

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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Delegates Meeting

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Maitland Meeting 20/03/21 start 1900 hrs

1. Chair welcomed members to the meeting. 19 Members Present.

2. Apologies – C Harris, Greg Jack.

3. Reading of General Meeting Minutes of 07/02/21.

The Chair read the previous minutes to the meeting.

4. Business arising from the minutes. – Nil

The Chair asked that the minutes be accepted as true and correct, Moved, Chris Newton, Seconded, Dick Archer. All in favour.

4a. Reading of Annual General Meeting Minutes of 07/02/21.

The Chair read the previous minutes to the meeting.

4b. Business arising from the minutes. – Alan Wilmot advised that he had move a motion in General Business to give Fed prize cards to junior is incorrect. He advised that he originally said 3 prize cards but change it to 5 cards. The Secretary advised that he had record 3, and that he did not remember it being changed to 5. The Chair asked the meeting if there were any objects to changing to 5 cards. There was consensus that the minutes be changed to show 5 cards awarded to juniors for each race. The Secretary to amend the minutes.

With no other issues being identified the Chair asked, that it be moved that minutes as read and now amended by accepted.

Moved by A Wilmot, seconded D. Archer.

5. Correspondence in/out –

Ring transfers received and passed to the Ring Secretary.

PMV declarations.

Email from K Harris advising that they have 16 race baskets.

The Secretary advised that he had received several emails regarding reports of numerous pigeon deaths in QLD. He advised that although tis was not directed directly to the Federation he felt that all members must be made aware of the death as the concerning facts as reported by Colin Walker was that to date all testing for known pigeon diseases have come back negative. His advice was to not import any birds from QLD as this could be potentially catastrophic if the unknown disease is spread.

All members we asked to be vigilant. Colin advised that he will continue to monitor and update fanciers as further test are undertaken and information comes available.

Note, an email received from Mal Watters was original not identified as correspondence by the Secretary. Just prior to the meeting being closed, Mal advised that we have not identified his correspondence dated 7/2/21, nor was the reply he received from the Secretary dated 10/2/21. The Secretary advised that this was his mistake, he had forgot about it.

The Secretary apologised for the mistake, but asked why he had not raised this earlier, when we were dealing with correspondence? There was no answer to the question and the email was read to the meeting.

Email received from Mal Watters.

“Good evening Tony,

Could you please send me written details as to why my motion at the AGM was deemed to be out of order. I do not feel that I was given a fair go and I am intending to seek advice.

Thank you.

Mal Watters”

Email sent to Mal Watters.

“Mal,

I will get the minutes done in due course, and they will be read at the next meeting.

As part of general procedure if there are any concerns or issues with the minutes or the running of the AGM you can raise your concerns at this meeting.

If you have any concerns or questions after the reading of the minutes, you are most welcome to raise your concerns at this meeting, you can, if you still feel that your motion was dismissed without adequate reasons, or feel the reasoning is incorrect, you can express your concerns then, and as required they will be considered in compliance with the governance requirements as detailed in the constitution of all incorporated associations.

I do suggest that you have a good look at the Liberation policy, code of practice and the Federations constitution, as this will help you understand the process and procedures that we as the executive must legally follow.

All the documents referred to are on the Federation’s Website for all members information.

Regards

Tony”

The Chair advised that this issue was deal with at the AGM and was ruled out of order has the motion as presented did not identify all the impacts. The Chair advised that the minutes of the AGM as published, and the email as sent by the Secretary clearly identifies the issues and the reasons as to why the motion was ruled out of order.

The Secretary advised that the motion was ambiguous, and as such could not be supported. He reiterated that the current liberation policy and procedures were developed by a Committee that was formed at the AGM held on the 3/2/15. He explained that this committee took numerous meeting to review and propose changes to the then current policies and procedures. The recommendations were tabled by the committee and as are result motion to implement the recommendations were voted on and accepted at the May and June 2015 delegate meeting.

The was a much discussion on the subject and it was proposed by the Chair that the delegates should take the issue back to there members and at the next meeting we can vote to determine if another committee needs to be formed to review the current procedures.

This proposal was agreed to by all delegates.

6. Treasurer's report – presented by the Secretary.

Main Operating account 135221 - February 21 – March 21

Balance C/Fwd	06/02/21	\$ 22,891.47
Income (2021 Memberships)		\$ 405.00
Interest		\$ 0.00
Total Expenditure (Transfer to truck account).		\$ 1000.00
Balance as per Westpac Statement at 02/03/21		\$ 22,296.47

Truck maintenance account 230894 - Period of September – February 21 – March 21

Balance C/Fwd	06/02/21	\$ 1123.59
Income (deposit from main account)		\$ 1000.00
Interest		\$ 0.00
Expenditure (Fuel, Service)		\$ 1036.82
Balance as per Westpac Statement at 02/03/21		\$ 1086.77

The Chair asked that the Treasurer's report as presented be accepted as true and correct.

Moved, Mick Watt Seconded, Dick Archer- All in favour.

7. Race Fees for 2021

The Chair advised the meeting that we need to set the race fees. The Treasure had done the costings based on the number of flyers who have nominated to fly this year. He has proposed that the fees could be dropped to \$400.00.

The chair allowed discussion on the proposal. Mal Clement spoke against a reduction and said that I should stay the same as 2020 at \$500.00. This view was not supported.

I was moved by Terry Condran that the fees be set at **\$450.00**, this was seconded by Alan Wilmot.

The Chair call for a delegate's vote: 8 for 1 against. Motion Passed.

8. General Business:

(a) 2021 Race Schedule.

It was identified by Alan Wilmot that there is an error in the schedule as accepted at the AGM. He advised that the cost of the 2-bird trap 2 is shown as \$20.00 per team, where it has always been \$10.00 per team.

The Chair agreed that he is correct and that it will be amended.

(b) Race Schedule

Steve Bailey asked a question regarding 2021 race schedule. The was some general discussion and it was agreed that the Fed will be flying West as per the agreed rotation system.

The Secretary advise that he had received 3 proposal at this stage and that they are posted on the website.

(c)

Terry Condran advised the meeting that he had be asked by Peter Edmans to ask the meeting if John Banfield can basket birds at the Hunter Club.

The Chair advised that he was asked the same question prior to the AGM by Alan Walker, he advised, that as John is the only flyer in Hunter club flying, and as per the current rules he will be required to basket at either Adamstown or Lake Macquarie. This was not recorded in the AGM minutes, as it was not discussed at the meeting.

The Chair advised that this decision will not be changed. All delegates agreed with this decision.

Meeting Closed at 20:30 hrs.

Next Meeting Adamstown 6/4/21 at 1900

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary