

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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Minutes of General Meeting held at Raymond Terrace Clubrooms – Tuesday 6/8/2013

Meeting commenced at 7:05pm with 28 members present.

A minutes silence was observed by the meeting due to the recent passing of Mrs. Shirley Jones and Mrs. Gertrude Walters.

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:

1. Brian Catling's website link has still not been put onto our website.
2. Tony Davis is still liaising with Brian Catling about a suitable data logger for our truck – researching several different types and prices.
3. The Secretary forgot to record the race results that were passed at the last meeting – will be recorded below.

Correspondence Out:

1. Letter to Chris Nicholls advising of his disqualification from the race held 21/7/13.

Correspondence In:

1. Letter from Chris Nicholls appealing his disqualification.

2. Transfers from –

G.Garland to T.Condran of LM 12 3480;
B.Walters to T.Condran of NCF 12 3367;
L.Johnston to T.Condran of LM 12 1167;
G.Walters to T.Condran of LM 12 67, 1361, 1472 & 1473.

Treasurers Report:

As per attached report:

Working account \$21,536.89

Fixed deposit \$11, 030.36

Invested at 3.75% - matures 10/7/14

Race Results:

Date	Race	Fed Open	5 Bird	Fed Juniors
25/5	Scone	C & J Newton	Cherry & Banfield	Chase Horton
1/6	Scone	Cherry & Banfield	Cherry & Banfield	Condran Kids
3/6	Scone	W. Scherback	C & J Newton	Herivel Kids
8/6	Breeza	P.Pont	S.Brown	Jayden Brown
10/6	Breeza	Condran/Mackaway	Fleming/Fairfax	Powell Kids
15/6	Breeza	A.March	A.March	Herivel Kids
22/6	Boggabri	C & J Newton	C & J Newton	Bramble Kids
29/6	Race cancelled			
6/7	Boggabri	L.Johnston	M.Clements	Condran Kids
13/7	Wee Waa	Fleming/Fairfax	S.Brown	HarryAndrews
21/7	Wee Waa	M & D Watt	P.Edman	Bramble Kids

Chris Nicholls appeal against his disqualification from the race on 21/7/13 was then dealt with. Apparently Chris's clock stopped at 4:04pm before the check rap in the clubrooms at 5:40pm.

Moved: A.Wilmott **Seconded:** K.Harris

That the appeal is to be upheld and Chris's result allowed to stand.

Approved unanimously

Moved: A.Wilmott **Seconded:** V.Smola

That the above race results be accepted.

Approved unanimously

General Business:

1. Allen Wilmott queried whether we should leave the feed on the birds in the truck from 1pm to 4pm – won't some of them gorge themselves and then have full crops next morning? Removing the feed trays at 4pm allows 16 hours for the birds to digest their meal before an 8am liberation. Healthy birds should clear their crops within 12 hours and any birds returning home with undigested feed after 16 hours in the basket and then 5 or 6 hours on the wing have a health problem. The current practice will remain.
2. Feed mix for the truck was discussed. A sample of "euro heavy" mix was circulated around the meeting. It contains 69% carbohydrates and has a bit of everything – peas, corn, wheat, milo, sunflower, mung beans and safflower. The meeting decided this was a suitable mixture.
3. There will be a possible clash with Rockhamton Club at Moree this Saturday. The Liberation Committee is liaising with Rockhampton and will avoid a clash.
4. Peter Edman questioned whether we are doing anything different with management of the truck and/or the birds this year compared to last year (due to the comparatively poorer returns this season)? The short answer is No. There is no clear reason for the difference in returns.
5. Paul Callaghan asked the Committee if they are completing the Liberation Checklist before each liberation. The answer is No – they say they are adhering to the checklist but haven't been completing it and therefore no ongoing records are being maintained.

General discussion took place about the midweek Breeza toss and other races. No new suggestions were made.

6. The Race Schedule for the rest of 2013 was then discussed. Cessnock, Raymond Terrace and Maitland Clubs advised that their members preferred to keep the race schedule as is. Suggestions were made as follows:
 - a) Drop off the 3rd Moree and 3rd Mungindi and have spare weekends (with possible truck tosses from Scone);
 - b) Drop off the 3rd St.George, bring the Surat and Mitchell races forward one week and have a spare weekend before Charleville and Blackall.

With no motions moved, it was decided to continue with the race program as is and review again at next month's meeting.

7. Ken Harris advised the meeting that it was his intention to apply to the Fed Secretary to call a Special General Meeting for the members to consider flying North in 2014 instead of the scheduled West Route. Considerable discussion then ensued about this possibility with strong feelings expressed both for and against the suggestion.

8. The Secretary will distribute voting slips for 1 or 2 rounds in 2014.

9. Members are reminded that there are 3 positions to be filled at the next AGM – Fed Secretary, Fed Treasurer and Fed Minutes Secretary.

Meeting closed 8:40 pm.

The next meeting will be held at Adamstown Clubrooms on Tuesday 3rd September, 2013 commencing at 7:00 pm.

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a true copy

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S.Rippon President

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P.Callaghan Secretary