

# *Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.*

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## **Minutes of General Meeting at Teralba Clubrooms - Tuesday 3/7/2012**

Meeting commenced at 7:15pm with 37 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read out by the President.

**Moved:** A.Wilmott                      **Seconded:** C.Newton

That they be confirmed as a true copy.

Passed unanimously.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Correspondence Out:** Nil

### **Correspondence In:**

#### 1. Transfers from:

J.Borg to I.Richens of IHPS 11 416;  
P.Callaghan to J.Buxton of Tem 11 953;  
M.Clement to P.Bettens of LM 11 636 & 637;  
G.Brown to J.Howson of Cess 11 1857;  
T.Bradberry to J.Howson of Cess 11 2685;  
T.Bradberry to A.Wilmott of Cess 11 2648;  
D.Madden to M.Harrison of Aust 08 3837, 3864, 3865, 3866, 3867, 3870, 3871,  
and Armidale 11 335, 341, 347.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Report attached. In summary:

Working Account	\$17,709.71
Truck Fund – Fixed Deposit	\$10,000.00

**Moved:** A.Wilmott                      **Seconded:** V.Smola

That the Treasurers report be accepted.

Passed unanimously

**General Business:**

1. The voting slips for 1 or 2 Rounds in 2013 were counted:

1 Round	36 votes
2 Rounds	20 votes

Therefore we will be flying one round next year. A draft schedule is attached for comment and review.

2. Sub Committee report – we met last Wednesday night and discussed the water problem on the truck. We consider that the water is still getting in through the spinners on the roof. After consideration of the new vans and vents, we believe that the spinners are no longer needed on the truck and recommend that they are removed and the holes in the roof be effectively sealed.

**Moved:** P.Callaghan                      **Seconded:** T.Davis

That the spinners be removed and the holes in the roof sealed up.  
Passed unanimously

The subcommittee also reviewed the new Liberation Policy and Pre-release check list. We note that this has not yet been formally adopted by the NCF. We ask that the Liberation Committee consider the amount of cloud cover needed as a minimum before birds are released (we recommend 75%) and also consider the wind speed limits recommended in the Pre Release Check List and then the Liberation Committee make a recommendation to the next Fed Meeting with a view of formal adoption of the new policy.

The subcommittee's next task is a Code of Conduct. Ken Harris is preparing a draft for discussion at our next sub committee meeting.

3. The PMV1 situation was then discussed. Stan gave a summary of the info received from the DPI and noted that all racing was prohibited in NSW until further notice. The Fed Executive had developed an action plan as follows –
  1. All NCF flying members are to have their birds vaccinated by an independent third party,
  2. All birds vaccinated are to have their ring numbers recorded on a standard form and signed off by the vaccinating member and forms returned to Paul Callaghan,
  3. 4 weeks later, all birds are to be given a booster shot by an independent third party, have their ring numbers recorded and again the member vaccinating these birds is to sign the certification at the bottom of the standard form,
  4. Once this has occurred all forms are to be sent to Paul Callaghan who will apply to the DPI for permission to resume racing.

The Treasurer advised that he has compiled a list of the number of pigeons needing to be vaccinated and has ordered 26 bottles of vaccine but has only been able to obtain 3 guns from Rob Marshall. He noted that some members had already ordered their own vaccine and guns and that some of them had offered to share their vaccine and guns with their respective clubs. Thanks to this help we will have enough guns to vaccinate all NCF pigeons within a few days. Our target date for completing the first vaccination is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Target date for completing the booster shots is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August leaving a week to get DPI approval, just in time to arrange for racing to recommence on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

We expect the earliest date that we could resume racing will be 18/8/12. This will mean a reduction in our race program. Paul has drawn up a draft revised schedule as follows:

Sat 18/8	Breeza
Sun 19/8	Breeza
Sat 25/8	Wee Waa
Sat 1/9	Wee Waa
Sat 8/9	Moree
Sat 15/9	Moree
Sat 22/9	Mungindi YBD, Blue Band & Fed B/Plate
Sat 29/9	Mungindi Fed Blind Auction + 2 Bird Trap 2 + 1 Bird Race
Sat 6/10	St.George Fed B/Plate
Sat 6/10	St.George 5 Bird National – ½ hour after mass
Sat 13/10	Surat + Gold Band
Sun 14/10	Mitchell

If the members of the NCF vote to adopt this revised schedule, it will extend our season by 3 weeks into the early summer heat which is something that we haven't tried before and needs to be considered carefully.

Assuming that this schedule is adopted and actually occurs following the vaccination process and approval from the DPI to resume racing before the 18<sup>th</sup> August, the NCF will save approximately \$4,600 from the current approved race schedule and will be in a position to pay for all the vaccine and guns ordered, as compensation to our members for the reduced race program.

Every race added to this program will reduce the "savings" available to subsidise the cost of vaccination and would mean a levy would need to be applied to all flying members. For example if members wanted to fly a double header from Boggabri on the second weekend it would cost \$1200 and mean a levy of \$20 per flyer; to go to Blackall would cost \$2000 and would mean a levy of \$30 per flyer, etc etc.

**Moved:** T.Davis                      **Seconded:** A.Wilmott

That all flyers wishing to continue racing with the NCF in 2012 must have all their birds (racing, stock, fantails, fancy birds etc) vaccinated before they are allowed on the truck.

Passed unanimously

**Moved:** T.Davis                      **Seconded:** A.Wilmott

That the NCF Treasurer be authorised to purchase 26 bottles of vaccine and 3 guns. The amount of levy required from all flyers is to be determined after we have received approval to resume racing and the amended race program has been formally decided and approved.

Passed unanimously

Meeting closed 8:25 pm.

The next meeting will be at Cessnock Clubrooms on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 starting at 7pm.

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S.Rippon President

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P.Callaghan Secretary