



Newcastle & Coalfields

Racing Pigeon Federation inc.

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General Meeting

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Treasurer: Greg Jack: PH 0400941003 gregoryjack72@bigpond.com

Meeting Date: 6/8/24

Meeting commenced: 7.05pm

Location: Adamstown

Number present: 20

Apologies: G.Jack

Before the commencement of the meeting Stan Rippon thanked Bill Collins for sitting in the chair in his absence and thanked the members for their support.

The chair, Stan Rippon, read the minutes of General Meeting, Maitland, 2/7/24. Chair asked that minutes be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: A.Wilmott

Seconded: B.Walters

Minutes are a true copy.

Accepted.

Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence In/Out :

1. Email from M.Clement regarding Cardiff Produce Race. (For Agenda)
2. Email from G.Lott about airing the truck & lowering doors when liberating. (For Agenda)
3. Email from G.Lott requesting a correct 2024 Race Schedule. (For Agenda)
4. Text from T.Fairfax regarding Macksville being the conclusion of Fed Sprint Series. (For Agenda)
5. Certificate of Currency & Receipt for Birdkeepers Insurance.

6. Letter from K.Harris regarding renewal of transporter decals.
7. Email from G.Jack with submission from Lindsay Barry outlining needed truck repairs.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

1. Birdkeepers Certificate to be sent to Stan so that he can arrange a copy for the truck and relevant race points.
2. Stan read letter from Ken Harris:

Several meetings of the truck committee earlier this year showed me clearly that some form of sponsorship was needed to achieve better outcomes for the federation and in particular for the work that needed to be undertaken to bring the truck up to scratch for 2024 (and to keep Lindsay happy).

I first approached Melissa Mathews of "Sign Styles" Cessnock with a view to achieving some form of sponsorship and to offer her advertising space on the truck if she were interested.

Melissa informed me that she was more than happy to help us out with costing to replace the existing decals but wasn't in need of any advertising at the moment. That being the case I took her up on the offer to replace the decals at a reduced cost. Arrangements were then made for the design and artwork expert (Lindsey) to do the measure up, artwork and quote. The project was underway.

Melissa has a connection to pigeon racing in a roundabout way being a classmate of Craig at primary school and also a team mate in the school cricket team.

Her grandparents Albert and Betty Graber raced pigeons in the Cessnock Club for many years when I was a junior. Wendy Graber their daughter also raced as a junior member, and at that time there were 15 juniors racing in Cessnock. How things have changed!

Project Completed

The renewal of the transporter decals was undertaken as a joint project between the members of the Cessnock Invitation Pigeon Club and a few like minded guys from Lake Macquarie and the Hunter. Their donations went toward sponsoring the replacement costs of the side and rear decals. Thanks go to Peter Edman, Tony Davis and John Banfield as well as Brian Crowe, Craig Harris and Greg Jack. I only approached a few people and they were all happy to donate. Anyone who feels that they were left out and are unhappy are more than welcome to put a few dollars in the kitty even at this late stage.

Earlier in the year I secured two other sponsorships with a value to the Fed of \$1000. It doesn't cost anything to ask and many of the current membership of the Federation have connections to people or companies that may be in a position to help out. What's the worst that can happen....if the answer is no or not this time it's not the end of the world!!

More sponsorship means less costs for each and every member. We are all in this together.

Regards Ken

Thank you and well done to all involved.

3. Stan read the list of truck repairs that were submitted by Lindsay Barry and advised that repairs will be carried out when possible. He thanked Lindsay for compiling the list of needed repairs.

4. Tim Fairfax Sprint Series issue was resolved prior to the meeting.

Treasurers Report:

Given by Stan Rippon

Main Account

Balance carried forward	\$24,158.55
Income - Surplus, Life Rings	\$1,687.00
Expenses -Life Rings, Truck account, Race Expenses	\$6,155.00
<u>Total Funds Main Account -</u>	<u>\$19,690.55</u>

Truck Account

Balance carried forward	\$1,534.22
Income - From main account	\$2,000.00
Expenses - Fuel, parts	\$1,952.98
<u>Total Funds Truck Account -</u>	<u>\$1,581.24</u>

Investment Account

Total Funds Investment Account - **\$23,687.53**

Total NCF Members Funds, 2nd July 2024 **\$44,959.32**

Moved: T.Davis **Seconded:** W.Scherbak

Accepted

Race Report: Given by M.Watt.

Race placings ratified.

Mick, once again, reminded Race Secretaries to please also enter those that did not trap in race time on website.

Moved: A.Wilmott **Seconded:** G.Lott

Accepted

Clock Rule Committee Report: Give by T.Davis

Tony advised that the committee had their first meeting and have identified some rules that need updating.

When completed the updates will be presented to the members.

General Business:

1. Cardiff Produce Race to be held on 2nd Byron Bay when Central Coast start.
2. Stan to post an updated 2024 Race Schedule.
3. Ballot papers were counted for 2025 North West Race Schedule

Schedule A - 8 Votes

Schedule B - 14 Votes

Schedule C - 8 Votes

Schedule D - 16 Votes

4. In reply to Garry Lott's email Stan advised that Lindsay opens and airs the truck throughout the week. Also, when the birds are being released the bottom doors are always angled down.

5. Much discussion was held on the possibility of dropping one Yamba race.

A motion was then **Moved** by M.Clement and **Seconded** M.Watt to drop 1 Yamba race.

For: 6 Against: 5

Carried

To avoid confusion Stan will post a new schedule with all changes.

6. A motion was **Moved** by P.Edman and **Seconded** J.Newton that on the 2nd Byron Bay both Open races go up together.

For: 10 Against: 0

Carried

7. Tim Fairfax explained the NCF Fundraiser Sale to be held on Tim Fawcett Auctions.

More details will be provided at a later date.

Meeting Closed at: 8.45 pm

Next Meeting at : Teralba on 3rd September,24

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Stan Rippon. President.

Mal Watters. Secretary.