

NORTH ROAD COMBINE INC. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING.

Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 at Zammit Oval, Deception Bay.

Commenced at 7.05pm.

Present: Paul Spalding, Philip Trevethan, Wayne Buckingham, Micheal Mercieca, Ron McKiernan.



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David Cheetham and Tony McKiernan were requested to attend the meeting.

The first part of the meeting was to deal with David Cheetham.

The Chairman read out the allegations against David Cheetham then asked David Cheetham to respond.

Attached is a copy of the allegations read out by the Chairman.

When asked the question, was it true that Tony was left on his own for most of the time at Rockhampton while you socialised, and did not get back in time to water and feed the birds. He admitted that was true.

When questioned as to why he did not bring the Breeders Plate birds back for Gary Candish. He told the meeting that they had dropped one flight. Micheal responded that David had said to him when they arrived back from Bowen, that Gary had not given him any money, there was no mention whatsoever about the birds having dropped any flights. When Micheal asked him what money, he could not explain what the money was for. Speaking to Gary the next day he said it must have been the money for the Breeders Plate. He said he told David that he was going to arrange to transfer the money into the clubs account the next day. When Gary asked David a simple question, are you going to take the birds or not? David's reply was no. Gary then told him to leave the 4 birds that they were giving him in the loft. David's reply was, I am taking those 4 birds with me. Micheal then asked him was that statement true and David answered no. Tony confirmed that the statement from Gary was true and that David could not remember because he was too drunk.

There were birds on the truck picked up for Danny Warry, which will be in the Breeders Plate sale on Sunday. There were also birds picked up for David Hazelwood. There were also 20 or so birds picked up for Lismore. But no birds for Gary Candish, the person who gave him a bed and fed and looked after him for two days.

Danny had requested that the birds be released at 5.45 am. When questioned about the release time, David stated that at 5.45 am it was too dark to release the birds. Tony stated that David was late getting out of bed and that by the time he arose everything had been prepared for a 5.45 am release. Gary and Tony asked why he was not going to release the birds at the scheduled time. David's reply was, I will release the birds when I want to release them. Wayne asked Tony, in your opinion what time could the birds have been released. Tony replied that the sun was up and the birds could have been released at 5.30. A statement that was also verified by Gary at Bowen.

During the week Gary and I explored every avenue to try and get his birds down for the Breeders Plate sale to no avail. I have verbally apologised to Gary on behalf of the NRC.

Gary is still prepared to help the NRC as he has in the past two years.

He understands that it is not the NRC but the actions of one person, namely David Cheetham.

David Cheetham was asked by the President whether he thought he had a fair hearing.

David's reply was yes. He was then asked to leave the meeting so that a decision could be made. The unanimous decision of the Management Committee was that David will be replaced as driver of the truck for the 2015 season.

We then proceeded with the Management Committee meeting.

The Chairman read the minutes of the previous meeting. Moved they be adopted by Phil Trevethan, seconded by Paul Spalding. All in favour.

Business arising from the minutes; Ron has received the equipment needed for the Mega clocks. The two power packs were supplied free of charge. Also there was a disc supplied with a programme to enable any printer to be used when doing race results.

Ron informed the meeting that he had all the paperwork with him to open two new bank accounts, one for the Breeders Plate money and one as a truck account.

Outgoing Correspondence; A letter delivered to David Cheetham requesting him to attend the Management Committee meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 at 7 pm. at Zammit Oval.

Treasurers Report; We have a bank balance of \$36,969-11 Moved by Ron McKiernan, seconded by Phil Trevethan.

New Members; It is a policy of the NRC that any new flyer who has not flown pigeons before, be automatically accepted as a full member. Applications were received from Paul Bateman and Daniel Piggott. It was moved by Micheal Mercieca, seconded by Ron McKiernan that they both be accepted as members. All in favour.

An application was also tabled from Shane Smith to be dealt with at the next meeting.

General Business; Wayne Buckingham spoke to Keith Luke about numbering crates for next year so that if anything unforeseen should happen to any crates we would be able to identify who it belonged to and hopefully the race would not be cancelled. He also spoke to Keith Luke about bringing the rest of the crates to the club house so that we could hold a busy bee to do any repairs needed.

Ron McKiernan suggested a sticker be made promoting the NRC and pigeon racing.

Micheal Mercieca asked the question of the Management Committee, If a flyer from any club has more than 30 Breeders Plate birds to send, what is the procedure. This was spoken about in depth and the Management Committee has decided that a nomination sheet be filled out with 30 birds, which are eligible for the open race as well. The rest of the birds will only be eligible to take positions in the Breeders Plate race only. All in favour.

Disciplinary action. I, as well as the Management Committee are appalled at the way some of the members have been conducting themselves. With the language and the outbursts in the club in front of women and other members, we have come to the decision that it must cease. Any person who conducts himself in any of the manners mentioned above in the future, will be brought in front of the Management Committee. The first offence they will be given an official warning in writing. Second offence there will be a suspension placed upon them in which they will not be able to enter the club premises for a time deemed fit by the Management Committee. Third offence their membership will be suspended. All in favour.

The Management Committee hopes that everyone adheres to this warning. The members of the North Road Combine need to treat each other with respect and endeavour to create a pleasant environment for everybody, whether it be at Zammit Oval or Deception Bay Bowls Club.

Re - Quotes for electrical work in the clubhouse, of installing two ceiling fans, hooking up all the power points, re-instating the hot water service. It was moved by Wayne Buckingham, seconded by Phil Trevethan that we accept the quote from Eco Energy. All in favour.

The Management Committee spoke about clocking off. It is the responsibility of the flyer to make sure their clock is placed on the table provided before scheduled time for clock off.

The Management Committee requested that the Secretary send an official letter by writing to Gary Candish and offer to pay to have his birds transported down for the next Breeders Plate sale.

In the unforeseen circumstance of anything happening to our truck, I have been asked to approach Paul Hawkins and ask whether he would be happy to hire his truck to us to transport the birds.

The cupboard in the club house where the printers and other equipment is kept needs to be secured .

It was stated at the club that it is ridiculous to basket on Thursday night for Agnes Water.

The Management Committee spoke about it in great depth and it was decided to stick to the schedule. Basketing will be Thursday night. All in favour.

***General Meeting to be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at 7pm, Zammit Oval.***

***This is the date the first instalment of \$150 for cartage fees for 2015 is due to be paid.***

Meeting closed 9.05 pm.

President;.....

Secretary;.....