

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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General Meeting

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Location – Cessnock Club Rooms 01/08/17 start 1900 hrs

1. Welcoming of Members – Chair welcomes all present – 27 Members present

2. Apologies – Paul Bettens

3. Reading of Minutes of 04/07/17 Delegates Meeting.

The Chair read the minutes of the meetings. The Chair asked if there were any business arising from the minutes.

As there were no objections, the Chair requested that the minutes be accepted as true and correct record.

Moved by Chris Newton, Second –, Alan Wilmot - All in favour

4. Correspondence In/Out

Letter from DPI - Chief Vet, Re Roto Virus dated 24/07/17 – Read to the meeting.

5. Treasurer's report

Main Operating account 135221

Period of July 2017

Balance C/Fwd	30/6/2017	\$ 12,343.29
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Interest		<u>0.98</u>
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Total		<u>\$12,344.27</u>
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Expenditure

Website Costs M. Rippon		600.00
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Truck Fund		<u>500.00</u>
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Total		<u>\$ 1,100.00</u>
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<u>Balance as per Westpac Statement at 31/7/2017</u>		<u>\$ 11,244.27</u>
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Truck maintenance account 230894

Period of July 2017

Balance C/Fwd	30/06/2017	\$ 736.78
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Income

Transfer from main operating account	<u>500.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,236.78</u>

Expenditure

Nil

Balance as per Westpac Statement at 31/7/2017 **\$1236.78**

The Chair requested that the financial accounts as presented be accepted as true and correct record.

Moved – M Watt, Seconded, A Wilmot

6. General Business

- A- The Ring Secretary advised that the life rings are now available they will be distributed to the clubs ring Secretary in due course.
- B- Route for 2018 – Terry Condran moved that as we have not flown 2 years north as planned due to the Roto virus that we fly north in 2018. Chair call for a delegates vote. 10 for, nil against, passed
- C- The Chair moved that the rescission motion regarding including the sprint series in the point score be dealt with at the AGM. The Secretary to include in the AGM Agenda
- D- 2017 Blue & Gold band rings. Terry Condran moved that monies that the Fed is holding regarding Blue/Gold Band and Breeders Plates, be returned to the members accounts. The Chair called for a delegates vote. 6 for, 4 against. Passed. The Treasurer to make arrangements to return the monies.
- E- The Chair advised the members that as we are not racing we will need to put a levy on all members to ensure that all ongoing cost being incurred by the Fed to maintain the cost of the Truck, fuel and insurance etc.
The Chair advised that he felt that \$100.00 per member will be required. There was some discussion as to the amount be requested, and as the Treasurer was not present to answer the questions the discussion was not pursued.
- Malcolm Clements moved that a level of \$50.00 per member be levied, he further that this be reviewed at the AGM. The Chair call for a Delegate vote, 10 for, 0 against. Passed
- F- 2018 Breeders Plate – Terry Condran addressed the meeting and advised that he felt that due to the uncertainty with the Roto virus and possibility of a reduced number of birds being bred in 2018 it would be best to not have the races. Terry moved that the Breeders Plate sales and races be abandoned for 2018. The Chair call for a vote – 10 for, - 0 against. Passed.
- G- Clubs are advised that the PMV declarations are still required to be sent in each year regardless if we race or not.
- H- Anto Maas addressed the meeting regarding a previous proposal to use air transport to send birds to the long distance races. He advised that since his previous proposal there have been a number of changes that require all carry boxes to be made out of timber to comply with the new regulations.
He advised that he felt that we should look at this options as it is far better for the birds as they can be at the race point, ready for release within 24 hours, as opposed to 3 days transport via

the truck. He advised that he will send in an estimate of what he believes the air freight cost will be in due course.

The Chair acknowledged that this option will no doubt reduce the stress on the birds and that this has been done before, but the issue is however arranging someone at the other end to collect, look after and liberate the birds.

Meeting Closed at 2000hrs.

Next Meeting – to be held at Maitland club rooms 5/9/17 commencing 1900 hrs.

Certified as a true copy.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary