

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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General Meeting Adamstown club rooms 7.4.15

Meeting commenced at 7:05pm with 13 Members present. Apologies – nil

1) Reading of the previous minutes.

- a) Minutes of General Meeting held at Maitland Clubrooms on 03/03/2015 – The Chair read the minutes.
- b) **Moved as a true record by**, Alan Wilmot - seconded by – Mick Watt- All in favour.

2) Business arising from the minutes – The Secretary advised that at the previous meeting we had not voted on the membership application from Mark Hawkins. The Chair directed that this be actioned in general business. No other issues identified.

3) Correspondence in.

- a) Letter from Kuringai Council granting approval to liberate from St Ives Show ground on the 23/5, 20/6, 30/6, but not on the 16/5 due the showground being booked for another event.
- b) Letter from the Dept. of Fair Trading advising receipt of the financial return.
- c) Letter from NRMA regarding the truck insurance advising that it is due on the 20/4/15.
- d) Application to join the Fed from Cornel Nieuwenhuizen current member of Raymond Terrace club – Deferred to general business.
- e) PPMV1 Declaration advising that all members of the Newcastle Combine have vaccinated their birds in compliance with Federations PPVM Vaccination policy.
- f) Report from the Chair on survey of possible liberation sites and update on site issues and compliance requirements. To be discussed in general business
- g) Ring Transfers – Brett George to Basil Houlahan, Gary Ellicott to Basil Houlahan, Basil Houlahan to Dave Hunter, Dave Hunter to Basil Houlahan, Peter Pont to Shane Brown, Trevor Barker to Shane Brown, G Worthington to Cornel Nieuwenhuizen, Ray Wesche to Wade Pickhard, Ray Wesche to Tim Fairfax, Mick Watt to Alan Wilmot, Geoff Coterill to Cornel Nieuwenhuizen, Craig Mosca to Bill Guran, Geoff Coterill to D&S Archer.

The Chair moved, that the correspondence moved to be action as required, second Chris Newton, all in favour.

4) Correspondence out. - Nil

5) Treasurer's report

Treasurer presented a statement of the Federations accounts for March.

As at the 1/03/15

Opening Balance 1/02/15 \$ 16,126.18

Receipts/ Income

Vaccine sale Newcastle Combine	\$ 514.00
Vaccine sale Mick Jones	\$ 330.00
Interest	\$ 2.85
Total Receipts including opening balance	\$ <u>16,877.03</u>

Expenditure -

Triedlia Biovet PMV Vaccine	\$ 228.00
Fair Trading	\$ 53.00
Motor charge	\$ <u>29.23</u>
Total Expenses	\$ <u>310.23</u>

Closing balance @ 31/3/15 - \$16,556.80

Treasurer reminded members that race fees are due to be paid prior to the first race. Re – Correspondence Item – c) - The members were advised that Treasurer will seek quotes on the truck insurance to ensure we get value for money. Treasurer advised that this will be determine and paid prior to the next meeting due to the due date.

The Chair asked that the statement be moved as a true and correct record and that the truck insurance be paid on review of quotes – Tony Davis, Second – Alan Wilmot - All in favour

6) General Business

A) New Members – The Chair moved that we consider the application to join the Fed from Mark Hawkins member of Cardiff invitation club and Cornel Nieuwenhuizen from Raymond Terrace club. This was seconded by Tony Davis – show of hands was call for 13 for 0 against - unanimous. The Chair to arrange for the new members lofts to be inspected and GPS.

B) Liberation Policy Review Update

Tony Davis advised the meeting that the committee had meet as planned on the 17/3/15 at Hexham Bowling Club and tender the following progress report : -

Present – Tim Fairfax, Mal Waters, Mick Watt, Steve Bailey, Tony Davis by phone hook-up.

Apologies – Craig Harris, Stan Rippon.

Minutes taken by Tim Fairfax.

A general discussion ensued for 20 minutes where each member present expressed their concerns and possible terms of reference.

The Galah report from the CCRPF was distributed and was discussed. The issues covered in this report basically mirrored what we had discussed. The following options are to be further looked into and a further meeting will be held with the objective of presenting recommendations to the Federation prior to the first race.

- *Contact local airports for aviation forecast – Mal Waters advised that he was going to contact Greg Restall*
- *Bring races forward or back if the schedule weekend has a poor forecast (based on the BOM website) possible midweek racing.*
- *Reducing the allowable limit for head winds for race 500 km and longer. (Raised in the Galah report)*
- *On the longest race increase the holding period from 5 days to 7 days.*
- *Trust the BOM Meteye side as the main forecast tool.*

I have read the Galah Report and believe that they have identified a lot of issues that need to be explored.

As I stated at the meeting our schedule, racing only on weekends is restrictive, it may be controversial, but if we can look at including Friday and Mondays being also race days, we could start earlier or later and thus we would have increased our chances of having a successful race and reduce the need for cancellation of the race.

Reducing the maximum strength for head winds for the longer races makes a lot of sense regardless of the wind direction.

We will set the date of the next meeting at the next Fed Meeting at Adamstown.

Next Meeting set for 21/4/15 at Hexham Bowling Club

C) Race Schedule – Liberation site and issues

- a) The Chair advised the meeting that there is an issue with St Ives Showground as identified in the above correspondence - item a) "the 16/5 due the showground being booked for another event". The meeting was advised that he is looking for another site possibly Beacon Hill or Eastern Creek.

This was discussed in general and the Secretary suggested that all the races scheduled for St Ives be moved to the alternate location once determined. Hopefully this will be Eastern Creek as we have had successful liberations from there in the past. This was moved by Mick Watt, seconded by W Scherbac, all in favour.

The Chair further advised that he had travelled to all the proposed liberation sites and had talked to the local council regarding our proposed liberations. He advised that there may be an issue with the Orbost site, and that he is still confirming the location.

Arrangements with the Sale showground are looking promising. The liberation point at Phillip Island will be at the Race Track car park.

The Chair advised that he will be sending formal requests to the relevant entities to gain approval.

- D) Fed Tosses** – The Chair advised that he has inspected Wyong Race course and Mount Penang – It was proposed that the first toss be at Wyong on the 2/5/15 and

the second at Somersby on the 9/5/15 – Clubs are requested to advise of basket requirements to determine viability. Basket cost are \$5.00 per basket.

E) Vaccination of Pigeons

All delegates were reminded to ensure that all members vaccinate there birds and that the statutory declarations are required from all clubs, certifying that all members have vaccinated there birds. This must be provided to the Fed Secretary prior to the first race.

F) Basket Requirements – Delegates were advised that basket numbers will be required by the next meeting to determine surplus allocations to the respective clubs.

G) Recent Passing of Paul Dearing.

The meeting was advised of the recent death of Paul Dearing. It was noted that Paul was not only a long time flyer, who held a number of executive position in both the Federation and Combine clubs over his racing period, but was also an excellent sportsman who represented Australia in hockey at a number of Olympic Games.

The members were advised that there was an article on his achievements in the Newcastle Herald that paid testament to his life.

There were a number of members present who shared with the members, recounts as to Paul's achievements. He will be missed.

The Chair call for a minutes silence to be observed.

H) Next Meeting – To be held at Lake Macquarie Teralba club rooms on Tuesday 5/05/15

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary