

# *Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.*

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## **General Meeting – 3/5/16**

### **Held at Lake Cessnock club rooms**

The meeting commenced at 7:10 pm with 28 Members present. Apologies – Peter Edmans

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

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

- a. Minutes of General Meeting - held at Lake Macquarie Clubrooms on 05/4/2016 - The Chair read the minutes.
- b. Moved as a true record by, Chris Newton- seconded by – Brian Walters. - All in favour

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

**4. Correspondence in**

- a. Letter from Ken Harris regarding membership of Michael McNamara
- b. PMV Declaration from W&J Bates
- c. Ring Transfers – J Banfield, to K Harris, Blenhaven Stud to Mark Wilson, D Condran to W&J Howson, B&D Egan to Rick Jones, B Biggs to Rick Jones, Phil Powell to Terry Bradbury, Terry Bradbury to Brian Crowe, David Hunter to Terry Bradbury, Shane Brown to Greg Brown, Shane Brown to Mark Wilson, John Bowie to Shane Brown, Geoff Turner to Shane Brown, Glen Brown to Shane Brown, Brian Walter to Pat Kiem, Tony Mass to Mark Hawkins, Mark Johnson to Geoff Garland, Pat Kiem to Kelvin Alley, Graham Walters to Kelvin, Reg Bramble to Kelvin Alley, Geoff Garland to Kelvin Alley, M Watts to C&J Newton, John Hinds to M Burke, H Samuels to M Burke, D Kunjasich to M&V Watters, J Sewell to M&W Watters, M&V Watters to M Burke, G Kinkade to Mark Wilson, Zorin Rankovi to Mark Wilson, Mark Jones to Mark Wilson, Les Alexander to Mark Wilson, Neville Chambers to Mark Wilson, D Murrison to Zorin Rankovic, Terry Bradbury to G Brown, Greg Brown to Terry Bradbury Greg Jack to Tony Davis.

**5. Correspondence out – Nil**

**6. Treasurer's report**

As at 3/04/2016 Account 135221 Main Fed Operating Account

**Opening Balance 01/4/2016 \$ 16,756.57**

### **Income**

Applications 125.00  
Blue Gold Band 470.00

BP Sales 105.00  
5 Bird 50.00  
Membership 2000.00  
Interest 1.44  
**Total \$ 19,508.01**

**Balance C/Fwd \$ 19,508.01**

**Expenditure**

Transfer to truck Operating account 2497.07  
**Total \$ 2497.07**

**Balance as per Westpac Statement 28/02/2016 \$ 17,010.94**

**Truck Fuel / Maintenance Account.** Westpac Account 230894  
Opening Balance 01/4/2016 \$ 112.15

**Income**

Transfer from Main Account \$2497.07  
Total \$2,609.22

**Expenditure**

NRMA Insurance \$ 1,497.07

**Balance as per Westpac Statement 30/04/2016 \$1,112.15**

The Chair asked that the statement as presented be moved as a true and correct record Moved. – M Watt, Second – Mal Clements - All in favour

**8. Basket Allocations**

Hunter - 7, Newcastle – 10, Raymond Terrace – 8, Maitland – 11, Cessnock Invitation – 7, Cessnock – 19, Lake Macquarie – 21.

**9. Malcolm Clements trap**

The Chair advised that he had inspected Malcolm trap and that there were some concern. Malcolm address the meeting and explained were he had placed his board. There were photos shown to members. The issue was that the board was placed in front of the bobs and as such the birds would be recorded before entering the loft.

After some discussion it was put to the delegated to decide if the position of the board complied with then fed rules regarding the placement of electronic board.

The Chair call for a vote – Nil for – 8 against. Malcolm was instructed to modify his trap to comply. The Chair is to inspect once the modification have been made.

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. Subject to weather conditions on the day. Clubs to advise numbers to determine viability and cost per basket.

**10. Maitland Clock System**

Herb Samuels from Maitland club provided details and information on the new clock system "Top Pigeon". The Chair advised that this is and approved system in a number of countries and as such request that this be accepted.

This was moved by Mick Watt and seconded by Mal Clements – All in favour.

**11. Endorsement of the “East Coast Classic” to be held on the 3/9/16**

The Chair advised the meeting that although there has been general support for the race it need to be formally put to the meeting to gain the required endorsement to proceed.

The Secretary moved: - “That the Federation formally support the running of the East Coast Classic as a multi federation race involving, the Central Coast and South Coast feds”. This was seconded by Terry Condran.

The Chair called for a delegates vote all in favour.

There was general discussion regarding the race, the timing and weather the race be held as separated race, liberated after the fed race. This was reject by a number of delegates stating that the intention of the race was to liberate the birds all together to ensure that there will be adequate cover and numbers to make the race a success.

Alan Wilmot advised that there is some concern that the Cessnock birds would be at a disadvantage and the additional birds form the central coast and south coast.

Alan Wilmot moved that the East Coast Classic be a separate liberation. This was seconded by Mick Watt.

The Chair called for a delegates vote – 3 for 8 opposed – the motion lost.

**10. Other issues**

Toss to be on this Saturday and followed by a mid-week toss to be held on either Tuesday or Wednesday the following week. All tosses are subject to weather.

**Next Meeting – To be held at Maitland club rooms on**

**Tuesday 7/06/16**

**Meeting Closed at 8:30 pm.**

**Certified as a true copy.**

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary