

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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Delegates Meeting

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Location – Lake Macquarie Club Rooms 01/05/18 start 1900 hrs

1. Welcoming of Members – Chair welcomes all present – 26 Members present

The Chair advised the meeting that he would like to acknowledge Peter for all the work he has been doing behind the scenes, looking after and maintaining the truck.

The chair thanked Peter for efforts, proactively identifying issues that need attention, maintain a detailed log book and always being available to take the truck for servicing and repairs.

The chair advised that his efforts have not gone unnoticed which is and will continue to be appreciated by all members of the Fed. The meeting was in complete agreement with the Chairs comments.

2. Apologies – Tim Fairfax

3. Reading of Minutes of 03/04/18 - 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 Mick Watt. All in favour.

5. Correspondence in

Ring transfers – L Johnson to P Wilson, R Bramble to P Wilson, HD to Brandobur & Condran, B Marsh to Brandobur & Condran, B Marsh to Condran & Brandobur, G Jacobson to Condran & Brandobur, Brandobur & Condran to C Adams, K Evans to Condran & Brandobur, G Walters to Condran & Brandobur, N Jeffries to Condran & Brandobur, K Heggs to Brandobur & Condran, K Heggs to Condran & Brandobur, K Heggs to I Richens, Condran & Brandobur to Brandobur & Condran, D Murison to Condran & Brandobur, L Dennis to Condran & Brandobur, S Colley to Condran & Brandobur, W Howson to L Johnson, K McLeod to Condran & Brandobur, M Johnson to Condran & Brandobur, G&C Adams to I Richens, G&C Adams to Condran & Brandobur, M&V Watters to S Bailey, D Woods to B George, B Houlanan to C Ralston, C Ralston to B Houlanan, G Ellicott to B Houlanan, M&V Watters to W Pickard.

PMV Declarations – From Maitland Club, C K Nichols, B Walters, S Brown, G Brown, W Howson, P Wilson.

ANRPB Questionnaire received from – D Bice, D Archer, C Harris, K Harris, M McNamara, P Pont, Z Ranviovic

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>

Requests from Central Coast and Taree flyers to transport their birds in 2018

Correspondence out

Email to Bob Grono regarding Fed and race fees.

Email to the ANRPB regarding the number of flyers and the bird numbers held, to assist in the Rota virus vaccine questionnaire to allow for vaccine production if required.

6. Treasurer's report

The following report was presented –

Main Operating account 135221 - Period of April 2018

Balance C/Fwd 03/04/18 **\$ 8216.07**

Income

Interest	\$ 000.70
Deposit Vaccine CIPC	\$ 245.00
Deposit Hunter United?? (23/04/18)	\$ 812.40
Deposit 2018 fees (Various)	<u>\$4750.00</u>

Total **\$5807.10**

Expenditure

NRMA Insurance	\$ 1,729.27
Deposit to Truck Account	\$ 500.00
Total Expenditure	\$ 2,229.27

Balance as per Westpac Statement at 01/05/2018 **\$11,794.90**

Truck maintenance account 230894 - Period of April 2018

Balance C/Fwd 03/04/18 **\$ 90.83**

Income

Interest	\$ 00.03
Deposit from main account	\$500.00

Expenditure

Fuel	\$ 60.00
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Balance as per Westpac Statement at 01/05/2018 **\$530.86**

The Chair asked that the Financial Report as tabled be accepted as true and correct,

Moved A Wilmot, Seconded C Newton. All in favour.

7. General Business

A- Toss Program

This first will be on the 5.5.18, Browns Flat, Club Secretary's to provide numbers to the Chair/Secretary, by the Thursday prior, to confirm numbers and viability to proceed.

Tossing will continue every Sunday until not viable to continue.

Mid-Week tossing will be discussed at the next meeting.

B- Application to Fly with Fed from Central Coast and Taree Members.

The Chair advised the meeting that he had a phone call from Dave Woodhead asking if he and a couple of other Central Coast flyer could fly the season on our truck.

The Security asked why Central Coast Flyers would want to fly with us when their Fed was also racing the same direction.

He further pointed out that will the current list of Fed member who have indicated that they intend to fly is 65 and that to allow flyer who are from outside or traditional Federation Boundaries could also cause issues with the Central Coast Federation.

The secretary pointed out that with the current basket allocation there is only minimal surplus basket available for our members.

Terry Condran spoke in favour of letting them in, based on the more flyers the better.

The Chair also advised that he had also had a request from a Taree Club who was also looking to put birds on the truck. The Secretary advised that the Taree Clubs traditional were allowed to put birds on the Truck for the long distance series.

The Chair advised that he believed that they were looking to get on the truck earlier possible the middle distance and the long.

The Secretary advised that we had previously received an email from Mick Scroggy advising they have formed a long distance club and that we had agreed at a previous meeting that this be allowed.

He felt that to bring other clubs from outside or Fed Boundaries will placed additional work load on the truck drive and may disadvantage Fed members who will be trying to get as many birds away in the short and start of the middle distance series.

The Chair advised that we need a motion to provide advice back.

Mick Watt moved that we knock back the application to allow out of boundary flyers to put birds on the truck during the Sprint and Middle distance series. Seconded by Phil Wilson. The Chair call for a vote by show of hands, all in favour.

The Chair advised that he will respond to the applicants advising of the decision, but would advise that they will be welcome to put birds on the truck for the long distance, subject to meeting the requirements as set out in or code of practice regarding Vaccine declarations etc.

Moved by Alan Wilmot, Seconded by Tony Davis.

The Chair call for a show of hands, all in favour.

C- Separate Basket for each flyer to prevent Rota infection

Terry Condran advised the meeting that he had a number of members had asked him to ask if the Fed would consider letting flyers put all their birds in the same basket. He advised that the Central Coast has agreed to such a practice.

The Chair asked what he/they hoped to achieve, as the birds regardless of being in a separate basket are on the same truck centimetres apart. This is not a quarantine environment, and the bird's feather bloom and faeces will be transmitted by the ventilation system, thus achieving nothing.

It was also raised that the traditional process of separating cock and hens was done to prevent cocks bullying and fighting. The other issue that was raised was that the owner is not allowed to basket their own birds, and as any member who handles the birds to basket will have bloom and faeces from numerous birds on their clothes, and as such defeats any so called benefits.

There were a couple who disagreed with this view. Peter Edmans advised that he felt that separating bird this way would prevent transition of other diseases.

The secretary advised that the code of practice and basking rules require that all flyer must only present fit and healthy birds, that all bird are to be inspected prior to being placed in the baskets and that all clubs must appoint scrutineers to enforce this requirement.

Chair advised that there had been enough discussion on the subject.

The secretary moved that this proposal not be considered, as it will not achieve the prevention or spread of the Rota virus. Seconded A Wilmot.

The Chair call for a show of hands, 10 for 1 against. Motion passed.

D- Request for Members to provide updated information.

The Secretary advised the meeting that he and the Treasure would like to create a new data base which will; require all member to provide up to date details of address, phone numbers, emails etc.

The Treasure advised that he has developed a form that he hopes to hand out at the next meeting.

Once completed it will allow us to create a current data base which will allow us to quickly communicate matters on both a group and individual bases.

Currently we only have delegate information and a lot of the individual member information is out of date, we know that we can make all things easier if we have current and updated information.

The Chair supported this proposal and asked that we all support this by filling out the form next meeting and sending in.

There was no objection to this proposal.

Meeting Closed at 2020hrs.

Next Meeting – to be held at Cessnock club rooms 5/6/18 commencing 1900 hrs.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary

