

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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General Meeting Raymond Terrace club rooms 4.8.15

Meeting commenced at 7:04pm with 14 Members present. Apologies – nil

1) Reading of the previous minutes.

- a) Minutes of General Meeting held at Maitland Clubrooms on 07/07/2015 – The Chair read the minutes.
- b) Moved as a true record by, Alan Wilmot - seconded by B Walters- All in favour.

2) Business arising from the minutes – Nil

3) Correspondence in.- Ring Transfers

Rodney Howe to Geoff Garland

4) Correspondence out. - Nil

5) Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented a statement of the clubs accounts for July.

As at the 31/07/15 Main Fed Operating Account

Opening Balance 1/07/15 **\$ 27,415.39**

Receipts/ Income

Toss, Fed, Fees, and Surplus & Application Fees	\$ 1,515.00
Tassie Race (Cessnock)	\$ 300.00
Interest	\$ 2.03
Total Receipts including opening balance	<u>\$ 29,232.42</u>

Expenditure -

Roaming Toll	\$ 225.00
Deposit to fixed Interest account	\$ 3178.35
Liberation Costs	\$ 1470.00
Southern Fed - Tassie race	\$ 300.00
Truck Fuel account	\$ 2500.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 7673.35</u>

Closing balance @ 31/7/15 - **\$ 21,559.07**

Truck Fuel & Maintenance Account

Opening Balance 1/07/15 **\$ 435.23**

Receipts/ Income

6/7/15 fund transfer from main Fed Acc.	\$ 500.00
13/7/15 fund transfer from main Fed Acc.	\$ 1000.00
13/7/15 fund transfer from main Fed Acc.	\$ 1000.00
Interest	\$ 0.00

Sub Total **\$ 2500.00**

Total Receipts including opening balance **\$ 1893.89**

Expenditure -

Fuel Purchases 7/7 to 27/7/15	\$ 1320.96
Maintenane- Gilbert & Roach	\$ 347.50
Total Expenses	\$ 1,668.46

Closing balance @ 31/7/15 **\$ 1,266.77**

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

5.1 – NRMA Road Side assist Insurance

The Treasurer advised that he had investigated the options and advised that Gilbert and Roach only provides a breakdown service in the local area.

He advised that other options were explored and that they were expensive, and that would be best that we manage a breakdown when and where they happen and engage a local mechanic to effect repairs as required.

The Chair move that we do not continue with the NRMA membership and that breakdowns will be managed on a case by case basis, unitizing local mechanics.

Second by Tony Davis - All in favour

6) General Business

A) Race Results

The Race Secretary presented the results as being ratified as correct. The results for the last 4 races, 2 x Shellharbour 4/7 & 11/7, 2 x Milton 18/7 & 25/7, were read to the meeting by the Chair and the winners and place getters congratulated. The official results are available on the Fed's website.

The Treasure moved that all prize monies be paid into the winners bank accounts. Moved. – Alan Wilmont, Second – W.Scherbak - All in favour.

B) Voting for 1 or 2 Round for 2016

The voting slips were counted and the results are as follows. 1 round – 16 votes, 2 rounds – 36 votes.

2 round for 2016 – Race schedules proposals are to be submitted to the secretary for inclusion in the schedule determination meeting. Meeting date to be determined at the next meeting.

C) Working Bee to assess the condition of the Spare Race Basket

The Chair advised the meeting that we need to agree on a date for the working bee to clean and assess the condition of the spare raced baskets.

It was agreed that this will be held on the 10/08/15 at 0900

D) Unloading of Race Baskets

Zorin Rankovic requested that Fed consider options for the removal and the cleaning of race baskets. There was discussion on the reasons why the baskets are required to be removed and cleaned after each race.

The Secretary advised the meeting that the current requirements to remove the race baskets and cleaned the baskets after each race, was passed at the AGM and if there are any changes proposed to the current requirements, this would need to be included on the agenda of the AGM.

The chair advised that the truck would now unload the baskets on the Sunday morning or the following the morning after the race, due to the fact that the truck is not getting back in time to unload.

The Chair advised that it is proposed to start at Adamstown at 0700, then Lake Macquarie, Raymond Terrace, Maitland and Cessnock.

This was moved by Alan Wilmont, Second by Tony Davis. – All in favour

E) Accident and injury insurance

Herb Samuels advised the meeting of a recent accident that happen to a flyer who was loading baskets onto a race truck. It was reported that his finger was cut off. Herb ask if our insurance covers all members for accident and or injuries that may occur.

The Chair advised the meeting that the Fed only has a 3rd party insurance which is arrange via the Bird Keepers association.

It was suggested that for the fed to arrange for a policy that would cover all member would not be viable, as the cost would be well beyond the Fed's finances, and that the cost to provide such, would need to be recovered by way of additional cost being imposed on the members.

This issue raised a number of concerns in regard to the way we currently load and unload the truck.

The Secretary advised that there were a number of hazard that are associated with the way we load and unload the truck. He further advised that the Fed needs to develop a SWMS or safe operation procedure that will detail what the hazard are, and how we are to control each hazard identified.

Once developed we will need to brief/train all members involved in the process to ensure that they are aware of the requirements to undertake such tasks without injuring one self or others.

The Chair agreed that we need to put a process in place, as the Fed may be held liable if we have an accident or injury and cannot demonstrate that we have assessed the risks/hazards and have briefed all involved in the procedure for loading and unloading the truck.

The Secretary and the Chair advised that they will undertake an assessment of the current process and prepare and SWMS/SOP to ensure that we can demonstrate commitment to providing safe process and procedures to manage the loading and unloading of the truck.

This will be developed and presented to the delegate for endorsement once prepared.

Meeting Closed 8:20pm

Next Meeting – To be held at Adamstown club rooms on Tuesday 1/09/15 – 7:00pm

Meeting closed at 9:05 pm.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary