

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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Secretary/Treasurer: Paul Callaghan
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Minutes of General Meeting at Adamstown Clubrooms - Tuesday 29/5/2012

Meeting commenced at 7:10am with 21 members present.

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

Moved: A.Wilmott **Seconded:** W.Scherback

That they be confirmed as a true copy.

Passed unanimously.

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence Out:

1. Letter to M. Harrison advising he had been disqualified on 12/5/12.

Correspondence In:

1. Transfers from:

G.Restall to W.Pickard of RT 11 1168, 1171, 1172, 1173, 1175, 1179, 1184, 1185, 1189, 1192, 1193, 1194 & 1195;
P.Wilson to R.Bramble of LM 09 1183, 1184, 1194 & LM 10 2558;
P.Pont to S.Brown of Cess 11 2938, 2937, 2927, 2934, 2940;
A.Wilmott to J.Bowie of Cess 10 2719;
P.Powell to J.Howson of Cess 11 1753;
K.Marshall to S.Bailey of Put 10 200, SCF 11 04275, 04276, APFA 11 07127, 07128, 07188, Ballarat 11 317;
J.Ewen to S.Bailey of QPF 11 10342, 10339, 10340, 10348, 10331, 10332, 10333, 10343, 10338, 10326, 10341, 10330;
G.Brown to M.Brown of Cess 11 1919;
S.Brown to M.Brown of Cess 11 2504, 2505;
A.Wilmott to T.Brabdury of Cess 11 0087;
A.March to P.Bettens of New 11 577, 578, 579, 580;
G.Pringle to V.Smith of Cess Inv 11 414;
J.Hinds to T.Condran of LM 11 807;
K.Evans to T.Condran of Aust 10 8239 & 8238;
W.Odgers to T.Condran of LM 11 1701, 1707, 1720, 1719 & 1702;

L.Dennis to M.Clements of LM 11 110, 1003, 1004, 1007,1008, 1011, 1012, 1016, 1028, 1043, 1053, 1054, 1056, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1069, 1135, 1136, 1143, 1144

Treasurers Report:

Report attached. In summary:

Working Account	\$12,691.53
Truck Fund – Fixed Deposit	\$10,000.00

Moved: A.Wilmott

Seconded: G.Walters

That the Treasurers report be accepted.

Passed unanimously

General Business:

1. The Secretary is to send out voting slips for 1 or 2 Rounds in 2013 .
2. Stan Rippon advised that the Liberation Committee attended a training session with the Weather Bureau at Williamtown on 3rd May. John James (senior forecaster) conducted the session and showed our committee several previously unknown screens on the BOM website that will prove very useful in forecasting weather conditions. As a consequence our website is being modified to allow the committee to get a “snapshot” of predicted weather conditions along the line of flight at the time our birds are estimated to fly through various regions. The Committee described the training session as time well spent.
3. The Fed will be conducting a midweek toss from Scone next week. Basketing will be at the usual times on Monday night for a Tuesday morning liberation. Please advise the driver of basket numbers on Friday night.
4. Surplus allocation has changed again due to some additional flyers. Allocation is as follows –

Lake Macquarie	15 flyers	3 surplus
Newcastle	5	1
R/Terrace	9	1
Maitland	7	1
Cess/West/Sing	20	3
Cess Inv	7	1

5. The data logger recordings of temperature and humidity within the pantech were discussed. Data from the first Scone has been disregarded as the equipment was not set up properly. The results from the second race showed very high humidity and very low temperatures within the pantech from midnight onwards.

This was assumed to be because the front upper doors were partially opened when the truck arrived at Scone at midnight allowing the cold and foggy air outside the truck to come inside. The temperature inside the truck dropped to a low of 4.0 degrees and averaged about 6.5 degrees during the night. Humidity averaged over 75% and peaked at 89.1%. The exhaust fans would have automatically come on at 1:30am and continued until 9:30am when the humidity finally dropped below 70%. Last week the driver was instructed to leave the doors closed and the results were much more comfortable for our pigeons – temperatures didn't drop below 13 degrees inside the unit until the doors were opened at 6:30am and humidity never reached 70% during the night. We know that pigeons use up energy to keep warm and in cold conditions this is just wasted energy, better reserved for the race home.

All members please note that the data logger reports will be posted on Brian Catling's website every week (usually on Sunday mornings) – refer www.fofpigeonsales.com then go to the menu box on the top left of the screen, click on "data logger results" and then just select the appropriate race.

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

That the NCF charge \$100 to anyone wishing to advertise on our website.

Passed unanimously

7. The Paramyxovirus trial has not yet concluded and therefore final results are unknown. Some discussion took place on whether NCF members should vaccinate their birds. The Executive feel that it would wise to wait until the trial results are available before making any decisions on vaccinating here (as there is no immediate risk in our region). Stan will follow up with the DPI for the latest info and post it on our website.
8. Cessnock Invitation Club advised that their Club results are based on a breaking point system and can not be shown with standard club results on the website. They are however available in the Information section. Point your cursor to "Information" at the top of the screen, and then click on Cessnock Invitation Results.
9. Paul Callaghan announced that he would not be standing for any official positions at the next AGM. Paul is prepared to show anyone interested in the Treasurer's job the current systems and books.

Meeting closed 8:30 pm.

The next meeting will be at Teralba Clubrooms on Tuesday 3rd July, 2012 starting at 7pm.

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a true copy

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S.Rippon President

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P.Callaghan Secretary