

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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Minutes of General Meeting held at Adamstown Clubrooms on Tuesday 3/9/2013

Meeting commenced at 7:15pm with 27 members present.

The President addressed the members present prior to starting the meeting. He referred to last month's meeting and advised that the conduct of some members was not acceptable and won't be tolerated in the future. He reminded everyone that the NCF is run by volunteers who deserve to be shown respect. Officially, the only members entitled to speak at these meetings are Club Delegates and members of the NCF Executive. It has been the President's past practice to allow ordinary members to address these meetings and express their ideas and concerns and advised that he is prepared to allow this practice to continue PROVIDED that ordinary members speak in a courteous and respectful manner. At last month's meeting the President and Race Secretary were both virtually called liars by one member and this will not be tolerated. Any future disrespectful outbursts will result in the offender being ejected from the meeting.

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

Tony Davis advised that a couple of issues discussed at the last meeting were not recorded in the minutes –

1. The Liberation Committee agreed to use and complete the Liberation Control Checklist from now on.
2. The NCF constitution is to be put onto the NCF website (now done).
3. The new Liberation Policy is to be put onto the NCF website.

Moved: A.Wilmott **Seconded:** T.Davis

That these 3 items be recorded in the Fed Minutes.

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

That they be confirmed, with the above amendments, as a true copy.

Passed unanimously.

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence In:

1. Written request from 5 members (K.Harris, C.Thomas, P.Edman, T.Fairfax and T.Condran) to call a Special General Meeting to vote on a proposed change to the approved race schedule (change west to north coast route).
2. Transfers from –

D.Archer to G.McPhee of RT 12 611 to 700;
 G.Adams to T.Condran of LM 12 1800;
 K.Alley to T.Condran of LM 12 294.

Correspondence Out:

1. Written notice was sent to every financial member of the NCF advising that the Special General Meeting referred to above would be at Raymond Terrace Club on Tuesday 17/9/13 at 7pm.
- 2.

Treasurers Report:

As per attached report:

Working account \$19,847.23

Fixed deposit \$11, 030.36

Invested at 3.75% - matures 10/7/14

Race Results:

Date	Race	Fed Open	5 Bird	Fed Juniors
27/7	Wee Waa	Fleming/Fairfax	P.Edman	H. Andrews
3/8	Moree	M.Clement	M.Clement	C.Horton
10/8	Moree	L.Johnston	G.Garland	Garland Kids
19/8	Moree	R.Bramble	Cherry/Banfield	Bramble Kids
24/8	Mungindi	P.Wilson	P.Kiem	Natalie Brown

Blue Band Ring Race

1st P.Kiem
 2nd L.Johnston
 3rd T & L Davis #1

Fed Breeders Plate No. 1

	Flyer	Breeder
1 st	P.Kiem	M.Brierley
2 nd	G.Walters	M.Brierley
3 rd	M & D Watt	M & D Watt

Fed Sprint Series Championship

5 Bird Sprint Series Championship

1 st	C & J Newton	A.March
2 nd	Fleming & Fairfax	C & J Newton
3 rd	P.Kiem	Fleming & Fairfax
4 th	L.Johnston	Bluecraze Racing
5 th	A.March	P.Kiem
6 th	Bluecraze Racing	Brandobur & Condran
7 th	D.Archer	P.Edman
8 th	M & D Watt	S.Bailey
9 th	M.Clement	S.Rippon
10 th	Brandobur & Condran	M.Clement

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

That the above race results be accepted.

Approved unanimously

General Business:

1. The voting slips for 1 round or 2 rounds in 2014 were tallied up. Results were:

One Round	12 votes
Two Rounds	47 votes

2. Tony Davis reported on the additional data logger for recording outside temperature and humidity on our truck. A suggested model would cost \$792 but appears to be over spec'd for our purposes and is considered too expensive. Tony will continue researching.

3. Tim Fairfax asked for clarification from the President on what % vote would be needed to have the motion approved at the Special General Meeting. Stan advised that he considered the motion to be a Special Resolution and would therefore require a 75% majority.
4. Ken Harris said that he disagreed with this ruling and believes it is not a Special Resolution and therefore only requires a 51% majority. Discussion ensued.

Moved: K.Harris **Seconded:** T.Condran

That a motion of dissent be passed against the President's ruling.

Motion defeated 14 against, 2 for.

5. Ken Harris then asked the President if he would contact the Department of Fair Trading and seek a ruling on this issue. Stan agreed to do this.
6. Paul Callaghan addressed the meeting about claims that the North Route is best for our birds and that returns are always better off the North. Paul said that last year's subcommittee was asked to look at this subject and he asked all the subcommittee members to analyse their own records from each route that we fly and then report back to the subcommittee. Paul was the only member to have sufficient records to provide any meaningful data. He analysed 3 years returns from each of the 4 routes flown by the NCF (North, North West, West and South). He recorded the number of birds that he sent to each race and the number of birds that were lost from each race, converted the losses to a percentage of birds sent and then added the 3 years results from each route together and divided by 3 to get an average percentage of losses. Losses were divided into races from less than 250 miles and races from more than 250 miles. In summary the results show:

	North	North West	West	South
Races < 250 mls	7%	10%	9%	9%
Races > 250 mls	43%	32%	39%	29% *

- Note that off the South the maximum distance flown is only 525 miles compared with over 600 miles on the other 3 routes and so the South's good long distance results is not a fair comparison with the other 3 routes.

Paul concludes that although the North is slightly better (2 to 3%) in the short races, the difference is negligible. The North is then the worst route for returns in the longer races by up to 11% (disregarding the South Coast Route for the above reasons).

7. The Race Schedule for the rest of 2013 was then discussed.

Moved: T.Condran **Seconded:** M.Watt

That we cancel the second St. George race.

Passed unanimously

Discussion then ensued about other possible changes however no consensus could be obtained and no other motions were proposed.

The Executive is to monitor bird numbers for Charleville and Blackall.

8. Brian Walters raised a protest about the result of the Fed Breeders Plate. He said the birds which finished 1st and 2nd had his rings on them and they had never been transferred to his former partner Maryanne Brierley. Alan Wilmott from Cessnock Club produced records which showed that 300 rings were issued to Brian and Maryanne in partnership, following Brian and Maryannes breakup, the rings were returned to Cessnock Club, 100 were then reissued to Maryanne Brierley and Brian Walters Club account was credited with a refund for 200 rings. The birds were entered into the Fed Breeders Plate auction in Maryanne's name only.

The Fed accepts that the results stands.

9. Breeders Plate auction dates were then set:

Sunday 20 th October	Adamstown	10am
Saturday 23 rd November	Cessnock	10am
Sunday 1 st December	AGM at Lake Macquarie	9am
January TBA	Raymond Terrace	

Meeting closed 9:100 pm.

The next meeting will be held at Lake Macquarie Clubrooms on Tuesday 15th October, 2013 commencing at 7:00 pm.

Certified as
a true copy

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S.Rippon President

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P.Callaghan Secretary