

# Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

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## General Meeting

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Location - Maitland Club Rooms 04/04/17 start 7.00 pm

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

2. Apologies – Tim Fairfax

3. Reading of Minutes of 07/03/17.

The Chair read the minutes of the meeting. The Chair asked if there were any business arising from the minutes. Nil.

The Chair requested that they be accepted as true and correct record. Moved by Alan Wilmot, Second – Chris Newton - All in favour

4. Correspondence In/Out

Ring transfers – W Sherbach to Terry Condran, Craig Mason to Terry Price, Pat Kiem to Phil Wilson, Reg Bramble to Phil Wilson, Graham Walters to Terry Price.

Letter from Jeff Johnson – Re Letter to the RSPCA requesting that they support the recommendation of the DPI and ANRPB, as he is concerned that if the Sothern Fed races in defiance of the current recommendation that this would most possible result in uninfected loft becoming infected by way of stray birds entering such lofts and thus spreading the virus.

Letter from the ANRPB – Re latest developments about the Roto virus and acknowledgement of the Fed and member donations to the vaccine fighting fund

Letter to the Dept. of Fair Trading – Re annual financial return

5. Treasurer's report

### Account 135221 Main Fed Operating Account as at 31/03/2017

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>28/02/2017</b>	<b>\$ 14,422.89</b>
<b><u>Income March</u></b>		
Liberation Fees		400.00
Vaccine Sales		520.00
Membership		100.00
Interest		1.23
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<b>Balance C/Fwd.</b>		<b>Total \$ 15,694.12</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		

Payment to Fair Trading		44.19
<b><u>Total Expenditure, March</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>44.19</u></b>
<b><u>Balance as per Westpac Statement 31/03/2017</u></b>		<b><u>\$15,649.93</u></b>
<b><u>Truck Fuel / Maintenance Account. Westpac Account 230894</u></b>		
<b><u>Opening Balance 28/02/2017</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 1,089.34</u></b>
<b><u>Income March.</u></b>		
Transfer from Main Account	\$	0.00
Interest		0.27
	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0.27</u></b>
<b><u>Balance as per Westpac Statement 31/03/2017</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 1,089.61</u></b>

The Chair requested that the financial accounts as presented be accepted as true and correct record.

Moved Mick Watt, Seconded W. Scherbach

The Chair advised that the Truck required a new steer tyre and as that it be moved to allow the invoice to be paid. Moved Alan Wilmot, Seconded Judy Bates – All in favour.

## **6. General Business**

- a. The Chair advised that the Rescission Motion as tabled at the March meeting, as follows.

*The decision at the AGM to “no longer conduct a Sprint Series as part of the NCF premierships” rescinded. And as a result of the rescission, the Fed. Conduct Sprint, Middle and Long distance as well as the overall point score” be held in abeyance until it can be determine that racing will commence in 2017. - All in Favour*

- b. It was moved by Terry Condran that due to the uncertainty of the virus spreading, we abandon the first round of the race schedule and look at planning to race the second round.  
(18.06.17Seconded – Mal Clements – All in favour.

## **7. – Pigeon Virus update and possible impacts on racing.**

The Chair advised the member that as information becomes available it will be posted on the web site and member are encouraged to keep themselves informed of developments and to report any signs of the virus to the fed, without delay so all members can be informed and enact required bio security protocols as detailed on the website. He further advised the members that he felt that unless the vaccine becomes available soon there may be no racing this year. Regardless we will just have to wait and see how the situation progresses.

The Secretary read the latest press releases and vet information Colin Walker dated 26/3/17. In this release it was reported that lofts in WA have become re infected as well as some lofts in VIC. This is of concern as it appears the virus remains active as some of these birds were originally infected some 10 months previous. Please see the web site for the full report.

There was a lot of discussion from members re the letter to the RSPA, some members were of the view that this should not have been sent. The Secretary advised members that there are a lot of fanciers who have different views, but the fact is this letter is just one of many that has been sent, that voices concerns regarding racing without the vaccine and the possible impacts on uninfected birds.

He further pointed out the internet was full of these varying opinions, but at the end of the day the Fed had voted at the AGM Part 2 to comply will the requirements and recommendations of the ANRPB and

the DPI, and this will stand until either the vaccine is released, and or there is a change in the recommendations from the ANRPB and the DPI.

Please see below the 3 motions that were passed at the AGM part 2 – 7/2/17 that relate the Roto Virus.

*The Secretary moved –*

***“That the Federation adopt the recommendations as detailed in the ANPRB press release and also request the members support a levee of \$25.00 from each financial member of the Fed to be paid into the Boards vaccine development fund. All members will have the levee either deducted from the accounts or be a debt that is owed to the Fed.”***

*This was seconded by Peter Edmunds, The Chair called for a vote – All in favour – Passed*

The Secretary moved - that any member who suspects that they have contracted the virus that they are to contact the Secretary/President so that all members can be quickly advised. *Seconded by Peter Edmunds – The Chair called for a vote – All in favour – Passed*

*Bill Collins moved that the Fed monitor the situation and that the Fed keep all member informed. This was seconded by Geoff Garland.*

*The Chair called for a vote – All in favour – Passed*

**8. Passing of Albert Jameson**

Members were advised of the recent passing of long time flyer Albert Jameson. Albert has been involved in pigeons all his life and will be miss by all his family and friends. A number of members made comment of Albert’s efforts in racing and his unique sense of humour. He will be missed at the breeders plate sales, were he was able to always draw a laugh.

The Chair call for a minute’s silence. Rest in Peace Albert.

**Meeting Closed at 2000 hrs.**

**Next Meeting – to be held at Adamstown club rooms 2/5/17 commencing**

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S. Rippon President

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Tony Davis Secretary

