

# *Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.*

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## **Minutes of meeting held at Lake Macquarie Clubrooms on Tuesday 7/10/2014**

**Meeting commenced at 7:05pm** with 21 Members present. Apologies – nil

### **1. Reading of the previous minutes.**

Minutes of General Meeting held at Adamstown Clubrooms on 26/8/2014 - Stan Rippon read the minutes.

**Moved as a true record by**, Allan Wilmot - seconded by – Brian Walters. - All in favour.

### **2. Business arising from the minutes – Nil**

**3. Correspondence in.-** Email from T Davis regarding dates for Breeders Plate sales – To be discussed in general

**4. Correspondence out – Nil.**

### **5. Financial Report**

Paul presented a statement of the clubs accounts see attached. Paul presented the prize money distribution spread sheet, this was read to the meeting, and Paul advised that the money as list will be deposited into the successfully flyer accounts.

Paul further advised that he was yet to finalise the prize money for the 5 Bird series. We now have internet banking facilities and requested that all funds be directly deposited in to the feds account.

As at the 30/09/14

Opening Balance 1/9/14 -	\$21,571.11
Receipts -	\$ 112.00
Interest -	\$ 6.09
Expenses	\$ 4965.75
Closing balance 30/9/14 -	\$16,723.96

The Chair requested that the report be accepted as a true and correct record of the clubs accounts. Moved W Scherbak, second Brian Walters

## 6. Race Results

Mick Watt advised that the race results have been ratified and passed them to the Chair who read the results to the meeting and was moved as a true record of the race results by W Scherbak, seconded by T Davis.

All the final results are now published on the Fed's web site

## 7. General Business

- **Breeders Plate Sale dates and AGM dates.**

The members present discussed the dates and location for the Fed Breeders Plate sales. The following dates were agreed.

- Lake Macquarie, Friday 31/10/14 – To start at 7:00 pm, BBQ to follow sale.
- Adamstown, Saturday 22/11/14 – Start 9:30 – Mick Watt advised that this sale will have birds from Grenfell and other areas.
- Cessnock, Sunday 7/12/14 – Start 9:00, AGM to follow – approx. 10:30 start
- Raymond Terrace – January, date TBA – AGM part 2

- **One round or two for 2015**

- Delegates and members present were advised that there will be a vote for either 1 round or 2 round for next year. Delegates were asked to request all fed members to vote as to their preference. Only one vote per finical member. To be decided at the November meeting.

- **Race Schedule for 2015**

- Delegates were requested to advise members that we will required all proposed race schedules to be prepared and submitted for review at the November meeting.

Tony Davis advised that it is proposed to consider all proposals presented at the meeting and hopefully gain agreement on preferably 2 or no more than 3 options. These options will be included in the agenda of the December AGM with the intention of gaining agreement on 1 schedule at the AGM.

- Chris Newton tabled a proposed race schedule the chair advised that this will be dealt with at the next meeting
- Allan Wilmot suggest to the members that in 2016 we should consider flying 1 week south and 1 week north for the entire season.
- Allan Wilmot also suggested that the Fed consider placing the 1 birds into nominated baskets instead of each club having 2 baskets for 1 birders.
- Allan Wilmot further suggested that all 1 birders must have the ring number record and be placed in a holding basket until the truck arrives. The birds

would then be checked for correctness and then placed into the nominated baskets. Allan advised that this procedure would be repeated at each pick up point.

Allan pointed out that this would free up more baskets for use as surplus and eliminate any possibility for a 1 birder to be placed in a general race basket by mistake.

- T Davis advised the meeting that all suggestion for races schedules, and any other ideas or suggestions need to be put in writing and submitted to the next meeting for inclusion in the AGM agenda, or if of a minor nature can be raised via a delegate at a delegates meeting for consideration.
- Tim Fairfax asked the meeting if they were happy with current feed mix that is being use (Euro Heavy). He advised that it is evident that there is a lot of corn in the baskets on return.

The Chair advised that he felt that the issue regarding the spilt corn was the result of the way the birds eat.

Stan advised that he has studied the way pigeons eat in the baskets and in the loft, and suggested that the pigeon tends to pick up the corn and then tosses it 1 or 2 times to position the kernel in the best position to swallow.

In the loft the bird is free to move and to re pick up the kernel if dropped, were in the basket once dropped there is no way to recover kernel.

All other grains are just picked up and eaten with other the tossing and thus as explained, is the reason behind the amount of corn that is spilt.

The members present were surprised and impressed that the Chair had undertaken such a detailed study of the feeding habits of pigeons under transport conditions. As such this explanation was not challenged by any members present.

## **8. Next Meeting – To be held at Raymond Terrace club rooms on 11/11/14**

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary