

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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General Meeting - 5/4/16

Held at Lake Macquarie club rooms

The meeting commenced at 7:15 pm with 24 Members present. Apologies – Paul Bettens

1. Welcoming of Members – The Chair open the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. Reading of the previous minutes.

- a. Minutes of Annual General Meeting part 2 - held at Adamstown Clubrooms on 01/3/2016 - The Chair read the minutes.
- b. Moved as a true record by, Alan Wilmot- seconded by – Malcolm Clements. - All in favour

3. Business arising from the minutes – Nil

4. Correspondence in

- a. PMV Deceleration received from, Raymond Terrace, Newcastle, Cessnock Invitation, Maitland, Lake Macquarie, Cessnock
- b. Ring Transfers – J Banfield, to Allan Stark, A Limeburner to Alan Walker, G Walter to Robert Hawkins, Ray Wesche to Kevin Alley, Ray Wesche to Wade Pickhard, N Kaparos to M&R Clements, Mal Watters to Clint Ralston & Son, Mal Burke to Mal Watters, G&R McPhee to Mal Watters, Vic Smola to Mal Watters, Brian Walters to Condran & Brandabor, Brandabor & Condran to Condran & Brandabor, D Murison to G Walters, D Murison to Condran & Brandabor, G Garland to Condran & Brandabor.
- c. Letter from Cardiff Invitation advising that Peter Edman is their Fed Delegate with Mal Clements the reserve.
- d. Letter from Maitland advising that they have 23 fed Baskets and that they have 12 flyers this year.
- e. Letter from Maitland advising that have 4 members wishing to join the Fed, Alan Stark, Mal Burke, Clint Ralston & Doug Brice.
- f. Advice from Cessnock Invitation that Michael McNamara of No 2 Short Street, Pelaw Main wishes to join the Fed.
- g. Letter from Allan Limeburner advising that he will not be flying with Cardiff Invitation and has asked that a new club be formed to identify his point score called Belmont North. He further advised that we will be basketing at Lake Macquarie Club.

5. Correspondence out – Nil

6. Treasurer's report

The Chair presented the Treasurer's report in his absence.

As at the 31/03/2016 Main Fed Operating Account – March

Opening Balance 01/3/16 **\$ 14,862.20**

Receipts/ Income March.

Vaccine Sales	\$ 765.00
Blue & Gold band sales	\$ 12.00
Breeders Plate Sales	\$ 295.00
Memberships	\$ 625.00
Applications	\$ 225.00
5 Bird Club	\$ 25.00
Interest	\$ 1.37
	<u>\$ 1,948.37</u>

Total Receipts including opening balance - **\$ 16,756.57**

Expenditure - March

Dept. Fair Trading Lodgement \$ 54.00

Total Expenses **\$ 54.00**

Closing balance @ 31/3/16 - **\$ 14,862.20**

Truck Fuel & Maintenance Account

Opening Balance 01/3/16 March. **\$ 134.08**

Receipts/ Income from main account & Interest. \$ 000.07

Total \$ 134.15

Expenditure – March

RMS Fee \$ 22.00

Closing Balance 31/3/16 March. **\$ 112.15**

The Chair asked that the statement as presented be moved as a true and correct record Moved. – W Scherbak, Second – Mick Watt - All in favour

8. New Member Applications

The Chair asked the members to consider the applications for membership, and advised that each application be voted on separately.

Alan Stark	13 for 0 against	Welcome Alan
Clint Ralston	13 for 0 against	Welcome Clint
Doug Brice	13 for 0 against	Welcome Doug
Michael McNamara	13 for 0 against	Welcome Michael
Mal Burke	13 for 0 against	Welcome Mal

9. Proposed toss dates.

The proposed toss dates are; 30/4/16 or 1/5/16 & the 7/5/16 pickup from all site if supported. Time to be confirmed. Subject to weather conditions on the day. Clubs to advise numbers to determine viability and cost per basket.

10. Maitland Clock System

The chair raised the Maitland club to provide details and information on the new clock system "Top Pigeon" so this can be assessed and if compliant included in the Feds Clock Rule. Club to provide details to the committee for assessment.

11. Minutes of the Combined Federation Meeting regarding the “East Coast Classic” held at Lake Macquarie Club Rooms on 19/3/16

Please note: The following minutes were posted on “Let’s Talk Pigeon” By Neil Cavell, on 20/3/16.

I have read the minutes as posted, and concur that they represent an accurate record of the meeting with the exception of a few minor points relating to the 2016 long distance series, the 2017 race schedule & the proposed non Fed. 700 mile race in 2017.

These amendments/additions are shown in bold and in Italics.

Thank you Neil.

Tony Davis chaired a meeting of the representatives of three Feds, NCF, Central Coast, SCF, in the Lake Macquarie Club rooms, the meeting getting underway at 10.30am.

There were a number of other interested flyers in attendance.

After a pleasant welcome, and coffee and biscuits, discussion went quickly into the proposal of The East Coast Classic, previously slated in for Byron Bay and a date around the 3.9.16.

After many positive comments about holding this proposed race, it was accepted by the group that THE EAST COAST CLASSIC would now be a dedicated race offered to the three Feds attending, on the 3.9.16.

POINTS:

1. Named THE EAST COAST CLASSIC (ECC), transport by the NCF, liberation as per the NCF Liberation Protocols with consultation of the other two Feds. Given that the three Feds are racing the same route, NORTH ROAD, then the liberation information would be very similar to all three Feds. 25 birds per basket, \$15 per basket freight charge payable to the NCF.

2. The ECC will be a 5 Bird, any age entry with a cost suggested at \$25 per team up to the five birds.

3. The entry fee is to be set by each of the THREE FEDS, with these three Feds forming their own SECTIONS, with all monies staying in each section. There will be overall Cards for TOP performances within the OVERALL RACE, given the spread of the lofts able to compete in the ECC, from North, Newcastle and environs to the South Coast.

4. Chasing up sponsorship discussed.

5. Nominations to the NCF, on a Fed basis, is required 7 days before the ECC.

6. Basketing Centres in the SCF and Central Coast will need to have their birds basketed in NCF crates and be in the NEWCASTLE area at a designated time and place to be co-ordinated closer to race time. For the SCF this was around 6.30pm, Thursday night basketing at the Lake Macquarie Clubrooms.

7. Given modern weather forecasting, the weekend of/including the 3.9.16 is the target race parameter but it could be a Monday race as well, so all basketing options are on the table to make this a successful race.

Discussion re: the ECC then moved onto the longer races on the NCF SCHEDULE.

Tony Davis spoke about the need for Feds to be able to offer LONG DISTANCE RACING at a fair

and equitable price so that flyers could take up the challenge of Long Distance Racing once more and that birds coming down similar routes could have cover. He suggested that in the future Feds would have to co-opt each other's resources, esp. for distance racing and that this meeting was a great starting place.

He spoke about planning for races up to and including MACKAY QLD, and mentioned interest from some Central Cumberland Fed members.

Note: It is proposed to race the 700 mile race in 2017 as a Non Fed Race, open to all Feds. Proposed time for the race is, between the last week in August to the last week in September, date subject to forecast.

He also made the offer that with prior consultation and arrangements, with the NCF, it is in a position to offer similar opportunities to flyers to race in their Distance Program **in 2016**, with similar basketing arrangements at \$15 per basket.

Note: The cost to Fly Mackay is yet to be determined, this will be subject to numbers of flyers interested and if we can secure sponsorship to help subsidise the cost.

The SCF reps mentioned that they would be utilising the NCF offer to race Maryborough QLD on/about the 24.9.16.

SCF Reps spoke about the "timing" of NORTH ROAD Distance Races, to which Tony Davis was going to do an informed study of BOM DATA to try to see if there was a pattern of weather conditions, prevailing winds that may result in a better researched race schedule for 2017.

Tony Davis also suggested that the representatives on Federations flying similar routes should speak more closely in the future so that the longer races could line up with a combined, cost sharing and bird coverage opportunity.

Note: The Central Coast and the NCF to investigate aligning race schedules for the Middle/Long Distance in 2017 to boost size of liberations, SCF to advise if they are also interested in aligning schedules.

Meeting closed with a sausage sizzle, **donated by Geoff Garland**, and some very positive people buzzing!

10. Other issues

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.

Numbers To date - Lake Macquarie 55 Baskets, Cessnock Invitation 16 Baskets, Maitland 23 Baskets, Cessnock 39 Baskets, Raymond Terrace – TBA , Newcastle - TBA.

Note 3 – Clubs to advised numbers of flyer who intend to fly first round, so any spare capacity can be shared between the clubs.

Next Meeting – To be held at Cessnock club rooms on

Tuesday 3/05/16

Meeting Closed at 8:40 pm.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary