

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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Delegates Meeting

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Zoom Meeting 03/08/21 start 1900 hrs

1. Chair welcomed members to the meeting. 14 Members Present.

2. Apologies – nil

3. Reading of General Meeting Minutes of 08/07/21.

The Chair read the previous minutes to the meeting.

4. Business arising from the minutes. – nil

The Chair asked that the minutes be accepted as true and correct, Moved, Alan Wilmot, Seconded, Mick Watt. All in favour.

5. Correspondence in/out –

- Ring transfers received and passed to the Ring Secretary.

6. Treasurer's report

Main Operating account 135221 - Period of July - August 2021

<u>Balance C/Fwd</u>	<u>06/07/21</u>	<u>\$ 31,841.09</u>
Income (Membership, Race Fees, Rings)		\$ 2908.00
Interest		\$ 0.00
Total Expenditure (Race Expenses, Truck Acc, Rings).		\$ 4548.00
<u>Balance as per Westpac Statement at 03/08/21</u>		<u>\$ 30,201.09</u>

Truck maintenance account 230894 - Period of July - August 2021

<u>Balance C/Fwd</u>	<u>06/07/21</u>	<u>\$ 744.57</u>
Income (deposit from main account)		\$ 2000.00
Interest		\$ 0.00
Expenditure (Fuel, Repairs, Auto Electrician)		\$ 1706.06
<u>Balance as per Westpac Statement at 03/08/21</u>		<u>\$1038.51</u>

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

Moved, Terry Condran, Seconded, A Wilmot - All in favour.

7. Race Results

The Race Secretary advised that he has checked the follow results. Merriwa, 26/6 and 3/7/21. The results were read to the meeting and the winner congratulated.

He moved that the results as presented be move as true and correct. Moved A Wilmot, seconded W Scherbak.

8. General Business:

(a) Application from Hunter Club to send bird

The Race Secretary advised that he has had a request from the Hunter club asking if they could send 5 baskets of birds from next week 7/8/21 on. The birds will not be competing in the NCF point score.

This was discussed by delegates, and it was agreed that we have done this previously at a cost of \$15.00 per basket. There was some discussion that the additional birds will possibly create some additional drag that may disadvantage some flyers. Others felt that it should not be an issue.

The Chair called for a vote in the, 7 for, 5 against. Motion passed.

Action – Baskets to be allocated to Hunter Club.

(b) Race Schedule – proposed changes

The Chair advised that we need to make some decisions regarding the schedule. I was pointed out that with the cancellation of the first Gilgandra on 20/6/21, and the Gilgandra of 25/7/21 due to inclement weather, has created a problem with the schedule and point scores, that needs to be sorted out.

Alan Wilmot proposed that we fly 2 Nyngan's on the same weekend after next week Gilgandra. That way the schedule will be back on track. This was seconded by Jay Newton.

There was a number of different views expressed. In the end the Chair asked that that the motion be voted on. 4 for, 8 against. Motion lost.

The Secretary advised that based on the losses of late, and that members have already been reducing the birds being entered, that trying to hold catch up races was not the way to go. Most flyers he had spoken to were planning not racing every race or sending reduced numbers of birds. They are focusing on setting them up for the YBD, Blue Band, National and Gold band races.

He suggested that it may be best to look a dropping a couple of races, as this will do a couple of things, it should encourage greater flyer participation and increased bird numbers and well as giving us another spare weekend we could use if we encounter more bad weather.

He moved that we drop a Nyngan and a Cobar, and that the 1st Cobar be the YBD, Breeders Plate and Blue band races, this was seconded by Mal Clements.

There were several views expressed, both for and against. The Chair call for a vote on the motion. 9 for, 5 against. Motion Passed.

Action – Schedule to be adjusted and posted on website.

(c) Truck Toss - Mid week Gilgandra

The Treasure asked if we will be planning to have a Sunday toss to Warkworth, and also go ahead with the Mid week toss from Gilgandra.

There was some general discussion, and it was agreed that we will proceed, subject to numbers. It was pointed out that tosses have been cancelled, due to lack of support, as discussed and recorded in the previous minutes.

It is imperative that the Fed truck tosses be supported by the members to ensure the Fed can provide a cost-effective viable service to all members.

It was agreed that it is the Fed's intention to hold tosses, if we have the required numbers of baskets to ensure that we are not losing money.

Members are required to nominate requirements for both the Sunday toss and the mid-week Gilgandra on Thursday night basketing. Members will be advised once numbers are confirmed, and that the weather forecast is suitable.

(d) Fed 1 Bird Race

Alan Wilmot advised that there was no 1 Bird race on the Schedule. The Chair advised that it was an oversight and suggested that we pick a race suitable for the event. Alan Wilmot moved that it be held on the 2nd Nyngan at a cost of \$10.00, Seconded by Stan Rippon.

The Chair call for a vote – All in favour. Passed

Action – Schedule to be updated and posted on website.

(d) Formation of a Charlestown Club

Wasa Scherbak advised the meeting that he was asked by Garry Lott to request if he can form a club called Charlestown.

The Chair advised that any such proposal will need to be put to the AGM and suggested that this will need to be in writing and seconded, to be considered at the meeting.

All items for the AGM Agenda need to be sent in writing to the Secretary.

(e) Cancellation of the first Gilgandra

Mal Clements advised the meeting that he felt that the liberation committee miss the opportunity to basket early and race Friday as the Central Coast fed did.

The Secretary advised that the 3 members of the liberation did discuss the possibility on Wednesday morning but was unable to contact the President until 5:00pm on that day. The Chair advised that he had been having phone problems and had not received the earlier text and calls made by the Secretary.

As we would have needed to basket on Thursday it was too late to give notice. The other point was that the committee had decided that based on the forecast on Wednesday afternoon, that it was showing favourable condition on Sunday, and as such we advised that we were planning for a Saturday Basketing for a Sunday Liberation.

There was however an issue with the truck which had hit a kangaroo returning for the previous race. This accident had broken some lights on the truck. There was a plan to get the truck fixed to make it roadworthy on the Thursday morning, but the parts could not be sourced in time.

The impact of the damage to the truck was not known to all the members of the liberation committee until it was discussed on Friday. Based on the fact that the truck was not considered road worthy and could not be repaired until the following week the decision was made to cancel the race.

This view was supported by all members of the liberation committee.

(f) Increase Bird Limit for Nyngan

Terry Condran addressed the meeting regarding bird limits. He moved that we increase the bird limit to 30 for the Nyngan races considering that we have lost 2 races which had a 30-bird limit.

This was seconded by Mal Clements.

There was some discussion both for and against, the Chair called for a vote.

8 for, 2 against. Motion passed.

Meeting Closed at 20:30 hrs.

Next Meeting via Zoom /9/21 at 1900

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary