

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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Delegates Zoom Meeting

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Zoom Meeting 04/08/20 start 1900 hrs

1. Chair welcomed members to the meeting. 11 Members Present

2. Apologies – Terry Condran

3. Reading of Minutes of 7/07/20 - Delegates Meeting.

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 Walker, Seconded, Mick Watt. All in favour.

5. Correspondence in/out –

Ring transfers received and passed to the Ring Secretary.

Email from the Secretary to delegates regarding text messages and extracts of an article that was published in the Australian Pigeon Journal, that was penned by Tim Fairfax which directly criticised the actions and reputation of liberation Committee and Management Committee of the Federation.

To be discussed in general business.

6. Treasurer's report – Main Operating account 135221 - Period of May - June 2020 & June - July 2020

Balance C/Fwd - 05/05/20	\$ 20,778.86
Income (Chip rings/Race Fee's)	\$ 1165.00
Interest	\$ 1.70
Total Expenditure (Rego/Green Slip).	\$ 1584.98
Balance as per Westpac Statement at 02/06/20	\$ 20,360.58

Truck maintenance account 230894 - Period of May - June 2020

Balance C/Fwd - 05/05/20	\$ 735.53
Income (deposit from main account)	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 0.05
Expenditure (Pink Slip)	\$ 84.00
Balance as per Westpac Statement at 02/06/20	\$ 651.58

Main Operating account 135221 - Period of June - July 2020

Balance C/Fwd. - 02/06/20	\$ 20,360.58
Income (Race Fee's/m/ship etc)	\$ 21,788.00
Interest	\$ 2.01
Total Expenditure (Fuel/Race Expenses).	\$ 2,760.00
Balance as per Westpac Statement at 07/07/20	\$ 39,390.59

Truck maintenance account 230894 - Period of June - July 2020

Balance C/Fwd. - 2/06/20	\$ 651.58
Income (deposit from main account)	\$ 1000.00
Interest	\$ 0.05
Expenditure (Fuel)	\$ 566.77
Balance as per Westpac Statement at 07/07/20	\$ 1084.86

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

Moved, A Wilmot, Seconded, W Scherbak - All in favour.

7. Race Reports - Not ready at this stage to be presented at the next meeting

8. General Business:

(a) Truck Repairs

The Treasure advised that he has order the spotlights and a fuel transfer pump. Once received he will arrange to have them fitted.

(b) Covid 19 Safe Plans and PPE.

The Secretary moved that the due to information on the benefits of wearing face masks to prevent transmission of the virus, and the fact that it is not always possible to maintain the 1.5 meter separation when basketing birds, all club must update their plans to state that all members inside the club rooms must now wear face masks in addition to the existing controls that are detailed on the Covid Safe Plan. This was second by the Chair – all in favour.

(c) Race Schedule Changes required due to boarder closures.

The Secretary advised that due to the boarder closure we will need to amend the Schedule. Since the QLD boarder has just been closed, we need to look at our options, it was proposed that Delegates talk to their members and send their proposals to Secretary by the 2/8/20. The Secretary will compile the proposals and send out to the delegate to consider. Another Zoom meeting will be held on the 9/8/20 to agree on a revised schedule. This proposal was second by Alan Walker – all in favour.

(d) Vote for 1 or 2 rounds for 2021

The Chair advised the meeting that he had received all the voting slips except for Cessnock Invitations voting papers. The Secretary advised that he had received a phone call from Ken Harris a week ago advising that they wished to change there vote from 1 round to 2 round and that he would post them to me. I advised that I did not have the originals as they were put on the truck. I advised that once received I would table them at the meeting. I did not receive any letter and asked if the Chair had received it. The Chair advised that he had not received the original voting slips and had checked with Pete and Debbie and that they must have been miss placed.

The Chair rule that as we have not received any voting slips from Cessnock Invitation and that all the other clubs have been received, we will proceed with the count.

The Votes were counted – 26 for 2 rounds, 24 for 1 round. 2 Rounds for 2021 West Route, Delegates are requested to talk to their members and submit proposed race schedules to the Secretary. A date to discuss and agree on the 2021 race schedule will be determined in due course.

(e) Tim Fairfax Issue.

The Secretary advised that he had provided all the details, including actual copies of all correspondence associated with the allegations and opinions directed at the Liberation Committee and the Federation Executive, as well as an email from Richard Clements detailing his role in the publication of the article written by Tim, and then published as being authored by Ray Weshe.

The Secretary advised that he felt that there was no point in reading the entire file of texts and emails as they have been sent to all the delegates. The Chair agreed with this proposal, this view was supported by all delegates.

As there were sufficient evidence presented that Tim has acted in a manner that denigrated the reputation of the Liberation Committee and made comments that the certain members of the Federation had stopped him implementing changes, that he believes are required can not be supported by the facts, it was agreed a letter will be sent to Tim expressing our concerns and requesting that he retract and apologise for his inappropriate actions.

The Chair request that the Secretary write to Tim, setting out the issues at hand, and detailing what is required and expected by all members of the Federation. This will include referencing the Federation Constitution and the correct methods for raising any issue or concerns relating to the actions, complaints, or suggestion for improvement to the Federation, or concerns regarding the actions of the Executive or general members of the Federation.

The Secretary advised that he believes that this letter should come from the Chair, as he had been involved in this issue from the start and had compiled the file of evidence.

The Chair agreed that he will send the letter and manage the process in line with the procedures as detailed in the constitution.

(f) Jeff Johnson Sale 16/8/20 at Adamstown

Members were reminded that Jeff Johnson sale will be held on the 16/8/20 at Adamstown. Catalogue is on the website.

Meeting Closed at 20:00 hrs.

Next Zoom Meeting – 9/8/20 commencing 1900 hrs

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary