

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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General Meeting – 5/7/16

Held at Raymond Terrace club rooms

The meeting commenced at 7:07 pm with 18 Members present. Apologies – Tim Fairfax, Chris Newton

1. Welcoming of Members – With the President opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. Reading of the previous minutes.

- a. Minutes of General Meeting - held at Maitland Clubrooms on 07/6/2016 - The Chair read the minutes.
- b. Moved as a true record by, W Scherbach- seconded by – A Wilmot. - All in favour

3. Business arising from the minutes – Nil

4. Correspondence in

- a. In - Letter from Red Rock Bowling Club advising that they have no objection to liberating on their property and have offered the clubs facilities to the liberator.
- b. In - Letter from Byron Bay regarding possible liberation locations.
- c. In - Ring Transfers – S Brown to P Pont, M Hamilton to W Scherbach, Craig Mason to W Scherbach.

5. Correspondence in

- d. Out – Letter to Vetafarm, re sponsorship for East Coast Classic
- e. Out – Letter of appreciation to the Caretaker of Taree Showground.

6. Treasurer's report

As at 30/06/2016 Account 135221 Main Fed Operating Account

Opening Balance 01/6/2016 \$ 35,412.53

Income

Liberation Fees -	\$ 3,600.00
1 Bird -	\$ 66.00
5 Bird -	\$ 100.00
Membership -	\$ 60.00
Toss/Surplus -	\$ 1,140.40
Interest -	\$ 2.89
Total	\$40,381.92

Balance C/Fwd. \$40,381.92

Expenditure

Transfer to truck operating account -	\$2,058.70
Public Liability -	\$ 140.00
Refund Fed Fees W&J Bates -	\$ 400.00
Liberation fees -	\$1,884.00
Total	\$4,482.70

Balance as per Westpac Statement 30/06/2016 - \$ 35,899.22

Truck Fuel / Maintenance Account. Westpac Account 230894

Opening Balance 1/6/2016 - \$ 510.47

Income

Transfer from Main Account -	\$2,058.70
Interest -	\$ 0.15
Total -	\$2,569.32

Expenditure

Newcastle Auto Electrics -	\$ 558.70
Fuel -	\$ 839.47
Total -	\$1,398.17

Balance as per Westpac Statement 30/06/2016 - \$1,171.51

The Chair asked that the statement as presented be moved as a true and correct record Moved. – Peter Edmans, Second – Alan Wilmot - All in favour

The Treasure advised the term deposit of \$15,000.00 is up for re-investment, he advised that we should increase this amount by \$5,000.00 as due to the increase in members flying this could easily be afforded. Peter Edmans advise that we should look at alternate option, as there may be better interest rates by investing in a different account.

It was by Alan Wilmot and seconded by W Scherbach that, Paul and Peter look at investment options and report back to the next meeting – All in favour.

The Treasure advised that 1 member was still to pay his race fees and that they are now overdue. It was moved by Mick Watt, that the member be advised that if payment is not forthcoming he would be ineligible to race. Seconded by A Wilmot – All in favour

7. Race Results

The Race Secretary ratified that the race results for Taree No 3 – 28/5, Port Macquarie No 1 – 4/6/16 Port Macquarie No 2 – 11/6/16, Port Macquarie No 3 – 13/6/16, Taree No 4 18/6/16, Taree No 5 25/6/16 are correct, the results were read out to the meeting and the winner congratulated. Members can access all race results on the Feds Web Site. The requested that the results as presented be accepted as true and correct. Moved W Scherbach, Second, Phil Wilson – All in favour.

8. Use of Hexham Rings.

Zorin Rankovic advised the meeting that he had acquired some rings from D Murison and that he was advised that he could not use them unless ratified. The Chair asked have the rings been transferred to Zorin via the ring transfer process. The Secretary advised that this had been done, and that the Ring Secretary had loaded them into the Feds data base.

Base on this advice the Chair requested that this be move by a delegate, moved Dick Archer, that Zorin could use the rings, Seconded Tony Davis, All in Favour. The Chair called for a delegate's vote – 3 for 6 against – motion lost.

9. Toss Dates

There was a discussion as to toss dates. It was agreed that there will be Fed toss to Hawks Nest will continue every Sunday whilst it is supported.

There will be a mid-week toss from Port Macquarie on the 12/7/16 cost \$10.00 per basket. They may also be a mid-week toss from Macksville after the second Red Rock on or about the 8/8/16, subject to adequate members support and good weather conditions.

10. Communications with the Liberator

The Ring Secretary advised the meeting that a flyer had been ringing the truck driver/Liberator on the day of liberation. He advised that this should not happen, as it may interfere with the liberation Committee trying to contact the Liberator. He requested that a letter be sent to the member. The Secretary advised that he did not feel that there were any issue with this, and that a letter was not warranted as there have been no instance were the Liberator has failed to comply with the instructions of the Liberation Committee. As such he felt that this was an overreaction, as there is no evidence of any issue that would require such a course of action.

The Chair advised that he felt that no member should contact the Liberator on race day as a matter of course, as only the liberation committee can issue instructions. If any member requested information and or wishes to offer advice, and or an opinion, they can contact any one of the liberation committee, only the liberation committee should communicate with the liberator, from the time the truck departs up until the birds are liberated. Moved Mick Watt, second W Scherbach – All in Favour.

11. Birds Left in Baskets

Alan Wilmot request that the liberator be instructed to check all basket to ensure that all birds have left the baskets. The chair advise, that if a bird/birds refuse to leave, they must not be forced out. If a bird refused to leave it should have its ring number record and be returned on the truck back to the club from where it was basketed – All in favour. The liberator to be advised of the new requirements.

12. Other issues

The Chair advised the members that he had supplied a bag of feed to the Taree Pigeon Club to share amongst members as they have been feeding numerous stray over that last number of weeks. The Secretary Moved that the Chair be reimbursed for the cost outlaid. Seconded by W Scherbach - All in favour.

13. Members were advised that Alan March will be holding his sale on 7/8/16 at Adamstown

Next Meeting – To be held at Adamstown club rooms on Tuesday 2/08/16 – 7:00 pm

Meeting Closed at 8:15 pm.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary