

# *Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.*

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## **Minutes of General Meeting at Cessnock Clubrooms - Tuesday 3/4/2012**

Meeting commenced at 7:05am with 15 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read out by the President.

**Moved:** A.Wilmott                      **Seconded:** C.Newton

That they be confirmed as a true copy.

Passed unanimously.

**Business Arising:** Nil

### **Correspondence Out:**

1. Letter to Hunter Club confirming we will transport their birds to Blackall, space permitting.

### **Correspondence In:**

1. Application to join the NCF from Mitchell Brown (Cessnock Club Junior).
2. Application to join the NCF from Gary Woolcott (Maitland Club).
3. Application to join the NCF from Herb Samuels (Maitland Club)
4. Transfers from:  
W.Boland to T.Bradbury of RT 11 1805 – 1812, 1814, 1815; 1818 – 1821, 1825, 1826, 1831, 1834 – 1837; NCF 11 185; RT 2011 426,427,429 – 437, 439 – 441.
5. Laurie Dennis to T.Condran of LM 2011 1015, 1017, 1019,1020, 1035, 1036, 1027, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1070, 1021, 1022, 1109, 1110, 1125, 1126, 1039, 1040, 1112, 1099, 1100, 1121, 1122, 1049; LM 2010 792.
6. A.Wilmott to T.Bradbury of Cess 2011 0008, 0089, 0039 & Cess 2010 85.
7. B.Biggs to A.Wilmott of NH 2011 1778, 1814.
8. A.Wilmott to J.Howson of NCF 2011 1409.
9. Letter from Chris Thomas re Paramyxovirus and request for donations to aid the Victorian trial of poultry vaccines.
10. E Mail from Brian Catling re controls fitted to our transport unit and comments on putting vents into the side doors.

### Treasurers Report:

Report attached. In summary:

Working Account	\$7,930.63
Truck Fund – Fixed Deposits	\$10,000.00

**Moved:** V.Smola                      **Seconded:** B.Walters

That the Treasurers report be accepted.                      Passed unanimously

### General Business:

1. Application for membership from the 3 new members was voted upon by a show of hands. All 3 (Mitchell Brown, Gary Woolcott and Herb Samuels) were approved unanimously.

2. **Moved:** A.Wilmott                      **Seconded:** C.Newton

That the NCF donate \$500.00 to the VHA paramyxovirus trial program.

Approved unanimously

3. Flying numbers were reviewed as follows:

	Flyers	Baskets	Surplus
Newcastle	5	6	1
Lake Macquarie	15 (+ 8)	24	3
Raymond Terrace	9	10	2
Maitland	7	8	0
Cessnock	14	14	3
Singleton	3	4	0
Weston	2	2	0
Cess. Inv.	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	61 + 8	74	10

Note – these numbers are slightly different to what was discussed at the meeting. On reflection, I realised that Clubs with odd numbers of flyers (eg Newcastle 5, Lake Macq. 15, etc) will need an even number of baskets to cater for a 50/50 split of hens and cocks in race teams. This has reduced the number of baskets available for surplus by 4 to what was discussed on Tuesday night.

4. Each Club will need a double set of baskets to allow for Sunday tossing. With one set used for Saturday racing, these used baskets will be removed from the truck on Sunday morning at each club and replaced with whatever toss baskets are to be used. These toss baskets will then be dropped back to each Club on Sunday afternoon after the toss. Clubs are reminded it is their responsibility to have members available to meet the truck and remove their respective toss baskets each Sunday afternoon. A review of numbers revealed that only Lake Macquarie will need additional baskets to make up a double set, each other club has sufficient already.
5. Truck update – the two ducts have been installed underneath the bottom row of baskets by Chris Thomas and Ken Harris. The truck will be taken to Greg Jack's residence this week to have the PVC pipes installed under the roof as well as the fans and electrical controls, additional batteries and water purifier. Tony Davis and Pat Kiem will be assisting Greg Jack with this work. We will then need to have the upgraded alternator installed by Gilbert and Roach prior to testing of the new ventilation system.
6. Mick Jones raised the issue of putting side vents into the doors of the transport unit, similar to the Central Coast truck. Stan Rippon advised the meeting that our doors are too thin to take these vents and the hydraulic lift system may not take the extra weight. After discussion it was decided to continue with the work as planned, test the unit and see if the extra ventilation is sufficiently controlling both temperature and humidity within the unit. If it is not, we will then need to revisit the issue of side vents in the doors.
7. The Liberation Committee advised that they support the introduction of the Pre Release Check List devised by the Sub Committee but is still working on some proposed amendments. The Checklist will be posted on our website and will be available for review by all members for every race. To be finalised by the May meeting ready for the start of racing in May.
8. The Liberation Committee agreed to undertake training by the Bureau of Meteorology if this can be arranged. Fed Secretary to pursue.
9. Fed Tosses will start on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April from Singleton. The second toss will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May from Muswellbrook.

Meeting closed 8:15 pm

The next meeting will be at Raymond Terrace Clubrooms on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2012 starting at 7pm.

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a true copy

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S.Rippon President

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P.Callaghan Secretary