

# *Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.*

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## **Annual General Meeting Part 2**

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### **Minutes of AGM part 2 held at Raymond Terrace Clubrooms on Tuesday 07/12/2014**

The Chair reconvened the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of AGM at 7:00 pm with 26 Members present. Apologies – nil

1. **Reading of the previous minutes.**
  - a. Minutes of Annual General Meeting part 1 held at Cessnock Clubrooms on 07/12/2014 – The Chair read the minutes.
  - b. **Moved as a true record by**, Herb Samuels - seconded by – Allan Wilmot. - All in favour.
2. **Business arising from the minutes** – Nil
3. **Correspondence in.- Ring Transfers** – Garry Ellicott to John Buxton, B Brice to A Jamerson, Peter Field to R Herivel, Peter Field to Stan Rippon
4. **Treasurer's report**

Paul Bettens presented a statement of the clubs accounts for December 14 and January 15, see attached.

**As at the 31/12/14**

**Opening Balance 30/11/14** **\$ 11,647.28**

#### **Receipts**

Breeder Plate sales	\$ 2,282.00
Blue and Gold Band	\$ 500.00
Vaccinations	\$ 1,253.70
Interest -	\$ 6.98
Other income	<u>\$ 536.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>\$ 16,225.96</u></b>

#### **Expenditure -**

Internet Fee	\$ 0.75
Reversal of deposit	\$ 75.00
Prize Money	\$ 39.60
Honorarium	\$ 70.00
Vaccine Purchases	\$ 2000.00

Stationary	\$ 21.00
Motor charge	\$ 30.03
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 2596.38</u></b>

**Closing/Opening balance 31/12/14 - \$13,629.58**

**Receipts**

Breeder Plate sales	\$ 1,865.00
Blue and Gold Band	\$ 806.00
Vaccinations	\$ 1,530.00
Interest -	\$ 4.08
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>\$ 17,834.66</u></b>

**Expenditure -**

Bank Transaction Fee	\$ 0.75
Vaccine Purchases	\$ 2153.40
Stationary	\$ 41.70
Motor charge	\$ 20.43
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,216.28</u></b>

**Closing balance 31/01/15 \$ 15,619.01**

The Chair asked that the statement be moved as a true and correct record – Chris Newton, Second – Gary Woolcott - All in favour

**5. Auditing of the Federation Financial Statements.**

Club Auditor, Malcolm Clement table the audit report of the Federations account. Malcolm reported that the accounts as audited show a true and correct record of the Federation financial position. Please access the full audit report via the Fed's Website @ <http://www.newcastlepigeons.com/content/297>

An invoice of \$500.00 was presented for audit fees

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 – W Schbach - All in favour

The minutes of the AGM and the Audit Report to be lodged with The Dept. of Fair Trading. Stan Rippon and Paul Bettens to prepare submission.

**6. Notice of Prize Pool distribution.**

Paul Bettens advise the meeting that the Breeders Plate sales raised a prize Pool of \$7708.00. Each race will have a pool of \$3890.00 to be divided as 1<sup>st</sup> – 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 30%, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 20%

Blue Band race -\$1466.00, Gold Band race - \$1306.00 – the prize pools will be divided same as for the Breeders Plate.

7. **Paramixo Vaccination Declarations** – Members are reminded that all birds must be vaccinated to be eligible to race. Club are to ensure that all members must submit a statutory declaration to the Fed Secretary prior to first race.

8. **Breeders Plate Rules** – There was a question raised by Tony Davis regarding the number of birds that need to be entered in or purchased before one is eligible for a \$20.00 buy back.

Tony explained at a recent breeder's plate sale he was advised that Breeders Plate rings were also included in the count. Tony advised that he had look through all the record and could not find any written rule regarding the requirements and advised that due to the ambiguity this needs to be clarify and documented to avoid any further confusion.

There was a number comments from members that stating that, It was common knowledge that the buyback ratio is, 1 buy back for every 3 birds either entered in the auction and or 3 birds purchased, the seller or purchaser is then eligible for 1 buy back at a cost of \$20.00 for every 3 birds.

Breeders Plate Rings purchased at auction cannot be counted in the buyback process.

It was agreed that this will be recorded in the minutes and that this rule be added to the website as "Breeders plate rules" – This was agreed by all members present.

9. **Breeder Plate Sale – Age of Birds**

Tim Fairfax advised that meeting that there was also a need to clarify the eligibly requirements for birds entered in the sale. Tim advised that at a recent breeder's plate sale he had entered 2 squeakers that had not been weaned. Tim advised that some members present advise that they we to young and should be ineligible. Tim advised that as there is no written rule it can, and has created a lot of discussion all based one's perception at the time

Tim request that we decide today what the rules should be to enter birds in the sale. There was a lot of discussion and various examples given by members as to what other fed do.

After much debate Tony Davis moved that the follow be adopted.

"All birds must be feather under the wing and that the bird must have not dropped a flight" Terry Condran advised that we should allow some discretion for out of area birds stating that they will often drop a flight being transported.

The follow motion was put to the vote. Moved Tony Davis second Terry Condran.

*"All birds must be feather under the wing and that the bird must have not dropped a flight to be eligible for the sale," "out of area bird birds may be still eligible for sale subject to the host clubs discretion" "Buyer beware"*

**25 for 1 against – motion passed.**

**10. Diplomas and Prize Cards**

Tim Fairfax asked for an update on the status of the diplomas as discussed at previous meeting. The Chair advised that the option of the Fed being able to produce the required format to deliver a diploma was not possible due to a number of issues that were not known at the time.

The Chair advised that we will have to revert back to the issuing of prize cards. 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> place per race.

New card will need to be purchased and all outstanding card will be issued in due course.

**11. Junior Races and the 5 Bird club.**

Tim Fairfax asked a question regarding the application of the new rule as passed at the AGM – *item 14 “Birds nominated for the “junior races” cannot be entered in the opens section” - Steven Bailey – Seconded by Terry Condran - 17 for 5 against. Motion Passed.*

Tim asked how this rule will be applied as there are plenty of examples were a flyer would fly less than 10 birds, once less than 10 birds are entered the junior or the senior flyer would be disadvantage. To the point where, if the flyer was only flying 5 birds or less the junior or senior flyer are excluded from the race or that they need to split the entries, e.g. 2 for the junior and 3 for the Senior flyer.

There was much discussion on the application of the new rule and it was evident that the motion as published in the minutes did not cover the application of the rule in regard to any of the scenarios that have now been raised. As this was a contentious issue there will need to be a reconsideration of the application of the rule. This may require an amendment to be prepared to address the issues as raised. Due to the time constraint and the fact that this motion had been included in the agenda it was consider that we will need to look at the options as the original motion was not intended to disadvantage either senior or junior flyer. Issue to be discussed at the next delegates meeting.

**12. Cardiff club to be included on the website – Agreed Stan Rippon to arrange**

**13. Proposed Liberation Changes**

It was agreed that due to the number of issues raised at the AGM that a committee be formed to address the issues and report back with findings and recommendation prior the commencement of racing.

The following members were nominated – S Rippon, M Watt, T Davis, Mal Clements, Tim Fairfax, Craig Harris, Mal Watters was nominated by Steve Baily in his absence. The Secretary to arrange a meeting dates, venue to be Hexham Bowling Club

**14. Next Meeting – To be held at Maitland club rooms on Tuesday 3/03/15**

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary

