



Newcastle & Coalfields
Racing Pigeon Federation inc.

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General Meeting

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Meeting Date: 09/02/25

Meeting commenced: 10am

Location: Adamstown

Number present: 36

Apologies: B.Logue, M.Burke, J.Carroll

The chair, Stan Rippon, read the minutes of General Meeting, Cessnock, 15/10/24. Chair asked that minutes be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: T.Davis

Seconded: A.Wilmott

Minutes are a true copy.

Accepted.

Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence In/Out :

1. Email from G.Jack with Linkt receipt for QLD tolls.
2. Email from J.Newton nominating BBC NEW 23 3431 & DCPC NEW 23 3517 for bird of the year.
3. Email from G.Lott nominating W.Scherbak's BBH NCF 23 1033 for bird of the year.
4. Ring transfers from K.Clegg to M&V.Watters, M.Donnellan to A.Limeburner, M&V.Watters to G.Jack, D.Buxton to M&R.Clement, D.Cox to M&R.Clement, A.Maselli to M&R.Clement, C& J.Newton to T.Davis, F.Anderson to C&J.Newton.
5. PMV declaration from B.Collins.

6. Request from Pradeep Karpi to join the Federation.
7. Letter from Bryan Solomons, Central Coast, offering transport to long races for 2025 season.
8. Email from Brendon Solomons regarding ECLDC.
9. Letter from M.Watters with motion to revert back to 3 elected members for Liberation Committee as well as the Driver & Liberator. (For AGM)
10. Email from G.Lott with motion regarding 2025 YBD numbers. (For AGM)
11. Email from G.Lott with motion to change Mitchell to Roma and Charleville to Injune. (For AGM)
12. Email from M.Clement with 2 motions
 - (a) Change bird transfer system (For AGM)
 - (b) Proposal to fly North-West in 2026 (For AGM)
13. Letter from L.Barry with motion for early liberations from Scone and possibly Breeza. (For AGM)

Business Arising from Correspondence:

1. Request to join Fed from Pradeep Karpi to be added to next Meeting Agenda.
2. Central Coast transport offer to be added to next Meeting Agenda.
3. Stan has posted information for ECLDC on website.

Presidents Report:

I guess you could say its been a year of change. When financial analysis of federation business and the rising costs of running our sport, it became obvious that something drastic had to be done or our ability to survive was in jeopardy.

Many sub-committee meetings, negotiations saw some changes that appeared highly unlikely years ago. Changes to fee structures, partnerships with other feds, subtle changes to our schedule to make it more economical and a few fund raiser sales, all with a view of keeping done costs. In addition, we took on a new driver and liberator, whilst there was an increase in cost this has been clearly offset by the mechanical skills of Lindsay. With Peter on board as a liberator we had 2 pigeon flyers looking after our birds.

All in all we completed our schedule with only a few minor changes mainly due to the weather.

Special thanks to Lindsay and Peter, Richard Clements for his untiring work and analysis that enabled the executive to make informed decisions on our financial future.

With diminishing numbers of members and an increasing desire to get the best outcomes for our birds we can no longer do the things we used to do.

Secretaries Report:

Given by M.Watters

I would like to thank the Federation Executive for their efforts throughout the 2024 race season.

Stan Rippon, as usual, just rolls his sleeves up and gets the job done with many members not realising just how much he does behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly.

In Stan's absence, Bill Collins as Vice President chaired some meetings, which he handled competently.

Mick Watt, Race Secretary and Tim Fairfax, Ring Secretary once again both did amazing work with a lot being involved in carrying out each position.

Greg Jack, as Treasurer has the unenviable task of keeping the Fed's financial affairs in order. On top of this he also orders vaccines etc and it would be really helpful if all those who order through Greg were to pay in full before receiving orders.

To the Liberation Committee which consisted of Stan Rippon, Mick Watt, Sticks Bailey & Clint Ralston I say well done. It is a thankless job and the critics should think carefully before they criticise.

Thank you to Lindsay Barry, truck driver and Peter Pont and Cec Warner, liberators. Without these guys we would have been in a bit of trouble getting our birds to the race points.

Thank you to Richard Clement once again for your ongoing guidance.

Thank you to the fliers that provided birds for the Tim Fawcett Auction and the 2 x \$800 teams. A very tidy \$5337.20 was raised.

Most importantly I would like to thank all Fed members, especially the loyal fliers who fly every year regardless of the route. Without you we simply wouldn't have a Fed.

I wish all members a very satisfying and successful 2025 race season.

Treasurers Report: Greg Jack Treasurer

2024 Income		2024 Expenditure	
Race fees/Surplus	34,320.00	Truck Service/Repairs	15,133.85.00
E Rings	6,940.00	E Rings	6,940.00
Life Rings	1,695.00	Life Rings	1,695.00
Vaccine	7,528.43	Vaccine	7,528.43
Donation	500.00	Fuel / Expenses	11,337.61
Taree Fees	4,500.00	Driver /Liberator	12,000.00
C. Coast fees	1350.00	Rego/ Insurance	4,981.83
Stock Bird Auction	3,737.20	Trophies (2023)	335.22
Race Teams	1,600.00	Prizemoney	4,963.20
Prizemoney	5,360.00	Pigeonrace.net (back expenses)	1,300.00
		New Plastic drinkers	600.00
		Izuzu Road side assist	720.00
Total	67,530.63		67,535.14
Main Account			
Balance C/F 31-12-2023			10,678.00
Income total 2024	67,530.63		
Expenses total 2024	67,535.14		
Total funds in main Account 31-12-2024			10.673.61
Truck Account			
Balance C/F 31-12-2023			2,471.80
Income from Main Account 2024	19,200		
Expenses 2024	21,371.38		
Total truck a/c 31-12-2024			300.42
Investment Account			
Balance 31-12-2024			<u>23,687.53</u>
Total NCF membership funds			34,661.56

Moved: M.Watt

Seconded: A.Wilmott

Financial report

Accepted

Race Secretaries Report & Trophy Presentation:

Given by M.Watt

C&J.NEWTON

Winner NCF Overall Pointscore

1st Fed Port Macquarie 21/6/24 BCH NEW 23 3444

1st Fed Red Rock 10/8/24 BBC NEW 23 3391

1st Fed Yamba 24/8/24 BCPC NEW 22 2475

1st Fed **YBD** Byron Bay 31/8/24 BBC NEW 23 3431

1st Fed Byron Bay 7/9/24 DUNH NEW 22 2491

1st Fed Byron Bay 7/9/24 BCH NEW 23 3528

1st Fed Redcliffe 21/9/24 DCPC NEW 23 3517

BLUECRAZE

1st Fed Taree 31/5/24 BBPH AUST 23 111141

1st Fed Macksville 13/7/24 BBH AUST 23 111531

M&R.CLEMENT

1st Fed **5Bird National** Redcliffe 21/9/24 BBPH LM 22 911

LI XINBO

1st Fed Maryborough 5/10/24 BBH ESWD 22 509

CRYSTAL JONES

Overall Junior Champion

W.SCHERBAK

Bird of the Year BBH NCF 23 1033

4th Fed Yamba, 2nd Fed Byron Bay, 1st Fed **2 Bird** Byron Bay, 4th Fed Gympie

Congratulations to all.

General Business:

1. Honorariums.

It was **Moved:** A.Wilmott and **Seconded:** M.Clement that honorariums be paid for 2024.

All in Favour

2. Lindsay Barry outlined the work that he and Peter Pont have done on the truck. Service, radiator, tyres etc which has resulted in an enormous cost saving to the Fed. Thank you very much Lindsay & Peter.

Items For Next Agenda:

1. Pradeep Karpi application to join Federation.
2. Central Coast offer to transport birds to long races.

Meeting Closed at: 10.33 am

Next Meeting at : 4th March,25 at Teralba

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Stan Rippon. President.

Mal Watters. Secretary.