

# *Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.*

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## **Minutes of General Meeting at Raymond Terrace Clubrooms - Tuesday 1/5/2012**

Meeting commenced at 7:15am with 17 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read out by the President.

**Moved:** A.Wilmott                      **Seconded:** C.Newton

That they be confirmed as a true copy.

Passed unanimously.

**Business Arising:** Nil

### **Correspondence Out:**

1. Letter to JM Produce seeking sponsorship in the form of race mix for our season.
2. Letter to VHA enclosing \$500 donation towards the paramyxo vaccine trial.

### **Correspondence In:**

1. Application to join the NCF from Vaughan Smith (Cessnock Invitation Club).
2. Letter from Neil MacKenzie and Henry Bourke of Aberdeen requesting permission to transport 2 baskets of pigeons on the NCF truck this season.
3. Transfers from:
  - J.Sewell to M & V Watters of LM 11 1461;
  - M & V Watters to J.Sewell of RT 11 1601 to 1610;
  - M & V Watters to M.Partridge of RT 11 1551 – 1600;
  - K.Alley M & V Watters of Lm 11 578, 1991 & 2000;
  - D.Hunter to B.Houlahan of Cess 11 1931, 1932, 2010 & 2016;
  - B.Houlahan to C.Nichols of Cess 11 2326 to 2330;
  - G.restall to D.Bice of RT 11 214, 251, 252, 254, 255, 258, 260, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 279, 283, 284, 285, 286, 293 & 294;
  - P.Brookes to Z.Rankovic of RT 11 402, 451 to 500;
  - T.Bradbury to G.Brown of Cess 11 2661, 2662, 2667, 2682, 2684, 2685, 2686, 2688, 2690 & 2691;
  - T.Barker to W & J Bates of Cess 10 911, 913, 914, 920 & 931;
  - D.Hunter to W & J Bates of Cess 11 1958, 1959, 1961, 1962 & 2013;
  - A.Wilmott to T.Bradbury of NCF 11 1410;
  - W.Boland to M & D Watt of NCF 11 181 to 190; and RT 11 1821;
  - A.Walker to A.March of NH 11 817 & 821;

G.Restall to A.March of NCF 11 1176, 1183 & 1196;  
T.Gasseling to L.Johnston of SCF 10 7341;  
J.Hinds to P.Wade of LM 11 845 & 846;  
R.Walters to P.Wade of LM 11 2254;  
Brandobur & Condran to P.Wade of LM 11 1211 & 3875;  
G.garland to T.Condran of LM 10 3060, 3061, 3072 & 3077;  
J.Eggins to T.Condran of Taree 10 397, Taree 11 426, 427, 435, 490, 1991,  
1995 & 1998;  
M.Johnson to T.Condran of LM 08 1471, 1473; LM 10 1830, 1831, 1832, 1834 &  
1839;  
K.Alley to P.Edman of RT 11 1901, 1902, 1904, 1908, 1910 & 1911;  
W.Gilchrist to T.Davis of LM 11 1329;  
R.Hawkins to T.Davis of LM 11 1535;  
G.Walters to T.Condran of LM 11 531, 534, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 543, 544,  
545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550 & Ncle 11 459.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Report attached. In summary:

Working Account	\$4,213.66
Truck Fund – Fixed Deposit	\$10,000.00

**Moved:** V.Smola                      **Seconded:** A.Wilmott

That the Treasurers report be accepted.                      Passed unanimously

### **General Business:**

1. Application for membership from Vaughan Smith was voted upon by a show of hands.

Approved unanimously.

2. **Moved:** A.Wilmott                      **Seconded:** T.Condran

That we transport 2 baskets for the Aberdeen flyers at \$15 per basket, per week, subject to space being available of our truck.

Approved unanimously

3. Stan advised that the Liberation Committee was committed to using the Pre Liberation checklist, they were trying to come up with some more definitive "measurements" for various situations (eg what is the acceptable limit for cloud cover etc). Also advised that it is proving more complicated than he thought to put the checklist onto the website – it will affect other users websites for example.

4. Paul Callaghan advised that he has organised with the Weather Bureau to provide a training session with our liberation committee. Training to cover effective use of the BOM Website and also any tips on weather forecasting/predictions. The training will be held at Williamstown on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm.
  
5. Truck update – the two ducts have been installed underneath the bottom row of baskets by Chris Thomas and Ken Harris. The truck was taken to Greg Jack's residence and had the PVC pipes installed under the roof as well as the fans and electrical controls, additional batteries and water purifier. This work was not able to be fully completed and there will be a final working bee at Redhead this coming Saturday morning (starting at 9am). The new alternator has been fitted by Gilbert & Roach and the NCF has a brand new 60 amp alternator to sell. Anyone interested should contact Paul Callaghan. We still need to have the new ventilation system tested and expect that some minor modifications may be needed. An additional problem is that the existing spinners on the roof of the truck are leaking (one particularly badly) and this also needs fixing.
  
6. Steve Bailey advised the meeting that one of our members, Una Anderson has passed away on Good Friday. Una flew in partnership with her brother John Howson whilst another brother is long term NCF member Joe Howson. A minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect.
  
7. Fed Tosses were discussed. Last weekend's toss was cancelled due to lack of numbers. The meeting was asked how many baskets will be required for the coming weekend – Newcastle 4, Maitland 4, Cessnock estimated at 6, Raymond Terrace did not know, Lake Macquarie are arranging their own tosses. In view of our minimum requirement being 30 baskets, **this weekend's toss is also cancelled.** The idea of delaying the start of the season by 2 weeks and having a couple of double header weekends was then discussed. The meeting seemed to believe that we start our race season too early every year and that a majority of members are struggling to get their race teams ready. One suggestion was to start next year on the June long weekend and only fly one round. There was insufficient support to delay the start of this year's race season.

Meeting closed 8:05 pm.

The next meeting will be at Adamstown Clubrooms on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 starting at 7pm.

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a true copy

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S.Rippon President

P.Callaghan Secretary