,
- The government had advised that they only want to deal with one entity.
- The board has representatives from all states, and represents both fancy and racing bodies.
- The meet monthly with the government and they only have 1 representative, the rest of the members are made up of commercial business representatives and other hobbyist groups associated with all birds, chooks, ducks, geese, turkeys, parrots, etc.
- The main focus is on husbandry and welfare of all birds.
- Development of codes of practice that will apply to all states and local Government bodies
- Biosecurity and disease control and prevention
- The ANRPB has a website www.anrpb.org all members can access this site, join for free and access all information.
- Members are encouraged to join and inform themselves of the board's agenda.

15. Items to be added to the Agenda of the AGM part 2.

Alan Wilmot proposed that the Fed look at including flying the South West Route.

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.

Note 2 – Club Secretaries are to provide a list of all fed race baskets held at each club. This will be required annually. To be provided by AGM PART 2

16. Meeting adjourned

The Chair moved that the AGM be adjourned to allow for the clubs account to be audited, seconded by Tony Davis, all in favour.

Next Meeting – AGM Part 2 - to be held at Lake Macquarie club rooms 7/2/17 commencing at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary