

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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General Meeting

President - Stan Rippon - Ph. 0413 708 203 - stanrip@gmail.com

Secretary - Tony Davis – 55 Appletree Rd, Holmesville. Ph. 02 49 533 260

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Treasurer – Greg Jack – Ph. 0419 127 574 – gregoryjack72@bigpond.com

Location - Cessnock Club Rooms 03/02/19 start 1000 hrs

1. Chair welcomed members to the meeting. 35 members Present

2. Apologies – Allen Walker, Dick Archer, John Banfield

3. Reading of Minutes of 09/10/18 - Delegates Meeting.

The President 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, Chris Newton Seconded, Mal Clements. All in favour.

5. Correspondence in

Email from the ANRPB regarding Rota vaccine ordering requirements, Rotavax order forms.

Application to join the Fed from Vic Smoler.

Ring Transfers – Ray Walters to Brian Walters, W Bates to Logan George, B George to W Bates.

Letter from Tim Fairfax regarding resigning from Ring Secretary position – Read to the meeting.

Correspondence out

Nil

6. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented the report for the period 9/10/18 to 31/12/18 financial report for the year 1/1/18 to the 31/12/18.

Main Operating account 135221

Period of Oct, Nov, Dec 2018 - Balance C/Fwd. 09/10/2018 \$ 11,666.60

Income

Deposits (Breeder Plate, Rings, vaccine sales, etc.) \$8,631.50

Interest \$3.63

Total Income **\$8635.13**

Expenditure

Purchase of vaccine \$1440.01

Total Expenses \$1440.01

Balance as per Westpac Statement at 31/12/18 - \$18,861.72

Truck maintenance account 230894

Period of Oct, Nov, Dec 2018 - Balance C/Fwd 09/10/2018 - \$2,143.35

Income

Interest - \$ 0.27

Total Income \$ 0.27

Expenditure -

Fuel - \$ 166.51

Transfer back to main account - \$1140.00

Total Expenses \$1305.51

Balance as per Westpac Statement at 31/12/2018 - \$ 836.84

Financial report for the year 1/1/18 to the 31/12/18.**Main Operating account 135221**

Balance as per Westpac Statement 29/12/17 - \$ 5548.16

Balance as per Westpac Statement at 31/12/18 - \$18,861.72

Truck maintenance account 230894

Balance as per Westpac Statement 29/12/17 - \$ 360.34

Balance as per Westpac Statement at 31/12/2018 - \$ 836.84

Term Deposit account 032-529 269751

Balance as per Westpac Statement 29/12/18 - \$21,414.51

Income & Expenditure report,
Newcastle and Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation INC, 31/12/17-31/12/18

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Fed Fees	24750	Driver/Liberator Costs	8550
Application Fees	200	Truck Fuel & Repairs	13183.96
Tosses & Surplus	4320	Truck Rego	1721.47
Vaccine Sales	3320	Truck Insurance	1729.27
2017 Blue Band	1580	Public Liability	140
2017 Gold Band	1354	Honorariums	1000
5 Bird Club	325	Prizemoney	3760.4
Sponsorship	200	Purchase of vaccines	4317
Interest	19.64	Trophies/Prize Money	
		Fed Races 2018	720
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$36068.64</u>		<u>\$35122.1</u>

Increase in tosses and surplus in 2018 has led to a small profit of, \$946.54

The Chair asked that the Financial Report as tabled for Oct, Nov, Dec & the detailed report from the 1/1/18 to 31/12/18 be accepted as true and correct,

Moved A Wilmot, Seconded, M Watt. All in favour.

7. Presentation of Trophies

The Race Secretary presented the trophies to the following individual race winners.

Date	Location	Race	Winner
19-May	Taree	Fed	Garland & Howe
20-May	Taree	Fed	Mark Wilson
26-May	Taree	Fed	Alan Limeburner
8-Jun	Port Macquarie	Fed	C & J Newton
11-Jun	Port Macquarie	Fed	W Scherbak
16-Jun	Macksville	Fed	Mark Wilson
16-Jun	Macksville	1 Bird	Mark Wilson
23-Jun	Taree	Fed	Peter Boyle
30-Jun	Taree	Fed	M & R Clement
1-Jul	Port Macquarie	Fed	Lenny Johnson
21-Jul	Port Macquarie	Fed	M & R Clement
28-Jul	Macksville	Fed	C & J Newton
4-Aug	Macksville	Fed	Mark Wilson
11-Aug	Yamba	Fed	C & J Newton
18-Aug	Yamba	1 Bird	Mark Wilson

18-Aug	Yamba	Fed	Mark Wilson
28-Aug	Byron Bay	YB Derby	D & S Archer
28-Aug	Byron Bay	Blue Band 1st	T & L Davis
28-Aug	Byron Bay	Blue Band 2nd	C & J Newton
28-Aug	Byron Bay	Blue Band 3rd	Clint Ralston
1-Sep	Byron Bay	2 Bird	John Banfield
1-Sep	Byron Bay	Fed	M & R Clement
9-Sep	Redcliffe	Fed	Stan Rippon
14-Sep	Redcliffe	5 Bird National	John Banfield
14-Sep	Redcliffe	Fed	Ian Richens
22-Sep	Maryborough	Fed	W Scherbak
22-Sep	Gympie	Fed	C & J Newton
22-Sep	Gympie	Gold Band	C & J Newton
22-Sep	Gympie	Gold Band	John Banfield
22-Sep	Gympie	Gold Band	Peter Edmans

Summary of the Series winners:

NCF Cup – 1st C & J Newton, 2nd M & R Clement, 3rd W Scherbak

Sprint Series – 1st C & J Newton, 2nd M & R Clement, 3rd M & D Watt.

Mid Distance – 1st M & R Clement, 2nd C & J Newton, 3rd A Maas.

Long Distance - 1st C & J Newton, 2nd M & D Watt, 3rd W Scherbak

5 Bird Championship - 1st M & R Clement, 2nd T & L Davis, 3rd Brandabor & Condran

Junior Championship – 1st Thea Chisholm, 2nd Condran Kids, 3rd Jonesy Kids

All the winners were congratulated for their efforts, all results are on website.

8. General Business:

(a)

Application to join the Fed from Vic Smoulder. The Chair asked the members to consider the application from Vic Smoulder who has been a member previously. A vote was called. All in favour - Unanimous. Welcome back Vic.

(b) Rota Vaccine – Numbers required to place order

The Secretary advised Members that he is taking orders for the Rota Vaccine and will order it after the meeting. He advised that the Fed will pay for the vaccine, and he will pick up the vaccine to save on transport cost. This will ensure that we all vaccinate at around the same time.

Members who place order will be obligated to pay the Federation once received.

The Secretary will communicate with Mark White and advised when it will be available.

Meeting Closed at 1030hrs.

Next Meeting – AGM at Cessnock club rooms 13/01/19 commencing 1035 hrs

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Annual General Meeting

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1. Chair welcomed members to the meeting. 35 members Present

2. Apologies – Allen Walker, Dick Archer, John Banfield

3. Presidents Report

The Chair provide an overview of the year past and commented on the number of challenges that both the Fed and all members have had to face in regards to Rota Virus which disrupted racing .

He paid tribute to the committee who have all worked hard to keep the Fed functioning and thanked Peter and Debbie Field for the ongoing efforts in maintaining the truck and looking after the birds.

The Chair reminded members that all the executive and the liberation committee work hard to ensure that the Federation and races are conducted and managed in compliance with the Federations policies and procedures.

He noted that there was some discontent from a minority of members who disagreed with the decision to cancel that last 2 races. He advised, that although overseas he was monitoring conditions and advised that due to the weather conditions the decision to cancel the races was the only option and that liberation committee is to be commended not criticised.

Stan advised that Tim Fairfax has decided not to continue as Ring Secretary and thank him in his absence for all the great work that he has done in managing the job over the years.

4. Secretaries Report

The Secretary advised members that despite the cancelation of the last 2 races he felt that overall we had a very successful race season.

He advised that he believes that the current liberation policy is working well, and the flexibility that it gives the liberation committee to change race days to ensure the bird are liberated in the best conditions was worked well.

The Rota virus has had an impact and it is hoped that the vaccine will be available soon and encouraged members to continue to vaccinate for PMV and pox to ensure your birds remain healthy. The Rota vaccine is not mandatory, but he hope that the majority will use it once available to ensure there is no disruption to the coming race season.

He advised that he and the Treasure spent some time going through the finances relating to providing a detailed cost analysis of last year's cost. It was noted that there were issues with confirming the numbers of flyers participating in the various races and flying surplus.

Monies were being paid into the bank account without adequate descriptions, and in some cases with no name or identification other than the date and the amount.

We were lucky that Peter's and Debbie's race entry records were very detailed which helped sort out a lot of issues regarding numbers of flyer entering a race.

Race Secretaries and Club Treasures are to ensure that all monies deposited or sent as cash have adequate information to ensure accurate receipting. Race results are entered into the data base regardless if a flyer did not trap must be accurate including 1 and 2 bird races.

5. Treasurer's report

The Treasure advised that he has found plenty of room for improvement and reintegrated the Secretaries comments regarding issues with depositing of monies without a clear description.

He advised that preferable all club treasures should deposit monies electronically as opposed to placing it in envelopes without adequate description being enclosed. He advised that he will talk to all club Treasures to ensure we can improve the process for the better.

He further advised that he had completed the analysis of the all the Federation cost and advise that the Fed subsidised racing last year. As a result he will be proposing an increase in fees to cover next year's costs. He advised that based on the proposed race schedule he had prepared a costing based on last year's figures which he will detail when we discuss the fee structure for 2019 racing.

He further advised that the number of flyers who nominate to fly will be a determining factor in setting race fees and that he has prepared a number of options based on 45, 50, 55 & 60 flyers.

He advised that we are in a good position, but we must make the required changes to ensure the Federation remains viable, and make changes based on fluctuations in membership, flyer numbers, cost increases and yearly CPI increases associated with Truck maintenance and fuel, etc.

6. Reading of 2017 Annual General Minutes.

The President read the minutes to the meeting.

7. Business arising from the minutes.

Nil –

The Chair asked that the minutes be accepted as true and correct, Moved, Chris Newton Seconded, Mick Watt All in favour.

8. Election of Officers – The Chair declared all position vacant. In stating that he further advised that there were only one nomination received for each position with the exception of the liberation Committee, which will be settled by ballot.

The Chair asked the meeting if there were any other nomination. With no nominations coming from the meeting, the Chair asked that the meeting elect the members listed to against the respective positions. This was agreed to unanimously.

The Chair congratulated all those for taking on the positions and look forward to working with all in 2019.

President – Nominations Received – Stan Rippon - Elected Unopposed

Secretary– Nominations Received – Tony Davis - Elected Unopposed

Treasurer– Nominations Received - Greg Jack - Elected Unopposed

Vice President– Nominations Received- Alan Wilmot - Elected Unopposed

Ring Secretary– Nominations Received – Greg Jack - Elected Unopposed

Race Secretary– Nominations Received- Mick Watt - Elected Unopposed

Liberation Committee – 5 Nominations Received for 4 positions - Tony Davis, Mick Watt, Stan Rippon, Brian Walters, Bill Collins.

The Chair call for a ballot and voting paper were distributed.

The ballot was counted the Results – Stan Rippon 31, Mick Watt 31, Bill Collins 31, Tony Davis 18, and Brian Walters 13

Chair asked if the members wished for the ballot to be recounted, without no request the Chair declared the ballot as correct. No objects.

9. Setting of Race and Federation Membership Fees for 2019 season

Current fee structure - \$425.00 Race Fees, Application fee to join the Federation \$50.00 and the annual membership fee of \$25.00. This is to be discussed based on the financial analysis of last year costs. Treasure to provide statistics.

The Treasure advised the meeting that the current fee structure will not cove cost for next year he advised that the fee structure need to be based on the number of flyers After discussion by a number of members it was moved by Alan Wilmot that the Race fees be increased to \$ 475.00. This was seconded by Chris Newton.

The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

Note: Application fee to join the Federation \$50.00 and the annual membership fee of \$25.00 to remain unchanged for 2019.

10. Honorariums for Officer Bearers – Motion to pay Honorariums for 2018 and to set rate for 2019

The Chair advised that each of the 6 Executive, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, Race Secretary, Ring Secretary, receive \$200

It was moved by Mal Watters and seconded by Terry Condran that the honorariums be paid.

The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

11. Race Schedule and Racing 2019

**NEWCASTLE & COALFIELDS RACING PIGEON FEDERATION INC. RACE SCHEDULE 2019
SEASON – NORTH WEST ROUTE**

DATE	Race Point	Basket Night	Distance	Liberation Time	Race Details
18/05/19	Scone	Friday	120 km	11 AM	Fed Open
25/5/19	Scone	Friday	120 km	11 AM	Fed Open
1/6/19	Breeza	Friday	210 km	10 AM	Mid-Week Scone 5/6/19
8/6/19	Breeza	Friday	210 km	10 AM	Fed Open
10/6/19	Boggabri	Sunday	285 km	9 AM	Long weekend
15/6/19	Scone	Friday	120 km	11 AM	Fed Open
22/6/19	Scone	Friday	120 km	11 AM	Fed Open
28/6/19	Breeza	Friday	210 km	10 AM	1 Birder separate liberation ½ hour later
6/7/19	Breeza	Friday	210 km	10 AM	Fed Open
13/7/19	Boggabri	Friday	285 km	9 AM	Fed Open
20/7/19	Boggabri	Friday	285 km	9 AM	Fed Open
27/7/19	Wee Waa	Friday	360 km	8 AM	Fed Open
3/8/19	Wee Waa	Friday	360 km	8 AM	Fed Open
10/8/19	Moree	Thursday	410 km	E.A.P	Fed Open
17/8/19	Moree	Thursday	419 km	E.A.P	Fed Open
24/8/19	Mungindi	Thursday	500 km	E.A.P	YBD + Blue Band + Fed Breeders Plate No1 – mass liberation, no limit on Blue Band team
31/8/19	Mungindi	Thursday	500 km	E.A.P.	Fed Open + 2 Bird Trap 2 \$11 per Team Mass Liberation 1 Birder separate liberation ½ hour later JM Produce Stakes
7/9/19	St George	Thursday	610 km	E.A.P.	Fed Breeders Plate No2 + Fed Open
7/9/19	St George	Thursday	610 km	E.A.P. half hour after mass	5 BIRD NATIONAL - \$2 per bird Sponsor - Jester Park Produce
14/9/19	St George	Thursday	610 km	E.A.P.	Fed Open
22/9/19	Surat	Tuesday	680 km	E.A.P.	Gold Band - mass liberation. No limit on Gold Band team
21/9/19	Mitchell	Tuesday	790 km	E.A.P.	Friday Liberation JM Produce Stakes
28/09/19	Spare Weekend				
29/09/19	Spare Weekend				
5/10/19	Charleville	Tuesday	885 km	E.A.P.	Friday Liberation
6/10/19	Blackall	Tuesday	1110 km	E.A.P.	Fed Open

BASKET LIMITS :

**FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETING - 24 BIRDS PER BASKET - SURPLUS LIMITS ARE THE SAME
THURSDAY NIGHT BASKETING -24 BIRDS PER BASKET - SURPLUS LIMITS ARE THE SAME
WEDNESDAY OR EARLIER - 20 BIRDS PER BASKET - SURPLUS LIMITS ARE THE SAM**

The Chair advised the meeting that this is basically the same schedule as flow in 2012 the only changes proposed are 2 Scone in the second round, 1 Mungindi dropped and the National to be held on the same day from St George. There was some general discussion regarding race points, but in the end it was put to the meeting by the Secretary, that we accept the schedule as table, this was seconded by Mick Watt.

The Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

13. Notice of Motions

A. 3 Separate Point Scores

As we have removed the Sprint series from the overall points score, it is proposed that we have 3 separate series, Sprint, Middle and Long.

At the end of the race season we do an average of the 3 series, and identify the Flyer of the year and Runner up.

Proposed by Tony Davis, Seconded by Greg Jack

The Chair allowed for discussion on the motion on completion of discussion, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands.

15 For, 8 Against, Motion Passed

B. Bird of each Series and Bird of the year and runner up

It is proposed that we have a best bird award for each series and a bird of the year and runner up. This will be based on averages, individual must nominate their birds at the conclusion of each series.

Proposed by Tony Davis, Seconded by Greg Jack

The Chair allowed for discussion on the motion on completion of discussion, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands.

All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

C. Increase in Bird Number

It is Proposed that members bird limits be raised to 30 birds per member for Friday night basketing, and 28 Birds for Thursday night Basketing. We are not proposing we increase bird numbers in baskets, just that we use more baskets. Basket allocations to clubs to be determine once number of flyers are determined. Remaining baskets to be used as surplus and distributed between the clubs.

Proposed by Tony Davis, Seconded by Greg Jack

The Chair allowed for discussion on the motion on completion of discussion, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands.

10 For, 16 Against, Motion lost.

D. Voting for 1 or 2 Rounds

On the June Long Weekend NCF Federation Ballot Voting Slips be distributed to all combine clubs on Friday Basket night and returned on Sunday Basket night to the

President for example; distribution on Friday 7/06/2019 and returned on Sunday Basket night 9/06/2019.

This will make it clear to all flying members in advance if there is 1 or 2 rounds to be flown in the following racing season and the race schedule is finalised and voted on in the July meeting.

Proposed by C & J Newton Seconded: M. Clement

The Chair allowed for discussion on the motion, on completion of discussion, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands.

All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

E. Rescind the motion – Section 7 item B.2 2017 AGM, Pass Unanimously.

7. B. 2. From the 7/02/2017 AGM where it was proposed that the Federation fly the same race schedules for the North, North West, West and South. 'We should only change race points if the local council will not permit us to liberate. I feel that this will stop a lot of the arguments'.

Proposed by C & J Newton Seconded: M. Clement

The Chair allowed for discussion on the motion on completion of discussion, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands.

4 For, 19 Against, Motion lost.

F. Shane Brown – Request for Race Fee Reduction to race every 2nd race.

Letter to be read out at meeting

Proposed by Shane Brown, Seconded by Alan Wilmot

The Chair allowed for discussion on the motion. Alan Wilmot, and Steven Baily both spoke in favour of the Federation supporting this proposal. Shane has been a loyal member for a number of years and now is suffering from a serious back injury that has affected his ability to participate in the sport on a full time basis.

It was proposed that the members support this application based on the facts as presented. It was proposed that this approval is passed, will be reviewed on a yearly basis and that any other application to apply for dispensation will be considered on a case by case basis. On completion of discussion, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands.

All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

G. Letter from T Condran, Malcolm Clement, Phil Wilson

The letter was read out to the meeting, this created some debate as to reasons for such a letter to be written in the first place.

The Secretary advised that the letter is out of order, as it makes accusation that cannot be substantiated, nor did it reference what they wish to change by clause or document, etc.

In essence this was a letter written by and supported by minority of disappointed and frustrated flyers.

The Chair stopped any further discussion on the issue and rule it out of order.

14. General Business

Nil

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, **please bring this information to the AGM.**

With no further business the Chair called the meeting closed at 1320

Next Meeting – AGM at Maitland club rooms 2/4/19 commencing 1900 hrs

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary