

# *Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.*

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## **Minutes of meeting held at Lake Macquarie Clubrooms on Tuesday 06/05/2014**

Meeting commenced at 7:15pm with 25 Members present.

### **1. Reading of the previous minutes.**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Adamstown Clubrooms on 1/4/2014- Stan Rippon read the minutes.

**Moved as a true record by**, Brian Williams - seconded by – Allan Wilmont, All in favour.

### **2. Business arising from the minutes – Nil**

### **3. Correspondence in.**

- Signed declarations were received from Cessnock Invitational and Lake Macquarie advising that all flying members have vaccinated there birds for PMV
- A declaration from Greg Jack advising that he has vaccinated there birds for PMV
- A letter from Maitland Club asking for permission to use Fed baskets for tossing. To be discussed in general business.
- An email was tabled that was sent to Herb Samuels from Kimberly Earl – Edgeworth Animal Medical Centre, advising that they are keen to provide services to racing pigeon.

They advised that they have had discussion with Colin Walker regarding what services could be offered to Flyers. Please see the attachment email for details of the offer, test offered and proposed charges.

This letter was discussed, it was noted that at present members had to either go to Sydney with birds of post droppings etc., to receive such testing. Having a local vet would have definite benefits to members.

Tony Davis advised that the costs were a bit high compared to Rob Marshalls and Mark Whites cost, e.g. \$15 for dropping test.

Tony advised that he would contact Kimberly to determine if there were any chance of offering cheaper rates and also provide a price list for common medication and vaccines.

- Letter form Motor Registry advising that the truck rego and green slip is due on the 1/6/14. Stan advised that he will get quotes for the green slip.

**Ring Transfers** – A large number of transfers were received from the following members.

S. Fear to Z Rankovic, B Walters to L.Johnson, S Colley to P Wade, M Jones to P Wade, S Bailey to G Brown, K Alley to M&R Clements, G Mason to W Scherbak, D Archer to Pickard & McPhee, D Archer to A Jaminson, D Archer to R Burns, S Woseen to R Burns, D Brice to Pickard & McPhee, N Charmers to Z Rankovic, A Wilmont to M Brown, K Harris to C Harris, K Harris to P Edman, C Harris to K Harris, K Harris to G Pringle, K Evans to Bandoobur & Condran.

Tim Fairfax to enter in the data base.

#### **4. Correspondence out –**

Stan advised that he had set a letter to the Upper Hunter Council regarding permission to liberate at the showground. The council had responded requesting a copy of or public liability insurance and a request that we can guarantee that all birds will leave town. They also request a fee be paid that would be refunded if there were no issues.

Stan advised that we may have to move the Race Course which is out of town to avoid any issues with the council. Stan advised he would advise delegate of the outcome.

Stan advised that he has had contact with the Broken Hill Pigeon Club and advised that we will have no issue with liberating there.

Stan is progressively contacting other councils along the race route to ensure that there will be no issues liberation. Stan to provide update at the next meeting.

#### **5. Financial Report –**

P Kiem, table the financial report from the 27/3/14 to 24/4/14

Opening Balance - \$9021.23

Receipts - \$1702.69

Expenses \$ 2243.97

Closing balance - \$ 8478.95

Truck Replacement Fund matures 10/7/14 – currently earning 3.75%

Moved as a true and correct statement of accounts by W Scherbak, Second by T Davis

#### **General Business**

#### **6. Flying Numbers per club - Total Basket available – 84**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Fed Flyers</b>	<b>Non Fed Flyers</b>	<b>Surplus Baskets</b>
Newcastle	4		3
Lake Macquarie	15	5	8
Raymond Terrace	7		4
Maitland	4		3
Cessnock	19		8
Cessnock Invitation	5		3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>29</b>

## **7. Training of Birds –**

Stan requested delegates to advise their club members to ensure that they are preparing the birds for the race season by ensuring that they are adequately loft trained and tossed.

Stan urged delegates to take advantage of the Fed Toss planned for the 10/05/14.

Stan mentioned that there are a number of new members that would benefit from some mentoring from experienced flyers in regard to training and prepping birds for the upcoming races.

Note - cost per toss basket \$5.00

## **8. Ring Lists and Ring transfers**

Note - Club Ring Secretaries are requested to contact Tim if they are having any issues entering ring on or accessing the data base.

Delegates are requested to ensure that all members provided details to their ring secretary's of all old birds that are plan to race, to ensure they can be entered in the data base.

## **9. Prize Cards – Certificates**

Stan Rippon advised the meeting that he and Mick believe that the yearly certificate could be built as a template into the web site.

This will require some changes to the web site, but advised once done this will be available to all Federation who use the web site.

I will allow for the automatic transfer of flyers trap birds to the certificate. This could be done so that all combines and member clubs could also print certificates.

Stan advised that once the certificates are formatted they could be sent to a professional printer to print thus ensuring a quality product or just printed out by the members.

Allan Wilmont - Moved that Stan progress certificate option as discussed. Seconded Tony Davis – All in Favour.

## **10. PMV – Requirements.**

Sticks Baily requested clarification on the Fed requirements for members to vaccinate their birds. He expressed concern that 2 members of their club did not participate in the Club vaccination program. He questioned the requirements to ensure that these members have complied.

Stan advised that it was the requirement of the Federation that all flyers must vaccinate all race and stock birds as recommended by the DPI and the manufacturers of the vaccine regarding dose rates.

Stan reiterated that all members must fill in the deceleration which is available on the web site. This must be witnessed by another club member.

Tony advised that there is no option to this requirement, as it is mandated in the minutes that if birds are not vaccinated and a witnessed deceleration is not received from the members in question they will not be allowed to fly.

Tony read the motion as unanimously passed in 2012 to the meeting to ensure that there was no ambiguity regarding the Federations vaccinations requirements and member's obligations.

All delegates and club members present agreed unanimously with the requirements.

Sticks advised the meeting that he will advise the members in question of the requirements.

#### **11. Use of Fed Race Basket.**

The request from Maitland to use the Fed baskets to toss birds was discussed by the delegates. A number of delegates spoke against the request stating that this has not been allowed in the past and that it will set a precedent for other to start using the baskets. There was also concern regarding were and tear on the baskets,

Tony advised that he did not see a problem with this considering the fact that each clubs are now responsible for the maintenance of the club basket and that there were plenty of spare baskets at Raymond Terrace.

Brian Walters moved that the request be denied. Seconded Judy Bates. Vote called for 9 for 1 against.

With no other issues being proposed the meeting was declare closed at 8.45 pm.

#### **12. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Cessnock, Tuesday 3/6/14 – 700pm.

Certified as a true copy.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary