

# Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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## General Meeting

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Location – Lake Macquarie Club Rooms 04/07/17 start 7.00 pm

1. Welcoming of Members – Chair welcomes all present – 36 Members present

2. Apologies – nil

3. Reading of Minutes of 02/05/17 Delegates Meeting.

The Chair read the minutes of the meetings. The Chair asked if there were any business arising from the minutes.

As there were no objections, the Chair requested that the minutes be accepted as true and correct record.

Moved by Alan Wilmot, Second –, B Walters - All in favour

**The Chair read the minutes of the Special General Meeting held at Adamstown on the 23/05/17**

The Chair asked if there were any business arising from the minutes. As there were no objections, the Chair requested that the minutes be accepted as true and correct record.

Moved by Terry Condran, Second – Mal Watters, - All in favour

4. Correspondence In/Out

PMV delectation submitted from Cessnock Club

5. Treasurer's report

Main Operating account 135221

*Period of June 2017*

|                      |                  |                     |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Balance C/Fwd</b> | <b>30/5/2017</b> | <b>\$ 12,527.28</b> |
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|                           |  |        |
|---------------------------|--|--------|
| Memberships and donations |  | 455.00 |
|---------------------------|--|--------|

|          |  |             |
|----------|--|-------------|
| Interest |  | <u>1.01</u> |
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| <b>Total</b> |  | <b>\$ 12,983.29</b> |
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### **Expenditure**

|                             |  |        |
|-----------------------------|--|--------|
| Public Liability Insurance. |  | 140.00 |
|-----------------------------|--|--------|

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| Truck Fund |  | <u>500.00</u> |
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| Total |  | \$ 640.00 |
|-------|--|-----------|

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| <b>Balance as per Westpac Statement at 30/6/2017</b> |  | <b>\$ 12,343.29</b> |
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**Truck maintenance account 230894**

Period of June 2017

|  |                   |                  |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Balance C/Fwd</b>                                 | <b>30/05/2017</b> | <b>\$ 303.86</b> |
| Income   |                   |                  |
| Interest   |                   | 0.19             |
| Transfer from main operating account                 |                   | <u>500.00</u>    |
| <b>Total</b>   |                   | <b>\$ 804.05</b> |
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| Expenditure  |                   |                  |
| Fuel   |                   | <u>67.27</u>     |
| <b>Total</b>   |                   | <b>\$ 67.27</b>  |
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| <b>Balance as per Westpac Statement at 30/6/2017</b> |                   | <b>\$ 736.78</b> |

The Chair requested that the financial accounts as presented be accepted as true and correct record.

Moved – M Watt, Seconded, A Wilmot

**6. General Business**

A- Update on the Roto Virus –

Members were advised that the latest information in regards to the spread of the Roto virus. No members in our Federation has reported any issue with their birds.

The Secretary commented that there have been a number of Sydney stray been report in Cessnock, Maitland, Nelsons Bay and Lake Macquarie and questioned as to why we have not had any infection. He advised that Bathurst and Orange areas have now got infected lofts as a direct result of the Southern Fed flying the west route.

It was suggested that the strays that have been able to get up here may be healthy and not carriers. There was general discussion on the reason as to why have not been infected, but it appears to be just good luck at this stage.

Members were reminded remain vigilant and to report any suspect case as required to the Fed.

The Secretary reported to the meeting the latest information regarding the trial of the Qld Roto strain tests as posted By Colin Walker on 26/6/17.

The following extract was read to the meeting.

***“Brisbane variant Rota trial”***

*“This trial is now coming to an end. All of the 11 fanciers reported that after exposure to the droppings containing the probable Rota variant that their birds remained normal for 6 to 7 days. After this mild vomiting and diarrhoea developed, which persisted for about 5 days.*

*In the 11 lofts about 4000 birds in total have been exposed. Not one bird has died. In the lofts that have already completed the trial, participating fanciers have advised that the birds seemed fit and well within 3 days of the diarrhoea stopping.*

*Droppings from a participating loft, that has a large number of birds, are now being tested to check that other diseases are not present apart from the Brisbane Rota. When these tests are complete these droppings will be made available for distribution.*

*Interested fanciers should contact either Andrew Spiliopoulos or Stephen Kearsey. There is no charge for the dropping samples. It would help however if fanciers who are unable to collect the droppings could send a self- addressed Australia Post Overnight Satchel to either Stephen or Andrew.*

*The samples together with an instruction sheet will be sent to you in this satchel. Either later this week or early next week blood will be drawn from several birds from the original trial loft in the VHA to confirm that they are immune to Rota G18 P.*

*Fanciers should not confuse this controlled release of droppings with the random spreading of dropping from any pigeons with vomiting and diarrhoea as has been recommended and has occurred in some parts of Australia.*

*These droppings have been trialled to investigate the nature of the disease they cause, they have had a variety of tests to ensure that they do not carry many of the common diseases and do in fact have Rota and the level of immunity that their use develops is being measured. Fanciers seeking further information should refer to the Rota Update from the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> June and the 19<sup>th</sup> June."*

The Secretary advised that he had spoken to Colin Walker and that he was extremely happy with the results of the trial and advised that if we have not been infected suggested that we as a Federation consider using the "Poo Vac" as it will give us at least 5 to 6 months protection against the bad strain of Roto.

The Secretary reported that he had asked what the process was to get the Poo Vac, and also raised the issue of the current DPI and RSPCA recommendation, Colin advised that he has been in contact with the board and advised that they will be contacting both the DPI and RSPCA to get this supported and to expect a press release from the board.

The Secretary further advised the members that he also contacted Steve Eggleton from the board, and was advised that they will be sending out a news release in support of the roll out of the Poo Vac, subject to the RSPCA and DPI supporting this proposal.

The secretary proposed to the meeting that once we get the advice from the board that the Poo Vac is supported we should plan to get the Poo Vac and do a controlled infection of all our birds based on the results of the trial.

He advised that he had had discussion regarding getting the Poo Vac sent up, but need the support of the members to progress this.

This was not supported by the majority of the members present, as they felt that the committee are being hypocritical, as previously they had supported and voted to wait for the vaccine. There were a number of comments and accusation made as to what was the best course of action should be only a small number spoke in favour of this proposal.

The Chair called the meeting to order. The Chair advised the members present that this was a proposal based on the best advice at the time; he urged members to consider the options, 1 to do nothing and hope for the best or if the required support and approval are issued by the board, to undertake the Poo Vac as recommended.

This was robustly disputed by the majority of members present they were not prepared to stop tossing and consider this proposal as a backwards step.

It was evident that this was not going too supported, so the Chair concluded that we will maintain the status quo and wait for the vaccine.

All members are encouraged to continue to inform themselves by monitoring the Fed web site or going to Colin Walkers, Mark White web sites for the most accurate information, and to report any illness without delay.

B- The Chair advised the members that at the next meeting we will determine how we will sort out the issues with the monies that the Fed is holding regarding Blue/Gold Band and Breeders Plates etc.

C- Members are advised that the 2017 Ring are due next week, members are advised that they must pay for what they order.

D- Clubs are advised that the PMV declarations are still required to be sent in each year regardless if we race or not.

E- The Chair advised that we will need to determine what direction we will race in 2018 at the next meeting

**Meeting Closed at 2030hrs.**

**Next Meeting – to be held at Cessnock club rooms 1/8/17 commencing 7.00pm**

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary

