

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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Annual General Meeting Agenda 2014

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Minutes of AGM part 1 held at Cessnock Clubrooms on Sunday 07/12/2014

Meeting commenced at 10:45 am with 30 Members present. Apologies – nil

1. Reading of the previous minutes.

- a. Minutes of General Meeting held at Raymond Terrace Clubrooms on 11/11/2014 – The Chair read the minutes.
- b. **Moved as a true record by**, Chris Newton - seconded by – Allan Wilmot. - All in favour.

2. Business arising from the minutes – Nil

- 3. Correspondence in.-** Email from Tony Palin – Mid North Coast Fed asking if we would consider allowing them to transport there birds with us from Ballina north. This was based on the assumption that we were flying north. As we are flying South in 2015, this request is not possible. T Davis to send advice.

Ring Transfer – M&V Waters to Jack Sewell

4. Treasurer's report

Paul presented a statement of the clubs accounts see attached.

As at the 27/11/14

Opening Balance 1/11/14 -	\$ 8,798.00
Receipts – Breeder Plate sales -	\$ 4,029.00
Interest -	\$ 00
Expenses -	\$ 700.07
Closing balance 27/11/14 -	\$12,127.28
Expenses paid since statement -	\$ 480.00 – Website Fees

The Chair asked that the statement be moved as a true and correct record - Allan Wilmot, Second – Mick Watt - All in favour

Invoices presented for payment by Paul Bettens.

- Office Works \$ 21.00
- Treidlia Biovet \$ 570.00
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The Chair requested that the invoices, outstanding accounts and gratuities, as detailed in the financial statement, and as table for payment at the meeting, be paid in full. Moved – Tony Davis, Second – Mick Watt - All in favour

5. Auditing of the Federation Financial Statements.

The Chair request the treasurer to prepare the books and present them to the Auditor, for the preparation of the finical report to be presented to the Dept. of Fair Trading.

6. Election of Officers

All positions were declared vacant. The following nomination were received.

- a. **President – Nominations Received – Stan Rippon – Elected.**
- b. **Secretary– Nominations Received – Tony Davis – Elected.**
- c. **Treasurer– Nominations Received- Paul Bettens – Elected.**
- d. **Vice President– Nominations Received- Alan Wilmont – Elected.**
- e. **Ring Secretary– Nominations Received – Tim Fairfax – Elected.**
- f. **Race Secretary– Nominations Received- Mick Watt – Elected.**
- g. **Liberation Committee – 4 Nominations Received - Tony Davis, Mick Watt, Stan Rippon, Peter Edmunds – decided by ballot.**

Ballot Results - Stan Rippon – 29 votes, Mick Watt - 24 votes, Tony Davis – 24 votes, Peter Edmunds – 9 Votes, 2 informal votes.

Stan Rippon, Tony Davis, Mick Watt elected by result of ballot.

7. Setting of Race and Federation Membership Fees for 2015 season – Currently \$25.00 and \$375.00

The chair suggested that the membership fees and race fees remain the same for 2015. Moved - Mick Jones, Seconded - Tony Davis. All in Favour

8. Vote on Race Schedule

2 schedules were presented to the meeting, 1st from Chris Newton, 2nd from Tony Davis.

There was general discussion on both schedules, the schedule from Chris Newton as it was considered there were too fast a jump from race points in the second round.

The 2nd schedule was discussed and was determined that the Young Bird Derby need to be moved to the same date as the 1st breeder Plate and Blue band race. It was also agreed that the 2nd spare weekend be moved to the 26th and 27th of September. The last 2 races will be on the 4th and 5th of October. A vote was called for by show of hands and the Tony Davis schedule was accepted.

Tony Davis to amend the schedule as detailed above and present the final at the 2nd AGM for ratification.

9. Honorariums for Officer Bearers – Motion to pay Honorariums and to set fees for 2015

Tony Davis moved that the Federation Executives Gratuities remain at \$200.00 for each of the 6 Executives positions, and that the treasurer be authorised to pay each member of the management committee \$200.00, being a total sum of \$1,200.00

Second by Chris Newton – All in Favour

10. Notice of Motions

11. Multi trapping for Blue and Gold Band Race same as with the Breeders Plates – Proposer - T Davis – Seconded by Paul Bettens. The motion was presented and discussed, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands – **6 for 20 against.**
Motion Defeated

12. The 5 Bird National Race to be included in the point score for the 5 bird club series. Proposer Tim Fairfax – Seconded by Mick Jones. The motion was presented and discussed, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands – **26 for 0 against.**

Motion Passed. The Chair to amend the web site to ensure the race is included in the point score for the 5 bird club.

13. Increase in bird numbers per flyer. It is proposed that all flyers are given the option to fly additional birds. The current process only allows flyers to fly 1 clock or 2 clocks. It is proposed that all flyers are given the option to nominate to fly additional birds based on the following rules.

- i. To fly 1 Team 24 birds current cost \$ 375.00. It is proposed that members can nominate to fly additional birds in lots of 6, being either 30, 36, 42, 48. The cost per 6 birds is an additional \$93.75.
- ii. This proposal has the potential to increase the numbers of birds in a race and will generate extra funds for the fed. – Proposer T Davis – Seconded by Tim Fairfax.

The motion was presented and discussed, there was a bit of confusion with how this would be applied. Chris Newton moved that we increase the bird limit in the basket to 30 without any additional cost.

Tony Davis advised the Chair that this motion is out of order as it was not on the agenda and was a direct breach of the Federations Code of Practice.

Tony Davis requested the Chair that the motion as presented need to be voted on before any further direction could be taken. The Chair agreed and call for a vote by show of hands. – **6 for 19 against – Motion Defeated**

Chris Newton requested that his motion be voted on. Tony Davis again advised the Chair the motion was out of order as it was not on the agenda and that it would require the clubs code of practice to be amended prior to such a motion be considered. The Chair advised that he would allow the motion to be voted on and called for a member to second the motion. This was seconded by Glen Brown.

The motion was presented and discussed, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands. - **5 for 20 against – Motion Defeated**

- 14.** Birds nominated for the “junior races” cannot be entered in the opens section - Steven Bailey – Seconded by Terry Condran - The motion was presented and discussed.

Steve Bailey advised the meeting that a true Junior who bred, feed and raced his birds had decided to give the sport away, as he was constantly being beaten by senior flyers who were nominating birds for either their children or grandchildren in both the 5 Bird club as well as the Junior section. He noted that these senior flyers by their actions were in essence racing senior birds in the junior section thus putting a true junior at a complete disadvantage. The Chair call for a vote by show of hands – **17 for 5 against. Motion Passed.**

- 15.** Race results to be record to the 3rd decimal point to voided dead heats and ties in races. – Tim Fairfax Seconded by Tony Davis. The motion was presented and discussed.

Tim Fairfax advised the meeting that there has been a number of races last year were there were dead heats. He advised that both the electronic and the manual clocks have the ability to be read to the 3 decimal point.

The Chair call for a vote by show of hands – **7 for 14 against – Motion Defeated**

- 16.** Surplus baskets for the first round should be reduced to \$5.00 to encourage more flyer to get there birds away – Dick Archer
The Chair called for a member to second the motion. No one present supported the motion - – **Motion Defeated**

17. Change of Rules for 1 Bird Races – It is proposed that the Fed considers placing the 1 birds into nominated baskets instead of each club having 2 baskets for 1 birders.

All 1 birders must have the ring number record and be placed in a holding basket until the truck arrives. The birds would then be checked for correctness and then placed into the nominated baskets. – Proposer - Alan Wilmot – Seconded Phil Powell.

The motion was presented and discussed, Alan Wilmot advised the meeting that this proposal will prevent any possibility of a 1 bird being placed into the open race basket. The Chair called for a vote by show of hands – **25 for 0 against – Motion Passed.**

18. The 5 Bird national be a prize money cost to enter be \$15.00 per team – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes to be paid. Based on 40 flyer this equates to a prize pool of \$600.00 – T Davis Seconded by Pat Keim.

The motion was presented and discussed, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands. **4 for 21 against. Motion Defeated**

Proposed Liberation Changes

The Chair advised the meeting that the following 4 motions all relate to liberation issues. He advised that he did not feel that these motions as presented covered all the issues that will need to be look analysed and addressed.

He proposed that we need to form a committee which will include the liberation committee and other interested members to consider the motions/suggestion as detailed below, and again review and revised the liberation policy with the intention of have any recommendation for change to be ratified at the management committee meeting.

It is proposed that we form a committee at the 2nd AGM with the objective to provide a report with recommendations to be approved and adopted prior to the start of the 2015 race season.

Mal Watters addressed the meeting and advised that his email to Stan was to ensure that his concerns that are supported by others, were not intended as motions per say, but to raise a number of concerns regarding the last 2 races and to hopefully find some solution. There were a number of other members that also voiced their concerns with the lack of returns from these races.

The Chair advised the meeting that he as well as the other members of the liberation committee were also concerned by lack of returns. He advised that both those weekends were plagued by light east winds all the way, and that even though the east winds are the least favourable to race in, the wind strength was well within the current liberation guidelines.

Tony Davis also that there was very little that could be done, other than to bring the bird home, but felt that we were between a rock and a hard place knowing that these were going to be tough races based on the forecast conditions.

He also pointed out that there were a number of other factors that had contributed to the failed races, those being that we only had small numbers of birds in the liberations and that there was the real possibility that the birds got mixed up with the 3 Melbourne feds and the Canberra fed that were flying from north to south across the path of our birds.

19. Basking for the 2 longest races be delayed until favourable conditions are predicted. – Dick Archer – To be referred to the liberation committee for assessment.
20. In the event of a race being cancelled, consideration be given to extending season in event beyond long weekend – Proposed Mal Watters. To be referred to the liberation committee for assessment.
21. In event of holdover birds to be held up to five days. If conditions not favourable by 5th day then birds are to be brought home. – Proposed Mal Watters. To be referred to the liberation committee for assessment.
22. Birds to be held at race point until conditions are favourable. Birds not to be liberated until there are favourable conditions, i.e. No head wind. Temperature at liberation point not to exceed 30 degrees at time of liberation. – Proposed Mal Watters. To be referred to the liberation committee for assessment.
23. The Chair moved that the AGM be held in abeyance until the clubs financial records can be audited – All in favour.
24. **Next Meeting – To be held at Raymond Terrace club rooms on Sunday 18/01/15**

Meeting closed at 12.35 pm.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary