

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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Special General Meeting

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Location – Adamstown Club Rooms 10/07/18 start 1900 hrs

1. Welcoming of Members – Chair welcomes all present – 32 Members present

2. Apologies – Greg Jack

3. Issue to be discussed Rota and the impact on racing

The Chair advised the meeting that this special meeting was called as a result of the Rota virus infecting numerous lofts, thus making racing unviable.

At the last delegates meeting held on the 3/7/18 it was determined that Rota Virus has impacted a number of lofts and a vote was taken, (8 for 1 against) to suspend and to call a special meeting to determine an action plan to and when to recommence racing.

The Chair advised that this virus started to infect lofts after a number of South Coast birds have strayed into members lofts, and that the Central Coast is also infected and have suspended racing for 2 weeks.

The Chair advised that at this meeting the objectives are to;

- Assess the impact the virus has had on individual lofts.
- Determine the current status, spread of, and severity of the virus.
- Determine the number lofts impacted and look to determine the progression of the virus from initial infection to recover.
- Based on the information gathered we will revise the current schedule and propose a date when racing will re-commence.

The advised that all members will be given the opportunity to speak and requested that all members respect and afford each member time to express the views and experience without interjection.

The Secretary proposed that before we proceed with individual accounts we should ascertain the current status of the spread of the virus.

The following questions were asked and the response, via show of hand are as follows;

- How many lofts believe that they have the virus – Answer – 31
- How many lofts believe that they have not got the virus – Answer – 12
- How many lofts believe that they have recovered from the virus – Answer – 6
- How many lofts have got the virus for the first time – Answer – 6
- How long did the virus impact the birds – Answers below;

- This varied from loft to loft, it was determined that the virus is less severe than last year.

- Individual birds appear sick from 3 to 5 days.

- Lofts that had the virus last year reported that only the young birds showed symptoms.

- The virus is not infecting all birds at the same time and progressively spread through lofts.
- Members who advised that they are over it, said that it took about 15 day to progress through all the birds.

The Chair open the meeting to general discussion.

Terry Condran address the meeting and moved that we recommence racing on the 21/7/18, this was seconded by Mal Clements.

Bill Collins spoke against this date requesting that we wait until the 28/7/18 to give more time for the birds to recover.

Geoff Garland spoke in favour of the motion advising that we can race 2 year olds and progressively bring the young birds in as they recover.

Alan Walker spoke against the motion suggesting that 27/7/18 be best for the bird.

With no more members wishing to speak the Chair called for a vote by show of hands.

Result – 22 for 9 against – motion passed racing to recommence on 21/7/18

4. Revised Schedule and Tossing dates

The Secretary advised that he had received an email from Richard Clements with proposed schedule changes based on a start date of the 27/7/18. This proposal also included a proposal to increase bird numbers to 30 per flyer and to drop Gladstone.

There is also a letter from Malcolm Clements with a proposal adjust the schedule and to hire a ute for the transportation of the birds to the last races to reduce costs.

The Chair advised that this meeting is to adjust the current race and toss schedule only. Proposals to increase bird numbers and to change transport modes are out of order for this meeting and will be dealt with at the next Delegates meeting.

Bill Collins address the meeting and proposed changes to the race schedule and toss program. There was general discussion by a number of members and the follow was agreed to by all members.

- Toss Browns Flat 14/7/18
- Mid-week Toss Taree 18/7/18
- Race Port Macquarie 21/7/18
- Toss Browns Flat 22/7/18
- Mid-week Toss Taree 25/7/18
- Race Macksville 28/7/18
- Toss Browns Flat 29/7/18
- Mid-week Toss Port Macquarie 1/8/18
- Race Macksville 4/8/18
- Toss Browns Flat 5/8/18
- Mid-week Toss Macksville 8/8/18
- Race Yamba 11/8/18

This concluded the Special Meetings agenda.

5. Basket Allocations

The Secretary requested that whilst all delegates were present we confirm basket allocation this was not addressed at the last delegates meeting.

The Chair agreed and the delegate were requested to confirm flyer numbers. This was achieved and the following is new basket allocations.

- Hunter 7,

- Newcastle 10,
- Lake Macquarie 23,
- Cessnock Invitation 7,
- Cessnock 17,
- Maitland 9,
- Raymond Terrace 8.

Meeting Closed at 2025hrs.

Next Meeting – to be held at Lake Macquarie club rooms 7/8/18 commencing 1900 hrs.

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary