

# *Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.*

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## **General Meeting Adamstown club rooms 1.9.15**

Meeting commenced at 7:05pm with 17 Members present. Apologies – nil

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

Minutes of General Meeting held at Raymond Terrace Clubrooms on 04/08/2015  
The Chair read the minutes.

Moved as a true record by, Alan Wilmot - seconded by B Walters- All in favour.

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

### **3) Correspondence in.**

- Letter from Anton Maas, congratulating the liberation committee for having the foresight to liberate the birds on Friday the 21/8/15 and suggesting that the liberation committee given full power to adjust the liberation based on forecast weather predictions. He also suggested that all race over 500km be liberated on a Friday morning EAP.
- Letter from Maitland Club request approval to purchase 12 race baskets.
- Letter from Sale Showground Trust granting approval to liberate from the show ground.
- Application to Join Fed from Allan Walker.

### **4) Correspondence out.** - Nil

### **5) Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer presented a statement of the clubs accounts for August.

#### **As at the 30/08/15 Main Fed Operating Account**

**Opening Balance 1/08/15** **\$ 21,559.07**

#### **Receipts/ Income**

Toss, Fed, Fees, and Surplus & Application Fees	\$ 440.00
Blue & Gold band sales	\$ 1,160.00
Interest	<u>\$ 1.54</u>

**Total Receipts including opening balance** **\$ 23,160.61**

<b>Expenditure -</b>	
Roaming Toll	\$ 225.00
Prize Money Payments	\$ 84.00
Liberation Costs	\$ 2,380.00
Truck Fuel & Maintenance account	\$ <u>3,500.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ <u>6,189.00</u></b>
<b>Closing balance @ 31/8/15 -</b>	<b>\$ <u>16,971.61</u></b>

### **Truck Fuel & Maintenance Account**

<b>Opening Balance 1/08/15</b>	<b>\$ 1,266.77</b>
<b>Receipts/ Income</b>	
12/8/15 fund transfer from main Fed Acc.	\$ 2,500.00
20/8/15 fund transfer from main Fed Acc.	\$ 1,000.00
Interest	\$ 0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ <u>3,500.00</u></b>
<b>Total Receipts including opening balance</b>	<b>\$ <u>4,766.77</u></b>
<b>Expenditure -</b>	
Fuel Purchases 3/8 to 20/8/15	\$ 1,611.18
Maintenance - Gilbert & Roach	\$ 2,082.86
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ <u>3,694.04</u></b>
<b>Closing balance @ 31/8/15</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,072.73</u></b>

The Chair asked that the statement as presented be moved as a true and correct record Moved. – W Scherbak, Second – Chris Newton - All in favour

## **6) General Business**

### **A) Race Results**

The Race Secretary presented the results as being ratified as correct. The results for the last 3 races, 2 x Moruya 1/8 & 8/8, Eden 15/8 – Young Bird Derby, Fed Breeders Plate and the Blue Band Race, were read to the meeting by the Chair and the winners and place getters congratulated.

The official results are available on the Fed's website.

The Treasure moved that all prize monies be paid into the winners bank accounts. Moved. – Alan Wilmont, Second – Brian Walters - All in favour.

### **B) Proposed liberation for Orbost Race 5/9/15**

As the Orbost race planned for the 25/8 was postponed this race will now be held on the 5/9/15.

It was proposed that the birds be liberated EAP and the 2nd race be liberated half hour later. Moved Alan Wilmont, Seconded by Chris Newton. The chair call for a show of hands 2 for 6 against - motion defeated.

It was moved that both races be put up EAP on mass. Moved by Tony Davis second by Terry Condran. The Chair call for a show of hands. 6 for 2 against – Motion Passed.

**C) Application to join Federation.**

An application was present to the meeting for Allan Walker to join the Federation. The chair call for vote - All in favour – welcome Allan.

**D) Sale of spare Race Basket**

The Chair moved that the spare basket be sold for \$50.00 each. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Davis. The Chair called for a show of hands – all in favour.

At this stage the follow details the number of baskets delivered to the clubs and that have been sold –

**Lake Macquarie 23 baskets in total.**

*Taken from Raymond Terrace - Geoff Garland x 4 – to pay? Brian Walters x 2 – to pay?, Tony Davis x 2 paid, Mark Hawkins x 3 paid, Mark Johnson x 2 paid*  
17 baskets stored at the Club House

**Raymond Terrace 8 in total for sale–** Bill Guran, 2, Dick Archer 2, Zoran Rankovic 4 to pay?

**Newcastle – 12 baskets in total for the club.**

**Cessnock – 7 for the club – 20 for sale to pay?**

**Maitland – 8 for the club – 12 for sale to pay?**

**Cessnock Invitation 6 – To confirm number.**

**Club Secretaries to confirm numbers and arrange payment for all basket sold.**

**E) Unloading and loading of Race Baskets**

The Secretary advised that there were a number of hazard that are associated with the way we load and unload the truck. He further advised that the Fed needs to develop a SWMS or safe operation procedure that will detail what the hazard are, and how we are to control each hazard identified.

The Secretary and the Chair advised that they will undertake an assessment of the current process and prepare and SWMS/SOP to ensure that we can demonstrate commitment to providing safe process and procedures to manage the loading and unloading of the truck.

The members were advised by the Secretary that it is proposed to prepare and adopt at AGM Part 1 – all members to be briefed and signed acknowledge of briefing prior to start of 2016 season. This will be included on the AGM agenda.

**F) Race Schedule proposals for 2016**

All Proposals to be send to the Secretary prior to October Meeting. To be considered at October meeting, finalise down to 2 or 3 proposals at November meeting and vote on at AGM Part 1 in December.

**G) Fed Breeders Plate Sale Dates**

- Lake Macquarie, Friday 30/10/15 to start at 7:00 pm
- Adamstown, Saturday 21/11/15 – Start 9:30 – Mick Watt advised that this sale will have birds from Grenfell and other areas to confirm.
- Cessnock, Sunday 6 /12/15 – Start 9:00
- Raymond Terrace – January 2016, date TBA
- *Note - Lake Macquarie Sale dates – 11/10, 8/11, 13/12 – basket from 9:30 sale @ 11:00*

**Meeting Closed 8:30pm**

**Next Meeting – To be held at Lake Macquarie club rooms on Tuesday 13/10/15 – 7:00pm**

Meeting closed at 9:05 pm.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary