



NORTH ROAD COMBINE INC.

Management Committee Meeting

Held on 25th February 2014, 7pm at Zammit Oval Deception Bay.

Present; Paul Spalding, Ron McKiernan, Phil Trevethan, Dave Dwyer, Wayne Buckingham, Micheal Mercieca.

Apologies; Nil.

Treasurers report; Treasurer reported that we have a bank balance of \$56,183-81. Ron moved that the treasurers report be accepted, seconded by Paul Spalding. Carried.

Accounts passed for payment; Account for 2 batteries for the truck at a cost of \$195 each, moved by Ron McKiernan that payment be made, seconded by Paul Spalding.

Incoming Correspondence;

Letter from Zammit Oval shed committee asking for payment of \$1,200.

Letter from Zammit Oval shed committee with a balance sheet and minutes from their AGM

Letter from Warren Glover from the south coast in NSW.

Outward correspondence; Nil.

General Business:

In response to a letter received from Zammit Oval shed committee, Dave Dwyer moved that we pay all bills as they are presented at a meeting. Seconded by Phil Trevethan. Carried.

Ron McKiernan moved that we write a letter to Warren Glover explaining the situation that Barry Ward is not a member of the North Road Combine Inc. and we will pass the letter on to the Sunshine Coast Pigeon Club to deal with as they see fit. Seconded by Dave Dwyer. Carried.

Wayne Buckingham suggested that we look into a solar panel for the truck to keep the batteries charged, as the truck does not get much use in the off season. All in agreement.

Phil Trevethan gave a comprehensive report about the new ventilation in the truck.

It has two air inlets coming into the back of the truck, three whirly birds on the roof. After completing the work Joe and Phil sat in the back of the truck while taking it on a test drive down the highway. They both agreed that the air was dispersed through the truck evenly, but however we will not know how effective this will be until the truck is loaded with birds. The cost of the project is around \$200, we have not received the accounts yet. On behalf of the Management Committee we would like to thank all those who were involved in doing the work on the ventilation.

Frank Bryan is very concerned about the time that he will arrive at Agnes Water. After much discussion it was decided that Frank is to confer with Danny Warry on the day, and a decision will be made between the two of them as to the release time.

Ron McKiernan discussed a monitor for the truck. This monitor has various settings, it measures oxygen levels, carbon dioxide levels and humidity levels. If decided to purchase, it will be fitted in the back of the truck with the birds with a screen in the cabin so the driver can monitor all levels for the entirety of the trip.

Also Ron was given permission to look for a GPS unit for the truck. These items will be discussed further next meeting.

Dave Dwyer will be booking the truck in this week to install the new bulbar.

The Secretary was to ask Mick Debono whether the offer still stands to store the truck in his shed.

Wayne Buckingham spoke about putting a promotional add on Redcliffe radio station and 101.5 at Caboolture at no cost to us, in the hope of promoting the NRC pigeon racing. All in favour.

Wayne Buckingham reported that he had sprayed all around the perimeter of the shed for ants, cockroaches, spiders and rodents, at no cost to the club. The Committee gave a big thank you to Wayne.

Wayne Buckingham and his company Palace Pest Control, have decided to sponsor the 1st Gladstone race, which will be called the "Buck's Plate". First prize will be \$200, second will be \$100, third will be \$50. Thanks very much Wayne and Palace Pest Control.

After a discussion it was decided that more sponsors are needed to replace prize money, so the Management Committee are calling on all members to please try and find sponsors.

The Management Committee will suggest to the members of the NRC at our next meeting to move that the Grizzle Race be reverted back to its normal status as it has no bearing on the "Con Brand Series".

A lengthy discussion took place about the Con Brand Series as this year the NRC has voted to keep all prize money in their own clubs. The only people competing in the Con Brand Series are the people who go in prize money. The individual clubs will have to send sheets to the race secretary with the participants name and details of birds before the race commences.

Wayne Buckingham spoke to all Committee members stating that the NRC is running a unique service, and to keep harmony with all clubs that we transport, everyone must treat each other with the respect and courtesy required to keep everyone happy.

A letter is to be sent to Len Vanderlin asking if they would be interested, due to lack of bird numbers, in releasing their birds in conjunction with ours at YBD, National, Mackay and Bowen. The letter written will be presented at the next club meeting before it is sent.

Phil Trevethan asked whether it is time to purchase another club system for the Benzing clocks due to the amount of members with Benzing clocks. This would come at a cost of \$600. After much discussion it was decided to review the situation after the first two races.

Phil Trevethan reported on the Breeders Plate stating that the race for 2014 has an expected prize pool of \$15,370 with a total of 304 birds eligible for the race entered by 35 breeders, purchased by 44 buyers and there are 30 lofts competing within the boundary. He thanked everybody for their ongoing support and wished everybody good luck for the race.

It was decided by the Management Committee that there will be a General Meeting held on Sunday 30th March at 10am and after the meeting there will be a busy bee held to repair damaged crates and also clean all crates and a general tidy up of the club room. A sausage sizzle will be supplied for lunch, urging all members to attend. Don't forget the final payment will be due on the 30th March, payable to Ron McKiernan at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

President.....

Secretary.....