

# *Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.*

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## **General Meeting Maitland club rooms 7.7.15**

Meeting commenced at 7:06pm with 14 Members present. Apologies – nil

### **1) Reading of the previous minutes.**

- a) Minutes of General Meeting held at Maitland Clubrooms on 02/06/2015 – The Chair read the minutes.
- b) Moved as a true record by, Alan Wilmot - seconded by G Woollcott - All in favour.

### **2) Business arising from the minutes** – Nil

### **3) Correspondence in.**- Ring Transfers

Steve Bailey to Mal Watters, W Gilchrist to W Scherbak, P. Powell to T Bradbury, A&F Wilmot to T. Bradbury.

### **4) Correspondence out.** Letter sent by the Chair to Con Considine thanking him for the use of the car park at Parklea.

### **5) Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer presented a statement of the clubs accounts for June.

#### **As at the 30/06/15 Main Fed Operating Account**

**Opening Balance 1/06/15** **\$ 28,991.94**

#### **Receipts/ Income**

Toss, Fed, Fees, and Surplus & Application Fees \$ 3001.00

Interest \$ 2.45

**Total Receipts including opening balance** **\$ 31,995.39**

#### **Expenditure -**

Audit payment for invoice \$ 500.00

Roaming Toll \$ 150.00

Refund of Fed Fees \$ 950.00

Prize Money \$ 200.00

Liberation Costs \$ 1440.00

Public Liability Insurance \$ 140.00

Truck Fuel account \$ 1200.00

**Total Expenses** **\$ 4580.00**

**Closing balance @ 30/6/15 -** **\$ 27415.39**

## **Truck Fuel & Maintenance Account**

<b>Opening Balance 1/06/15</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>693.76</b>
<b>Receipts/ Income</b>		
9/6/15 fund transfer from main Fed Acc.	\$	400.00
26/6/15 fund transfer from main Fed Acc.	\$	800.00
Interest	\$	0.13
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1200.13</b>
<b>Total Receipts including opening balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1893.89</b>
<b>Expenditure -</b>		
Fuel Purchases 1/6 to 28/6/15	\$	1018.66
Tow Truck	\$	440.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1458.66</b>
<b>Closing balance @ 30/6/15</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>435.23</b>

The Chair asked that the statement as presented be moved as a true and correct record Moved. – B Walters, Second – W Scherbak - All in favour

### **5.1 – Investments**

The Treasurer requested that the delegates support the reinvestment of the current fixed deposit with the addition of \$3555.00 drawn from the main Fed Account to be added to the fixed deposit for a period of 12 months.

Moved. – A Wilmont, Second – G Woolcott - All in favour

### **5.2 – NRMA Road Side assist Insurance**

The Treasurer advised that the Fed is currently paying an annual fee of \$386.00. He advised that he has read the conditions of the insurance and advised that it offered no value as the Truck is not included in the breakdown and towing section, there are limits set which is only benefits cars not trucks.

The Chair suggested that the Treasure looks for alternate options to cover the truck in the event of a breakdown. The Treasure to report on progress at the next meeting.

Moved. – A Davis, Second – S Rippon - All in favour

## **6) General Business**

### **A) Race Results**

The Race Secretary presented as being ratified as correct the race results for 6 races, 2 x Shellharbour, 2 x Milton and 2 x Parklea were read to the meeting by the chair and the place getters congratulated. The official results are available on the Feds website.

The Treasure moved that all prize monies be paid into the winners bank accounts. Moved. – Alan Wilmont, Second – G.Woolcott - All in favour.

## **B) The Hunter Regal Hotel- Gift Voucher Draw**

All Fed members names were placed into a box and Denie Watt was asked to draw the prize. The winner is Albert Jameson.

The prize was given to Dick Archer to pass on to Albert.

The Chair advised that he would arrange to have the Hunter Regal Hotel to be added the sponsor section of the Feds Web site.

## **C) Clock Rules**

The Chair spoke on the requirement to ensure that the clock rules are applied as required and made particular reference to the following clauses. The following points and clarifications were reiterated to all present.

### **EBSS Reading of Clocks- clause 27**

“When closing the race, the Race Secretary or other delegated official **shall** print out all data prior to transferring data to the club computer.”

### **Clock Rules clause 2E**

“All clocks must be rapped and checked rapped within the confines of the affiliated Club Rooms in the presence of at least 4 financial members of the NCF.”

### **Clock Rules clause 4 A**

“All clocks will have a loss and gain check rap within the confines of the clubrooms at the nominated reconciled against the master timer”

All delegates are required to pass ensure that their respective clubs comply with these requirements. If there are any issue with the requirements please contact the Fed Race Secretary.

## **D) Friday Night Basketing for next Milton.**

Terry Condran asked that we consider basketing on Friday night for the next 2 Milton Races.

The Chair advised that there will be no change to the basket times, as to basket on the Friday placed undue stress on the Truck Driver, and would not allow enough time for the driver to get adequate rest breaks.

Failure to comply with fatigue guidelines could result in the Federation being held liable in the event of an accident or incident.

## **E) Spare Race Basket**

The Chair advised the meeting that the spare raced baskets held at Raymond Terrace need to be removed and cleaned, as to leave them after they have been immersed in flood waters would only encourage corrosion. The Chair suggested that a working bee be arranged to remove and clean the baskets.

The Secretary questioned the value of having these spare baskets being left to deteriorate to a stage where they will be considered worthless.

It was proposed that the baskets should be disposed while they are still in reasonable condition and of some value. It was suggested that this could be done via auction, by agreeing on a fixed sale price or by some other means, at the end of the day they are a Federation asset that is surplus to requirements.

The funds generated would be placed in truck replace fund. This proposal was agreed to in principal by the delegates, a number of delegates place bids and made offers to purchase.

The Secretary advised before any decision could be made the baskets would need to be cleaned, sorted out based on condition, provide spare baskets to all clubs that required additional baskets, then determine how best to manage the sale of the surplus baskets.

It was moved by the chair that a working bee will be held on Monday the 13/7/15. Seconded by T Davis. All in favour.

All members who are available are requested to attend.

A decision on how the baskets are to be disposed of will be discussed at a future meeting.

**F) Tossing**

It was proposed that we will hold a mid-week toss from Shellharbour after the next Milton. The proposed date is the 21/7/15, members must nominate by the 16/7/15 to determine if there is enough interest.

**G) Blue and Gold ring.**

The Secretary advised the meeting that there has been a number of complaints regarding the quality of the Blue and Gold ring that have been supplied over the last couple of years.

The Ring Secretary showed the meeting examples of the poor quality. Alan Wilmot who has supplied the rings for a number of years was asked if he could source and other supplier.

Alan advised that he will not be supplying rings to the Fed next year.

The Secretary requested the Ring Secretary to source another supplier of rings and to advise the Fed of cost of such in due course.

**H) Voting for 1 round or 2 for next Year**

The Chair advised that all members are eligible to vote on either 1 or 2 rounds for next year.

Voting slips will be send out on the truck and the decision based on the votes will be determined at the next meeting

**Next Meeting – To be held at Raymond Terrace club rooms on Tuesday 4/08/15**

Meeting closed at 9:05 pm.

Certified as a true copy.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary

