

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Raymond Terrace Clubrooms, Sunday 4th December, 2011.

Meeting commenced at 11:41 am with 30 members present.

The Chairman declared all positions vacant and asked the secretary to read the nominees for executive positions for 2012.

The secretary advised that only 1 applicant had nominated for each position and therefore all applicants were declared elected unopposed, as follows:

President	Stan Rippon
Vice President	Terry Bradbury
Secretary/Treasurer	Paul Callaghan
Race Secretary	Mick Watt
Ring Secretary	Bill Boland

Liberation Committee Stan Rippon, Mick Watt, Terry Bradbury and Brian Walters

General Business:

1. A formal notice of motion was received as follows -

Moved: C.Thomas **Seconded:** J.Bowie

That Clock Rule 5 (calculating velocities) be applied: "velocities are to be calculated to two (2) decimal places".

The Race Secretary disputed that this was the actual rule. He believes that the NCF rule is for all velocities to be calculated to one (1) decimal point. No-one had a copy of the rules with them so the matter was deferred until the rule could be checked.

Note – the Rules have now been checked and it is confirmed that the current NCF rule is to calculate all velocities to one (1) decimal point.

2. Dick Archer advised that he been given 54 Taree pigeons to race next year and if anyone strays in a Taree pigeon with ring numbers in the 900's, please contact Dick.

3. The Terms of Reference for the proposed NCF Sub Committee to analyse returns and losses were submitted to the meeting by Ken Harris. Ken proposes that we review transportation, liberation policy and procedures, flying routes, weather forecasting, a code of practice, qualification distances for pigeons, fitness and health assessments of birds being entered into races. Volunteers for the Sub Committee were called for. The following members nominated and were accepted onto the Sub Committee:

Ken Harris, Chris Thomas, Peter Edman, Pat Kiem, Tony Davis and Paul Callaghan.

The Sub Committee is meet regularly and report to the NCF Management Committee at least quarterly, results and updates are to be posted onto the NCF website, a contact e mail address is to be on the NCF website so that any member can submit suggestions to the sub committee.

Moved: C.Thomas **Seconded:** G.Garland

Motion approved 15 for 1 against

4. **Moved:** C.Newton **Seconded:** G.Pringle

That the 2013 NCF Breeders Plate be one race only with 5 prizes as follows – 1st 50% of prizemoney; 2nd 25%; 3rd, 4th and 5th to share the remaining 25%..

Motion defeated 3 for 11 against

5. **Moved:** C.Newton **Seconded:** M.Watt

That no flyer can have exclusive use of a race basket for his or her own birds. If only 1 flying member competes from any location, that flyer must basket at another centre so that his or her race birds can be split up into various baskets.

Approved unanimously

6. The next Fed Breeders Plate sale will be at Lake Macquarie on Sunday 15th January. Basketting from 9am, auction starts at 10am.

7. Members requested that the NCF website be used to notify members of such things as Breeders Plate sale dates, availability of blue and gold band rings, etc.

8. The Treasurer was asked to calculate the minimum cost to provide midweek and Sunday tosses so that if numbers of members (and baskets) using this service drop off, the members that want to continue with tossing can have the option of paying a higher cost per basket to cover the Fed expenses.

9. All Clubs are asked to submit numbers of flying members for season 2012 at the next meeting so that fees can be assessed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.

The next meeting will be Lake Macquarie Clubrooms on Tuesday 7th February, 2012 at 7pm.

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S.Rippon President

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P.Callaghan Secretary