

# Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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## Delegates Meeting

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Location – Cessnock Club Rooms 05/06/18 start 1900 hrs

1. Welcoming of Members – Chair welcomes all present – 32 Members present

2. Apologies – Tim Fairfax

3. Reading of Minutes of 01/05/18 - Delegates Meeting.

The Chair read the minutes to the meeting.

4. Business arising from the minutes.

Nil – The Chair asked that the minutes be accepted as true and correct, Moved, Alan Wilmot Seconded Terry Condran. All in favour.

5. Correspondence in

**PMV Declarations** – From Cessnock Club

**ANRPB Questionnaire and Survey** - results of survey received on 9/5/18 – read to the meeting.

For further information from the ANRPB on the Rota Vaccine production or to read Press Releases in full, or to access other information please log onto the following web address - <http://www.anrpb.org>

**Ring Transfers** – R Hawkins to P Wilson, P Gibbs to R Hawkins, C Ralston to M&W Waters,

M Burke to M&W Waters, M Wilson to C Newton, M Wilson to S Rippon

**Correspondence out - Nil**

6. Treasurer's report

The following report was presented – Treasurers Report Newcastle Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation

### Main Operating account 135221 Period of May 2018

|                      |                 |                     |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Balance C/Fwd</b> | <b>01/05/18</b> | <b>\$ 11,794.90</b> |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|

#### Income

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Interest                                  | \$1.40      |
| Deposit (fees, Surplus, Basket sale, etc) | \$15,325.00 |

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total Income</b> | <b>\$15,326.40</b> |
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| <b>Expenditure</b> | Registration & Green Slip | \$1721.00 |
|                    | Deposit to Truck Account  | \$1500.00 |

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|---|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Truck service & pink slip   |                        | \$926.06                   |
| Race Expenses   |                        | \$1170.00                  |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>  |                        | <b>\$5317.06</b>           |
| <b><u>Balance as per Westpac Statement at 05/06/2018</u></b>      |                        | <b><u>\$ 21,804.24</u></b> |
| <b><u>Truck maintenance account 230894 Period of May 2018</u></b> |                        |                            |
| <b><u>Balance C/Fwd</u></b>                                       | <b><u>01/05/18</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 530.86</u></b>    |
| <b><u>Income</u></b>  |                        |                            |
| Interest  |                        | \$0.03                     |
| Deposit from main account   |                        | \$1500.00                  |
| Total Income  |                        | \$1500.03                  |
| <b><u>Expenditure</u></b>   |                        |                            |
| Fuel  |                        | \$739.64                   |
| <b><u>Balance as per Westpac Statement at 05/06/2018</u></b>      |                        | <b><u>\$1291.25</u></b>    |

The Chair asked that the Financial Report as tabled be accepted as true and correct,  
Moved M Watt, Seconded M Clement. All in favour.

## **7. General Business**

**A- Race Results** – The race results were ratified by the Race Secretary, read out to the meeting and the winner congratulated.  
I was move that they be accepted as correct by W Schebach, seconded by P Wilson.

**B- Truck Insurance**  
A question was asked regarding if the truck insurance include the replacement cost of the baskets. This could not be answered at the time. The Treasure advised that he would make inquiries and report back at the next meeting.

### **C- Issues with Liberation Committee**

Terry Condran advised the meeting that he had a number of members who were concerned by the action of the liberation committee and alleged that the previous week race that was post phoned was the wrong decision as in his opinion the conditions were ideal to race.

The Chair object to this accusation and stated that the liberation committee had made the correct decision based on the rules as outline in the liberation policy.

Terry further suggested that that the weather conditions were not as bad as we were making out.

The Secretary advised that he had a copy of the actually weather observation that were experienced along the race route and read the actual observation out to the meeting.

Zoran Rankovic advised the meeting that they had strong wind and rain all weekend at Nelson Bay and that this extended right through to Foster, he advised that he went to Newcastle and that the weather was totally different.

There was some question regarding the maximum wind strength that birds can be liberated.

The Secretary advised that it is all on the web site and tabled the Liberation check list which states a maximum wind strength of 30km for a side or head wind.

He further advised that the committee looks at forecasts and observations as supplied by the official BOM website.

We do not have a crystal ball that predicts the future accurately, and it is easy for someone to use hindsight, local observations on the day to form opinions, but in most cases they are irrelevant as the decision to basket is made 2 day prior to race day, based on the latest forecast from the BOM.

Terry Condran further advised that the website states 35 mph. The Secretary advised that that is incorrect as it was change back in 2015 at the AGM.

*Note - A check of the web site was made after the meeting and it was noted that there was an old reference to 35 mph, this will be amended to reflect the correct information as passed at the 2015 AGM*

The Chair called the meeting to order, acknowledging that there is always difference of opinions, but reminder all members that the liberation committee also race pigeons, and that we have followed the liberation policy to the letter, and always act to ensure the best outcome for the pigeons.

#### **D- Revised Race Schedule**

The Secretary advised the meeting that based on the current forecast we should basket on Thursday night for a Friday race as the current forecast is not good for Saturday, this will be confirmed tomorrow.

There was a general discussion to adjust the schedule to make up for the cancelled races. It was moved by Mal Clements that we have 2 Port Macquarie Races this weekend the 9+10/6/18 subject to weather, second by Zoran Rankovick. All in favour.

Further to this it was proposed that we then Race Macksville, followed by a Browns Flat toss on the 16+17/6/18, a followed by a Taree and a Browns Flat toss on the 23+24/6/18. This could then be followed by a Taree and Port Macquarie, 30/6/18 & 1/7/18 and then a midweek Taree. I was agree that this plan could change subject to the weather.

The Chair advised that the committee will advised of any proposed change as and when required.

#### **E- Surplus baskets and Flyer number for the second round**

The Secretary advised that there is an imbalance with the number of members flying the first round and basket allocations. He pointed out that Lake Macquarie had the same number of basket allocated as Cessnock, but not a Cessnock flyers are racing the first round. This also applied to Hunter and Maitland clubs.

The point that was identified that this leads to clubs using all basket and spreading birds, as opposed to advised the Fed that other clubs could use for surplus.

Steve Bailey advise that there are 2 basket available for use as surplus up to the end of the first round.

The Chair advised that all clubs should look at making available any excess basket available to other clubs as this generates addition income for the Fed. Please advised if you have spare basket available so they can be offer for use by other clubs.

The Chair further advised that there will need to be a recount and allocation of baskets at the next meeting, as it appears that there are other flyers that are intending to fly the second round.

All clubs are to provide accurate numbers of flyers at the next meeting to assist with this allocation.

**Meeting Closed at 2025hrs.**

**Next Meeting – to be held at Maitland club rooms 3/7/18 commencing 1900 hrs.**

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary