

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 2015 Minutes.

H) The Sub Committee reported to the meeting and presented the recommendations for endorsement. 9 recommendations were proposed. After much discussion there was general consensus that the majority of the recommendations , 1 to 6 & 8 will need to be taken back to the clubs for discussion and endorsement or to recommend change.

It was agreed that item 7 and Item 9 as detailed below were agreeable and were endorsed unanimously.

Item 7 - Liberation dates - It is proposed the liberation policy be amended to state: - *"For the sprint series the basketing of birds and liberation dates as published can be moved 1 day either side of the published dates if the forecast conditions are outside the liberation parameters."*

Item 9 - Forecast Tools and Notifications- It is proposed the liberation policy be amended to state: - *"The Bureau of Meteorology Website (BOM) "Meteye" forecast site be used by the liberation committee to forecast and substantiate all decisions to postpone, bring forward, delay and or cancel a race. Club Secretaries are to be advised without delay by the liberation committee of all decisions relating to delays and or changes to basketing and of amended liberation dates and times, by way of phone call, text message and or email, to ensure all flyers can make appropriate arrangements as required."*

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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 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.