

## North Road Combine Inc. Management Committee Meeting.

Held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at Zammit Oval Deception Bay.

Meeting opened at 7.16pm.

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

Apologies; Dave Dwyer.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted moved by Phil Trevethan, seconded by Paul Spalding.

### Business arising from the minutes;

A mattress was purchased for the sleeper in the truck. An email has been sent to Len Vanderlinde to ask whether the QPF was interested in releasing the Bowen and Mackay birds side by side as the NRC committee thought this might be more beneficial for the birds.

Treasurer's Report; In June the bank balance was \$67,618.35

### Incoming correspondence;

Letter of clearance for Bob Holloway from North Coast Pigeon Club.

### Outgoing correspondence;

Email was sent to all clubs apologising for the inconvenience in changing basketing night for the last Agnes Water race from Friday night to Thursday night.

### New Members;

Application was received from Craig English and has been tabled to be voted on at the next meeting.

### General Business;

Tony requested if we could please line the sleeping compartment in the truck. The Management Committee made a decision to purchase ply to line the sleeping compartment in the truck. Dave Cheetham requested that he needs a piece of foam to sleep on in the front seat of the truck. To be purchased. Wayne Buckingham asked the truck drivers whether they were comfortably travelling to Agnes Water with Friday night basketing for a Saturday release. David Cheetham's response was that we are pushing to get there to give the birds any rest and was exceeding 130kms per hour at times. So therefore the Management Committee decided to move basketing night to Thursday night for Agnes Water as the Management Committee has a "Duty of care to make sure that the drivers and birds travel to the racepoint with safety." It was explained to the drivers that they would change drivers every two hours for safety reasons. Also there is a data logger in the



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back of the truck with the birds, when they stop there is a book in the truck for them to record the temperature and humidity. These details will be written on the blackboard every Saturday night for the flyers information. It was also explained to both drivers that any fines incurred by them would not be paid by the Club and are their individual responsibility. It was also explained to the drivers that if they have any problems whatsoever to please inform the Management Committee. Tony reported that water was running down the new ventilation pipes and onto the floor in the back of the truck where the birds are. The Secretary said he would speak to Ian Cree about the matter as soon as possible. Tony reported that there are not enough waterers to put four waterers to each crate. The Secretary responded by asking how long they have been short of waterers. The response was, "for a while", and were then asked why they did not report it to the Management earlier, no response. The Secretary then informed the meeting that he would ask Joe Reeves to speak to Dennis Martens about ordering 50 new waterers.

The Management Committee told the drivers that they would prefer after basketing on Thursday night, that the truck go to Ron McKiernan's premises. The water would be put on the birds and then early on Friday morning the truck would leave for the racepoint.

At the drivers request, when travelling to Rockhampton, they will drive to Miriamvale, have a break, then drive on to Rockhampton the next morning.

The President reported on complaints received about the ventilation system in the truck. Bob Holloway suggested that a sliding door be fitted to the back of the truck that could be locked securely. When the truck has stopped the back door can be opened and the sliding door be pulled across and locked to help with the ventilation of the birds.

It was moved by Phil Tevethan that the Club purchase a new club system and Printer for the Benzing Clocks. Seconded by Micheal Mercieca. Was approved for purchase.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

President;.....

Secretary;.....