

# *Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.*

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**General Meeting - 1/3/16**

**Held at Adamstown club rooms**

**The meeting commenced at 7:10 pm** with 17 Members present. Apologies – nil

**1. Welcoming of Members** – The Chair reopen the meeting and welcomed all present

**2. Reading of the previous minutes.**

- a. Minutes of Annual General Meeting part 2 - held at Maitland Clubrooms on 02/2/2016 - The Chair read the minutes.
- b. Moved as a true record by, Alan Wilmot- seconded by – Mick Watt. - All in favour

**3. Business arising from the minutes** – Nil

**4. Correspondence in**

- a. Ring Transfers – K Harris to S Branorbur, H Harris to Craig Harris, K Harris to W Howson, K Harris to P Edmans, A Limeburner to R Hawkins, A Limeburner to Alan Walker, Greg Jack to R Hawkins, Geoff Hackett to B Walters, V Watters to B Walters.
- b. Applications to join the Fed from Jeff Johnston, John Banfield To be dealt with in general Business
- c. Letter from Anton Maas re transport proposal/option for proposed 700 mile race in 2017 - To be dealt with in general Business
- d. Letter from Wallsend Club advising that Phil Wilson is the Fed Delegate, Reg Bramble & Pat Kiem, sub delegates
- e. Letter from B Walters advising that he has been accepted to fly with Cessnock Invitation Club

**5. Correspondence out –**

- a) Letters sent to Taree Showground, Macksville Showground, and Red Rock Bowling Club – Regarding approval to liberate.

**6. Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer presented a statement of the clubs accounts.

**As at the 1/02/2016 Main Fed Operating Account – February**

<b><u>Opening Balance 01/2/16</u></b>	<b>\$ 13,115.96</b>
<b><u>Receipts/ Income Fed.</u></b>	
Vaccine Sales	\$ 1685.00
Blue & Gold band sales	\$ 80.00
Breeders Plate Sales	\$ 830.00
Memberships –	\$ 250.00
Interest	\$ 1.24
	<u>\$ 2846.24</u>
<b><u>Total Receipts including opening balance -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,962.20</u></b>

### **Expenditure - February**

M Clement Audit Fee	\$	500.00
Transfer to Truck Account.	\$	600.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>
<b>Closing balance @ 28/2/16 -</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,862.20</b>

### **Truck Fuel & Maintenance Account**

Opening Balance 01/2/16 Feb.	\$	334.08
Receipts/ Income from main account.	\$	600.00
Total	\$	934.09

### **Expenditure – February**

Truck Maintenance & repairs	\$	800.00
<b>Closing Balance 28/2/16 Feb.</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>134.08</b>

The Chair asked that the statement as presented be moved as a true and correct record Moved. – Alan Wilmot, Second – Phil Wilson - All in favour

### **8. New Member Applications**

**The Chair asked the members to consider the applications for membership, and advised that each application be voted on separately.**

John Banfield	9 for 2 against	Welcome John
Jeff Johnson	9 for 2 against	Welcome Jeff

### **9. Liberation Sites**

The Chair advised the meeting that he and Peter the Liberator had travelled up the coast to inspect the proposed new liberation site at Macksville Show ground and Red Rock.

He advised the meeting that the site all look ok and that they had talked to the Showground Trust and the Red Rock Bowling Club and that all was fine. He advised that he had sent formal letters will copies of or insurances and believed that there are no issues.

He further advised that Port Macquarie, Yamba, Byron Bay, Gympie, & Maryborough are OK. He advised that they were looking at options for Red Cliff and will advised location once confirmed

### **10. Surplus birds & proposed toss dates.**

Tim Fairfax asked the meeting if the Fed would consider that allowing to take addition birds to the race point and liberated with the race birds. This was not supported.

The allocation of surplus was discussed, there was agreement that each club must advise the Fed Secretary by Thursday if the is spare capacity that is not going to be used.

This will be allocated to other clubs, if there will be spare capacity not planned for use, the spare space will be allocated to other clubs for used. The process of ensuring this is being allocated fairly, will be determined prior to the commencement to racing. All additional surplus spaces will be allocated to other clubs.

It is anticipated that the will be adequate space for surplus on the first round as there some members will not be flying. The clubs need advice how many flyers plan to fly the first round so that all space capacity is utilised were possible

The proposed toss dated are; 30/4/16 or 1/5/16 & the 7/5/16 pickup from all site if supported. Time to be confirmed.

**9. Proposed 700 Mile Race for 2017**

Tony Davis advised the meeting that there has been a number of members and flyers from other Federation two have expression interest in the race.

He advised that he had received a letter from Anton Maas where he had contact the airport and has provides a draft cost annalist to send bird by air, as opposed to sending the birds via vehicle.

Anton has done some good work in providing the information. Tony advised that he will prepare a proposal prior to the end of the year which will detail the anticipated cost of self-funding the race and that he will be chasing some sponsorship. In the meant time if any once has any ideas or wish to provide some sponsorship please contact the Secretary.

**10. Fridge for the Race Truck**

Stan requested that the members support the purchase of a small fridge /freezer for the Truck. He advise that they are relative cheap, and that it is not right for Peter and Debbie to rely on an old ice esky. This was Moved by Mal Clements, Seconded by Tony Davis, All in favour.

**Note 1** - Members were reminded that the PVM declaration is required to be provide to the fed secretary confirming that the birds have been vaccinated, prior to being eligible to fly.

**Note 2** – Club Secretaries are to provide a list of all fed race baskets held at each club. This will be required annually.

**Note 3** – Clubs to advised numbers of flyer who intend to fly first round, so any spare capacity can be shared between the clubs.

**Next Meeting – To be held at Lake Macquarie, Teralba club rooms on**

**Tuesday 1/03/16**

**Meeting Closed at 9:30 pm.**

**Certified as a true copy.**

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary