



Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation inc.

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General Meeting

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Meeting Date: 2/7/24

Meeting commenced: 7.00pm

Location: Maitland

Number present: 14

Apologies: Nil

The chair, Bill Collins, read the minutes of General Meeting, Cessnock, 4/6/24. Chair asked that minutes be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: A. Wilmott

Seconded: T. Davis

Minutes are a true copy.

Accepted.

Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence In/Out :

1. Transfers from D. Bice to P. Thebus.
2. Email from B. Collins regarding finalising race schedule for North West 2025. (For Agenda)
3. Email from B. Collins asking that items be sent to the Secretary for addition to the Agenda. (For Agenda)
4. Email from A. Wilmott regarding liberation times. (For Agenda)
5. A. Walker proposed 2025 NW Schedule. (For Agenda)
6. J. Newton proposed 2025 NW Schedule. (For Agenda)

7. G.Jack proposed 2025 NW Schedule + approximate costings for all 3 proposals.
(For Agenda)

8. R.Clement NW Schedule - hybrid model of the 3 proposals.

9. Email from G.Jack regarding the formation of a committee to overhaul current Federation Race & Clocking Rules.

10. Email from M.Walker, Secretary of Mid North Coast Racing Pigeon Club, regarding stray bird return.

11. Email from Rebecca Dallwitz of Lake Macquarie Council inviting the NCF to be involved in the History Illuminated Festival 2024 which runs from November 1 to 10 2024.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

1. Bill Collins - *"To make it easy and to have more productive monthly meetings, if any club or combine or individual have anything that they would like or feel necessary to be spoken about put that idea in an email. It should be sent to the Federation Secretary so it can be put on the next meeting's agenda".*

Bill Collins spoke about the fact that people are still not sending items in for the agenda. There are no delegates meetings anymore so members cannot send their issues along to meetings with other members. All meetings are **general meetings** and there are no longer any **delegates**.

2. Bill Collins - *"All Clubs and Combines have been asked to submit a one round North West Schedule. With this being the case we should be able to decide and vote a schedule in for the 2025 season at the July meeting".*

After discussion regarding the 2025 schedule, and due to late submissions of proposed schedules, it was **Moved:** A.Wilmott & **Seconded:** C.Newton that schedules are to be posted on the website and ballot papers to be given to all clubs for members to vote on. G.Jack to organize ballot papers. Votes to be counted at next meeting in August.

3. Allen Wilmott - *"That all liberation times are to remain as per schedule unless adverse weather".*

The chair advised Allen and the meeting that the 10am liberation for Macksville was always supposed to be 9am. It was also pointed out that Redrock is now Friday night basketing.

4. Greg Jack - *"That we form a committee to go through and overhaul the current Federation race and clocking rules, make changes where needed and present any changes and the explanations for those changes to the NCF membership for consideration".*

It was **Moved:** G.Jack & **Seconded:** T.Davis that race and clock rules be brought up to date.

All in Favour

Committee to consist of: T.Davis, R.Clement, S.Rippon & K.Harris.

Stan Rippon to organize.

5. In response to the email from Rebecca Dallwitz regarding the History Illuminated Festival Stan Rippon has indicated that he is willing to organize something when he gets back.

Treasurers Report:

Given by G.Jack

Main Account

Balance carried forward	\$24,298.05
Income - Taree Club, Surplus & Taree Toss	\$4,880.50
Expenses - Truck account, Race Expenses	\$5,020.00
BCF+Income less Expenses	\$24,158.55
Total Funds Main Account -	\$24,158.55

Truck Account

Balance carried forward	\$2,407.11
Income - From main account	\$2,000.00
Expenses - Fuel, Izuzu Care	\$2,872.89
BCF+Income less Expenses	\$1,534.22
Total Funds Truck Account -	\$1,534.22

Investment Account

Total Funds Investment Account -	\$22,785.05
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Total NCF Members Funds, 2nd July 2024

\$48,477.82

Moved: A.Wilmott **Seconded:** C.Newton

Accepted

Race Report: Given by M.Watt.

Whilst giving the race report Mick noticed a discrepancy on the Taree, 31st May 5 Bird placings. These have since been rectified.

Moved: A.Wilmott **Seconded:** B.Walters

Accepted

General Business:

1. The chair advised that Brian Crowe and Craig Harris are sponsoring signage on the back of the NCF transporter. Thank you Brian and Craig.
2. Greg Jack asked when flyers are contacted regarding lost pigeons could they please contact the person who has reported same. Especially Veterinary practices as you are responsible for your pigeons.
3. Tony Davis asked could more notice be given on basketing and liberation time changes. The secretary advised that in future he will send text messages to club and combine representatives to then please inform their members.
4. Mick Watt asked could all club race secretaries please enter flyers who did not trap into race results.
5. Any members wishing to have an item added to the agenda please forward same to the secretary at least 1 week prior to the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at: 8.20pm

Next meeting at : Adamstown on 6th August,24

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Stan Rippon. President.

Mal Watters. Secretary.

