

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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Annual General Meeting 2020

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Location – Adamstown Rooms 12/01/20 start 1000 hrs

1. Welcoming of Members

Chair welcomed members to the meeting - 40 Members Attended

2. Apologies – Nil

3. Presidents Report

The Chair provided 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 regard to, Rota Virus disrupted racing again.

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.

He advised members that there was only 1 Race cancelled this season due to lack of bird numbers. He acknowledged that there has been some negativity and disappointment with the last-minute change to abandon Blackall, and have a second liberation from Charleville, due to changing weather forecast on the Saturday morning.

He reminded members that this is a reality that we all must accept, that the liberation Committee will make changes, when necessary, to ensure that the birds are liberated in favourable condition in line with the liberation guide lines.

He further advised that on a couple of occasions we moved the schedule liberation date to avoid unfavourable conditions and by doing so achieved a successful race.

He spoke of great success that Malcolm and Richard had in 2019, taking out both “Flyer of the Year” and “Bird of the Year”. He also acknowledged the great results achieved by Mal and Val Watters winning the First Charleville and trapping another 3 birds in good time and then coming 3rd in the second Charleville, and also clocking an additional 6 birds in good time. A great effort considering 10 Flyer in the first race and 9 flyers in the second did not trap in race time.

In closing the Chair reminded members that all the Executive and the Liberation committee are also flyers, who are working just as hard to get their birds away, as well as administering their duties to ensure that the Federation and races are conducted and managed in compliance with the Federations policies and procedures.

4. Secretaries Report

The Secretary advised members that despite the cancelation of the 1 race, and the failure to liberate from Blackall, 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 birds are liberated in the best conditions was worked well.

He thanked our Sponsors; JM Produce and Jester Park for their ongoing support. He believes that the arrangements will continue and reminded members to support both venues.

He advised that regardless of some criticism, that gets raised from time to time regarding Liberation decisions, he assured the members that he is committed to doing the best he can, to keep the Federation in good condition. He made comment, that he may come across as a bit abrupt, "but that how I am".

He thanked Stan for his ongoing support and acknowledged the efforts and support Greg Jack has delivered in the past year, and continuing to keep doing 2 important positions, which requires a lot of work behind the scenes to keep the Federation running smoothly.

Mick Watt for is his ongoing efforts in sorting out race results, trophies and prize cards, and the work associated with the liberation committee. Mick, and with Bill Collins providing considerable advice, decisions and support, regarding liberation issues make up a great team. I look forward to a great 2020 season.

5. Treasurer's report

The Treasure advised that the Federation is in a good financial position. He has identified some areas where we need to adjust the cost associated with mid-week tossing, but believes, with the number of flyers that have advised they will be flying next season, the Fed fees can stay the same for next year.

This no doubt is subject to no drastic changes in membership, flyer numbers, or unforeseen cost increases with Truck maintenance and fuel, etc, between now and the start of the race season.

There a couple of motions that will be discussed later in the meeting to gain approval for such changes as proposed.

He advised that the majority of club Treasurers are deposit monies electronically which has been a big improvement on last year.

He commented that Val Watters and Sandy Archer have been doing and excellent job, where all deposits are clearly identified, which is followed up by an email providing all details and a break-down of such deposits. Great Work.

He further advised that he will continue to analysis all the Federation costs to ensure that we keep cost to minimum.

Income & Expenditure Report Newcastle & Coalfield Racing Pigeon Federation Inc. 2019

Income		Expenditure	
Membership Fees	\$1,525.00	Race Expenses	\$8,950.00
Race Fees	\$26,600.00	Truck Fuel & Repairs	\$12,958.35
Application Fees	\$150	Truck Rego inc G/Slip	\$1,624.08
Tosses & Surplus	\$2,546.00	Truck Insurance	\$1,855.48
Sponsorship	0	Public Liability	\$140.00
2019 Blue Band	\$1,900.00	2019 Blue Band Prizemoney	\$1,900.00
2019 Gold Band	\$1,846.00	2019 Gold Band Prizemoney	\$1,846.00
2019 Breeders Plate Sales	\$8,319.00	2019 Breeders Plate Prizemoney	\$8,319.00
5 Bird Club	\$300.00	Trophies & Fed Prizemoney 2019	\$390.00
Vaccine Sales	\$5,614	Purchase of Vaccines	\$5,614.00
Interest (Main & Truck Accounts)	\$23.58	Honorariums	\$1,000.00
		Vaccine write off (expired PMV & pox)	\$405.00
Balance @ 31/12/18	\$18,861.72	Balance @ 31/12/19 inc \$1300.00 cash to be banked)	\$19,998.75
Cash at hand (Float)	\$204.50	Cash at hand (Float)	\$237.30
Total	\$19,066.22	Total	\$20,236.05
Less Liability of Breeders plate & ring races for 2019 (Banked prior to 2018 AGM)	\$5,765.50	Less prizemoney to be paid	\$3,151.55
		Balance	\$17,084.50
		Money still owed from 2019	\$480.00
Total @ 31/12/18	\$13,300.72	Total @ 31/12/19	\$17,564.50
		Profit 2019	\$4,263.78
Fixed Term Investment 31/12/18	\$21,414.51	Fixed Term Investment 31/12/19	\$21,907.01
		Total Profit for 2019	\$4,756.28

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc. Detailed statement of financial position as at 31/12/2019	
Current Assets	31/12/2019
Westpac Main Account	\$17,719.14
Westpac Truck Account	\$979.61
Westpac Term Deposit	\$21,907.04
Cash to be banked	\$1,300.00
Petty cash float	\$237.30
Total current assets	\$42,143.09
Non Current Assets	
Truck at cost	\$135,947.85
Less accumulated depreciation	\$122,353.07
	\$13,594.78
Grand total of assets	\$55,737.87
Less Current Liabilities	
Honorariums	\$1,000.00
Prize Money Owing	\$3,151.55
Trophy's for 2019	\$390.00
Breeders plate payments 2019	\$0.00
Blue & Gold Band payments 2019	\$0.00
Long term liabilities	\$0.00
Total liabilities	\$4,541.55
Total members assets as at 31/12/19	\$51,196.32

The Chair asked that the Treasurer's reports as presented be accepted as true and correct.

Moved, Mal Clement, Seconded, Bill Collins - All in favour.

6. Reading of 2018 AGM Minutes

The Chair read the minutes to the meeting and asked if there was any business arising from the minutes.

7. Issues arising from the Minutes

With no issues being raised the Chair asked that it be moved as a true and correct record. **Moved by Bill Collins, Seconded by Alan Wilmot. All in favour.**

8. New Membership Applications

The follow people have made an application to join the Federation.

- *Kim Griffiths*
- *Robby Logue*
- *Frank Kowalski's*

The Chair asked the meeting if there were any objection to these gentlemen being accepted as new member? With no objection, he them moved that they be accepted as members. **Seconded by Tony Davis - All in favour.**

Welcome Kim, Rob and Frank.

9. Election of Officers

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

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

The Chair asked the meeting if there were any other nomination. With no nomination's forthcoming from the meeting, the Chair moved, that the meeting elect the incumbent members listed against the respective positions. **Seconded by Tony Davis - All in favour.**

The Chair congratulated all those for taking on the positions and look forward to working with all in 2020.

Liberation Committee – 4 positions - To be decided by ballot

5 Nominations Received

Brian Walters, Stan Rippon, Bill Collins, Mick Watt, Tony Davis

The Chair call for a ballot and voting paper were distributed, Tim Fairfax and Dini Watt were appointed as scrutineers.

The ballot was counted, and the results are as follows. – Stan Rippon 34, Mick Watt 35, Bill Collins 34, Tony Davis 28, and Brian Walters 9

Chair asked if the members wished for the ballot to be recounted, without no requests the Chair declared the ballot correct. No objects. **Liberation Committee for 2020, Stan Rippon, Mick Watt, Bill Collins and Tony Davis.**

10. Setting of Race and Federation Membership Fees for 2020 season

The Treasurer advised the meeting that he had done a detailed analyses of last years cost, and advised that base on information provide by the delegates, at the last meeting at Cessnock in December, where it was determined that we will have 56 flyers.

He moved that the Race fees to remain at \$ 475.00. Application fee to join the Federation \$50.00 and the annual membership fee of \$25.00 to remain unchanged for 2020.

This was seconded by Tony Davis.

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

11. Honorariums for Officer Bearers – Honorariums for 2019 and to set rate for 2020

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

It was moved by Gary Lott and seconded by Mal Clement, that the honorariums be paid, and the rate remain at \$200 for the 2020 season.

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

12. Presentation of Trophies and awards.

The Race Secretary presented the trophies to the following individual race winners. Summary of Results detailed below.

Date	Location	Race	Winner
18/05/19	Scone	Fed	M & R Clement 2
25/5/19	Scone	Fed	John Banfield
31/5/19	Breeza	Fed	John Banfield
9/6/19	Breeza	Fed	John Banfield
8/6/19	Boggabri	Fed	Condran & Brandobur
15/6/19	Scone	Fed	John Banfield
21/6/19	Scone	FED	John Banfield
29/6/19	Breeza	Fed	A & F. Wilmott
7/7/19	Breeza	Fed	John Banfield
14/7/19	Boggabri	Fed	John Banfield
20/7/19	Boggabri	Fed	M&D.Watt
27/7/19	Wee Waa	Fed	John Banfield
4/8/19	Wee Waa	Fed	D & S.Archer
12/8/19	Moree	Fed	G & N. Brown
17/8/19	Moree	Fed	K.Alley
24/8/19	Mungindi	1 st Fed, YB Derby, Blue Band, Breeders Plate	M & R Clement 2
24/8/19	Mungindi	2 nd Fed, YB Derby, Blue Band	T & L Davis 2
24/8/19	Mungindi	3 rd YB Derby	M. Johnson

24/8/19	Mungindi	2 nd Breeders Plate 3 rd Blue Band	C & J Newton
24/8/19	Mungindi	3 rd Breeders Plate	John Banfield
1/9/19	Mungindi	Fed	M & R Clement (2)
8/9/19	St George	Fed	M&D.Watt
8/9/19	St George	1 st National	M&D.Watt
8/9/19	St George	2 nd National	S. Rippon
8/9/19	St George	3 rd National & 3 rd Fed B Plate	M & R Clement (1&2)
8/9/19	St George	1 st Fed Breeders Plate	John Banfield
8/9/19	St George	2 nd Fed Breeders Plate	C.& J Newton
22/9/19	Surat	1 st Fed & Gold Band	M & R Clement (2)
22/9/19	Surat	2 nd Fed & Gold Band	M& V. Watters
22/9/19	Surat	3 rd Fed & Gold Band	M & R Clement (1)
20/9/19	Mitchell	Fed	S. Rippon
4/10/19	Charleville 1	Fed	M& V. Watters
4/10/19	Charleville 2	Fed	M&D.Watt

Summary of the Series winners:

Flyer of the Year – 1st M & R Clement 2, 2nd M & D Watt, 3rd M & R Clement 1

Bird of The Year – M & R Clement – Blue Bar Cock – NCF-18-8976

Runner up Bird of the Year – M & D Watt - Blue Checker Hen – NCF-18-9447

Sprint Series 1st J Banfield, 2nd M & R Clement 2, 3rd M & R Clement 1

Mid Distance – 1st M & R Clement 2, 2nd M & D Watt, 3rd S Rippon.

Long Distance - 1st M & v Watters, 2nd S Rippon, 3rd M & D Watt

5 Bird Championship - 1st M & R Clement 2, 2nd M & R Clement 1, 3rd S Rippon

Junior Championship – 1st Condran Kids, 2nd Harry Andrews, 3rd Bramble Kids.

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

AGM Closed 11.00

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary

General Meeting 2020 following the AGM commenced at 11:05

1. Welcoming of Members

Chair welcomed members to the meeting - 40 Members Attended

2. Reading of Delegates Meeting of 10/12/2019

The Chair read the minutes to the meeting and asked if there was any business arising from the minutes.

3. Issues arising from the Minutes

With no issues being raised the Chair asked that it be moved as a true and correct record. ***Moved by Chris Newton, Seconded by W Scherbak. All in favour.***

4. Correspondence in/out

- Notice of motions received from Alan Walker, Greg Jack, M & R Clements & Steve Bailey.
- Proposed Race Schedules from Greg Jack, Tony Davis, Steve Bailey & Jay Newton.
- New Membership applications from Frank Kowalski, Robert Logue & Kim Griffiths.
- 8 Ring Transfers passed to the Ring Secretary for action
- Letter from Shane Brown & Phil Brown advising that they will be flying as a partnership with Cessnock Club.

5. Business arising from correspondence

Nil

6. Notice of Motions as received from Members

a) **We continue with the Fed Flyer of the year system based on positions finished in the 3 series** formats as trialled this year but, we also go back to having an overall federation average points winner across the normal points system like every other fed in Australia.

The current system without change is confusing and does not recognise overall consistency across every race. We report a sprint, middle and long distance average winner which I would propose we maintain and provide a trophy for. I would just add back in an overall winner as well. I would like to propose a return to an overall average winner. There would be no cost to this change as I have sourced a sponsor, BAC Australia, who would commit a \$100 sponsorship for 2020 to cover the 4 trophies.

Moved By R&M Clement, Seconded by Tony Davis
Mal Clements and Tony Davis spoke in favour of the motion.

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

b) **Race Schedule and Racing 2020 – To be decided by ballot**

1. Steve Bailey
2. Tony Davis
3. Jay Newton
4. *Greg Jack – Greg Jack withdrew his schedule due to similarities with the remaining schedules*

Ballot Papers were distributed, and the results are as follows – 3 Vote for Schedule 1, **20 Votes for Schedule 2**, and 7 Votes for Schedule 3.

Chair asked if the members wished for the ballot to be recounted, without no requests the Chair declared the ballot correct. ***Schedule 2 will be adopted for 2020.***

- c) **Adopt the changed schedule put forward by Tony Davis with changes listed to reduce costs**, improve truck travel times and make flyer of the year system fairer and more balanced by having 6 Sprint, 6 Middle and 6 long distance races as part of the point score.

Moved By R&M Clement, Seconded by Tony Davis

Mal Clements and Tony Davis spoke in favour of the motion.

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

Date	Race Point	Distance	Basket	Lib Time	Race Details		
30/05/2020	Scone	120 km	Friday	11:00	Fed Open		
6/06/2020	Scone	120 km	Friday	11:00	Fed Open	Non Point score races	
8/06/2020	Breeza	210km	Sunday	10:00	Monday Race (Long Weekend) Fed Open		
13/06/2020	Breeza	210km	Friday	10:00	Fed Open		
14/06/2020	Narrabri	325km	Friday	9:00	Sunday Race Fed Open		
20/06/2020	Scone	120 km	Friday	11:00	Fed Open Sprint Series		
27/06/2020	Scone	120 km	Friday	11:00	Fed Open Sprint Series		
4/07/2020	Breeza	210km	Friday	10:00	Fed Open Sprint Series	6 Sprint Series Races	
11/07/2020	Breeza	210km	Friday	10:00	Fed Open Sprint Series		
18/07/2020	Narrabri	325 km	Friday	8:00	Fed Open Sprint Series		
25/07/2020	Narrabri	325 km	Friday	8:00	Fed Open Sprint Series		
1/08/2020	Moree	410 km	Thursday	EAP	Fed Open Mid Distance Series		
8/08/2020	Moree	410 km	Thursday	EAP	Fed Open Mid Distance Series		
15/08/2020	Moree	410 km	Thursday	EAP	Fed Open Mid Distance Series		
22/08/2020	Mungindi	500km	Thursday	EAP	Fed Open Mid Distance Series		
29/08/2020	Mungindi	500km	Thursday	EAP	Young Bird Derby, Fed Breeders Plate #1, Fed Blue Band Mid Distance	6 Mid Distance Races	
4/09/2020	Peterborough	1188km	Tuesday	EAP	ECLDRC Race 1 - \$10.00 per bird Friday Liberation	Not included in NCF Point score	
5/09/2020	Mungindi	500km	Thursday	EAP	Fed Open & 2 Bird Trap 2, \$20 per team, Mid Distance Series		
12/09/2020	St George	610 km	Thursday	EAP	Fed Open L/Distance Series		
12/09/2020	St George	610km	Thursday	EAP	5 Bird National L/Distance Series, Liberation half hour after Open.	5 Long Distance Races + 1 on the ECLDC truck will give 6	
18/09/2020	Leslie vale	1180km	Tuesday	EAP	ECLDRC Race 2 - \$10.00 per bird Friday Liberation	Not included in NCF Point score	
19/09/2020	Mitchell	720km	Wednesday	EAP	Fed Open L/Distance Series		
20/09/2020	Surat	680km	Wednesday	EAP	Sunday Liberation, Fed Breeders Plate #2, Fed Gold Band, Fed Open L/Distance Series		
Weeks Break 26/09/2020							
2/10/2020	Blackall	1110km	Tuesday	EAP	ECLRC Combined Federation Race 3 - Fed Open L/Distance Series - Friday Liberation	Included in NCF Point score	
3/10/2020	Charleville	885km	Tuesday	EAP	Fed Open L/Distance Series		

Notes: This schedule includes the dates of ECDRC races. The last one Blackall, is included in the LD Point score. We have the opportunity to reduce our cost by at least 50%, as we have been approached by the ECLDRC to transport their birds to Blackall. This schedule also supports the proposal to have the first round not included in the point score, and to have 6 sprint, 6 middle and 6 long distance races to make up a fairer overall point score. This also supports the breeder plates and Blue & Gold band races to be held on the same weekends, with a 3 week break between the Blue and Gold band Breeders plates races.

d) Increase fed , club and combine bird limits to 30 birds for all Friday night basket races in the first round (5 races in total).

I propose we do this to allow us more opportunity to better educate our birds. This small change will allow 30 more birds to be educated in the early races (this effectively adds almost 2 races of bird education to the schedule without adding any cost). The truck will be nowhere near full in the first round and this will help with cover and bigger liberations and as it is only for a very small amount of races, should not disadvantage the smaller flyer at the start of the year and these races are proposed to not be part of the overall fed average anyway.

I am not proposing the actual bird limits in baskets goes above 24- just that we use more baskets for these 5 races

Moved By R&M Clement, Seconded by Tony Davis

Mal Clements and Tony Davis spoke in favour of the motion. There was some general discussion as to the reason why this was proposed. There was some concern that this may reduce the room on the truck for surplus. There was also some concerns with basket allocations.

The Chair advised that there has been enough discussion, and call for a vote by show of hands. 19 For, 13 Against, Motion Passed with a majority of 6.

Note: The Chair advised that we will sort out basket allocations for the first and second rounds once we have conformation on the number of flyers.

e) Introduce a new flyer (restricted to new flyers with under 3 years flying experience) and junior flying members fee structure (Junior members must be under 21 and flying in their own right).

The new or junior member would have 4 options available to him or her in their first 3 years of racing

Level 1- 25% of listed fed fees that allows the flyer to race the first round and up to the end of the sprint series in round 2 (11 races)

Level 2-50% reduction of listed fed fees that allows the flyer to race up to and including the end of the mid distance series in round 2 (18 possible races in total).

Level 3- half fees- half basked for full season (12 bird limit)

Level 4 – full fees- full basked – full season

Logic is, very few first-year flyers get anywhere near the distance races and this would encourage people to try flying at reduced costs and would support and encourage juniors

Moved By R&M Clement, Seconded by Tony Davis

After a short discussion, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

f) I hereby move that the NCF adopt a split race basket fee as an ongoing system from the 2020 racing season. Allowing all members, the options of flying a whole basket or a half basket each week from every race point. This would allow new and smaller flyers a chance to race and enjoy the sport at a more economical rate. The federation would most likely be in a better financial situation as a result. This would attract more flying members and I know for sure from speaking with several people recently that there is plenty of interest in this option.

Moved by A Walker (A Walker & A March), Seconded M Scroggy.

A Walker spoke for the motion, after a short discussion the Chair call for a vote by show of hands. 19 For, 13 Against, Motion Passed with a majority of 6.

g) That all surplus birds from both Scone and Breeza be liberated ½ an hour after the Race Birds.

Moved by Steve Bailey This was Seconded by Mick Watt

After a short discussion, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands. 27 For, 3 Against, Motion Passed

h) That the NCF members vote on either one or two rounds for the following season by the July federation meeting. This would mean voting papers go out on the truck in the first week of June.

Moved by Greg Jack, Seconded Tony Davis

After a short discussion, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

i) That the federation schedule for the following year be decided at the September Federation meeting, schedules to be submitted to the NCF secretary for publication on the website no later than the August Federation meeting. Club delegates are to then ascertain their club members preferred schedule and vote accordingly at the September Federation Delegates Meeting.

Moved by Greg Jack, Seconded Tony Davis

After a short discussion, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

j) That in any schedule adopted the blue and gold band ring races must be flown in conjunction with both federation breeders plate races, i.e.; the blue band race is held on the same liberation as the first breeders plate race and the gold band race is held on the same liberation as the second breeders plate race.

Moved by Greg Jack, Seconded Tony Davis

After a short discussion, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

k) That federation tossing fees be increased \$15.00 per basket for mid-week tosses where the driver has too travel overnight, similar to race conditions. (We actually had a loss of close to \$400.00 in 2019 on the mid-week tosses and only 75 baskets, this will help to alleviate this loss). **Sunday tosses to remain at \$5.00**, (only a slight loss incurred here).

Moved by Greg Jack, Seconded Tony Davis

After a short discussion, the Chair call for a vote by show of hands. All in favour, 0 Against, Motion Passed

7. Rota Vaccine – Numbers required to place order

Completed

8. 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 or email to the Secretary ASAP.**

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Meeting Close 12:15 hrs.

Next Meeting – Lake Macquarie club rooms 3rd March 2020 commencing 19:00 hrs

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary