

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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General Meeting Cessnock club rooms 2.6.15

Meeting commenced at 7:05pm with 16 Members present. Apologies – nil

1) Reading of the previous minutes.

- a) Minutes of General Meeting held at Lake Macquarie Clubrooms on 05/05/2015 – The Chair read the minutes.
- b) Moved as a true record by, Alan Wilmot - seconded by – B Walters- All in favour.

2) Business arising from the minutes – Nil

3) Correspondence in.- Ring Transfers

G Brown to S Brown, Mal Watters to Cornel Nieuwenhuizen, Harry Appleby to Zoran Rankovic & Wright, Paul Brooks to Zoran Rankovic,

4) Correspondence out.- Nil

5) Treasurer's report

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

As at the 31/05/15

Opening Balance 1/05/15 **\$ 16,107.81**

Receipts/ Income

Fed Fees	\$ 15185.00
Membership	\$ 695.00
5 Bird Nom Fees	\$ 275.00
Gold Band Sales	\$ 52.00
LM non Fed Flyer Fees	\$ 315.00
Interest	\$ 2.32
Total Receipts including opening balance	\$ <u>32747.13</u>

Expenditure -

Motorcharge A/C keeping fee	\$ 10.01
Fuel	\$ 129.93
Bank Chargers	\$ 0.25
Truck Fuel account	\$ 500.00
Liberator	\$ 990.00
Truck Rego	\$ 695.00
Green Slip	\$ 1104.75
Truck Fuel account	\$ 395.25

Total Expenses **\$ 3755.19**

Closing balance @ 31/5/15 - **\$ 28,991.94**

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

6) General Business

A) Race Results

The Race Secretary presented as being ratified, the race results 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 – Joey Howson - All in favour.

B) Refund of Race Fees

A members has made a request to have his race fees refunded due to an unforeseen circumstances that has prevented the member from racing.

The Secretary asked for clarification as to the process for determining eligibility and asked at what stage would the refunding of race fee begin to impact on the cost to the other flying members.

The Chair advised that this has been done before on a case by case basis and that there has been 1 or 2 each year and that although done there was no process identified in the constitution.

The Chair moved that if a member makes application to have his race fees refunded that the application is assessed and ruled on by the Fed's Executive on a case by case basis. This was seconded by the Secretary All in favour.

The Secretary asked the Treasure if he could produce a breakdown of the actual race cost to identify the true cost to race based on the current members. The cost needs to identify the breakdown and funding required to maintain the day to day operation and maintenance of the transporter/ liberator fees, and the % required to be paid into the Truck Replacement fund, to ensure that our fees represent an accurate amount to ensure the Fed remain viable into the future.

The Secretary advised that there has been questions for members requesting information regarding race fees and refunds due if races are cancelled, and to date we have not been in a position to provide accurate information.

The Treasure advised that he would prepare a report to be presented for consideration and review once prepared.

C) Race Times and Basketing for the June long weekend

The race schedule shows a Sunday AM basketing for the Milton race. I was proposed that due to the reduced number of birds forecast to be raced over the long weekend, we should change to a Friday night basketing for both races, Shell Harbour liberation on Saturday and Milton on the Sunday.

This was moved by Herb Samuels and Second by Brian Walters – Chair called for a show of hands 6 for 1 against. Motion Passed.

D) Toss Dates

The following date were agreed 8/6/15 - Wyong, 14/6/15 - Somersby, 30/6/25 - St Ives.

Other toss date to be determine at the next meeting.

E) Spare Race Rubbers

The Chair advised that he had a request for race rubbers, any club who has spares and are willing to part with some please contact the Stan to arrange transfer.

F) Liberation Policy Amendments

The Liberation Policy amendment numbers 2,3,4,5,6 and 8, were presented by the review committee for the second time to the delegates for consideration and determination.

Note: Amendments “No 1, No 7 & No 9” were voted on and accepted at the last meeting, ref May Minutes.

The Secretary request that amendment No 8 be presented and voted on first, as it was the least contentious and if passed supports the other amendments, then to present amendments numbers 2,3,4,5,6 for consideration in that order.

With no objection from the delegates, the Chair agreed and the following amendments were presented to the delegates for consideration and voting.

- 8. It is proposed the liberation policy be amended to state: - “For the mid and long distance series the basketing of birds and liberation dates as published can be moved 2 day either side of the published dates if the forecast conditions are outside the liberation parameters.”**

The Chair requested that the amendment be moved, moved Mick Watt, Seconded T. Davis. Chair call for a show of hands – 8 for 0 against – Motion passed.

- 2. It is proposed the liberation policy be amend to state: “For the mid distance series if head winds are predicted to be 20 km or higher for more than 50% of the race distance along the direct line of flight, the race shall be postponed”.**

The amendment “No2” was discussed by the delegates and it was agreed that 20 km as stated should be increased to 30 km. The change as requested was made by the Secretary and amend “2A” was read a second time.

“2A” It is proposed the liberation policy be amend to state: “For the mid distance series if head winds are predicted to be 30 km or higher for more than 50% of the race distance along the direct line of flight, the race shall be postponed”.

The Chair requested that the amendment “2A” be voted on, moved Mick Watt, Seconded T. Davis. Chair call for a show of hands – 8 for 0 against – Motion “2A” passed.

3. **It is proposed the liberation policy be amend to state:- “For the long distance series, if head winds are predicted to be 20 km or higher for more than 25% of the race distance along the direct line of flight, the race shall be postponed”**

The amendment “No3” was discussed by the delegates and it was agreed that 20 km as stated should be increased to 30 km. The change as requested were made by the Secretary and amend “3A” was read a second time.

“3A” It is proposed the liberation policy be amend to state:- “For the long distance series, if head winds are predicted to be ~~20~~ 30 km or higher for more than 25% of the race distance along the direct line of flight, the race shall be postponed”

The Chair requested that the amendment “3A” be voted on, moved Mick Watt, Seconded T. Davis. Chair call for a show of hands – 8 for 0 against – Motion “3A” passed.

4. **It is proposed the liberation policy be amend to state: “If the humidity is predicted to be 15% or lower, combined with temperature predicted to be 30 deg. or above the race shall be postponed”**

The amendment “No4” was discussed by the delegates and with amended proposed the Chair requested that the amendment “No4” be voted on, moved Mick Watt, Seconded T. Davis. Chair call for a show of hands – 7 for 1 against – Motion “4” passed.

5. **Baskets Limits - It is proposed the liberation policy and code of conduct be amend to state: “For long distance races the basket limit be 15 birds per basket.”**

The amendment “No5” was discussed by the delegates and with amended proposed the Chair requested that the amendment “No5” be voted on, moved Mick Watt, Seconded T. Davis. Chair call for a show of hands – 8 for 0 against – Motion “5” passed.

6. **Holdover durations - - It is proposed the liberation policy and code of conduct be amend to state: “For long distance races the maximum hold over period be extend to 7 day from the day of basketing.**

The amendment “No6” was discussed by the delegates and with amended proposed the Chair requested that the amendment “No6” be voted on, moved Mick Watt, Seconded T. Davis. Chair call for a show of hands – 8 for 0 against – Motion “6” passed.

G) Garry Wollcott advised the meeting that he had secured 2 meal voucher to the value of \$50.00 and \$650.00 that can be used as a prize. Garry advise that the donation was provided by the publican “Neville” of the Hunter Regal Motel. Garry advised members present that if they ~~visit~~ visit the Motel that member should ~~sur~~ support the Motel as they have great meals and that members should introduce themselves to the Publican.

Distribution of the prizes to be discussed at the next meeting as is the possibility of offering advertisement on the Fed's website to the Motel in return for a more long term sponsorship arrangement. .
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**GJH Notice of Sale – Terry Bradbury has a Bricon Clock for sale.
Contact Terry on 02 49 917569**

**Next Meeting – To be held at MaitlandCessnock club rooms on Tuesday
72/076/15**

Meeting closed at 8.~~45~~40 pm.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary