

Management Committee Meeting All Clubs. 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013.

Meeting opened at 7.05 pm, held at Zammit Oval.

PRESENT; I Dowd, M Hooker, J Bowtell, D Martens, C Swan, I Cree,  
D Dwyer, R McKiernan, D Cheetham, M Mercieca.

APOLOGIES; K Sherring, W Kelso.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted, moved by Carl Swan, seconded by R McKiernan.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES; Ian Dowd asked for an explanation of how the points work on the Young Bird Derby. It was explained to Ian that you still receive overall points but if you do not pay \$10 per bird you do not receive any points in the Con Brand 5 Race Series. And you do not qualify for prize money.

INWARD CORRESPONDENCE; Email from Kevin Sherring on behalf of the NGCPC. They have one new member Phil Howe, cheque was brought in by Carl Swan. Also stating their concerns about the race season starting two weeks earlier than last season.

Letter from Michael Hooker on behalf of Phoenix pigeon club, with items to be discussed at AGM. Also a copy of their general meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012, suggesting that the NRC set dates for the annual cartage fee to be paid in two instalments and also could the race schedule be discussed and presented by 1<sup>st</sup> August each year.

Letter from Logan Pigeon Club stating that they believe the race season is starting too early. They would like to change back to the original date which will allow their birds to go through the moult and give them time to educate their young birds.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE; NIL

GENERAL BUSINESS;

A very lengthy discussion took place about the starting date of the season for 2013. Points were brought forward by all clubs attending, that they wish the starting date to be returned to the original starting date of 18<sup>th</sup> May. Michael Hooker spoke on behalf of the Phoenix Club stating that when they paid their money they thought the starting date would be the same as the previous season. They were taken by surprise that the NRC would choose to move the programme forward two weeks, as everything worked well in the past. He also explained that the reason they left the FED, was because of the later starting date with the NRC, which gives the members time to prepare and condition their young birds.

Carl Swan spoke against the early start on behalf of Logan Pigeon Club, explaining that their young birds had a lot longer to fly in the first races and therefore the two weeks earlier start does not give them time for their birds to go through the moult properly, and they had no



time to prepare their birds nor condition them. He also stated that he felt sorry for the two Gold Coast Clubs as they have even further to fly.

John Bowtell from the Sunshine Coast also stated that it did not really worry his club, but, thought it was very unfair to the southern clubs.

There were a number of very valid points put across even by North Road Combine members, and it was also promised that this matter will be brought up at our club meeting next week. It was also stated by one of our members that it would be better to go back to the original starting date. Perhaps this would stop all the discontentment and ill feeling.

Michael Hooker asked why the NRC changed from Agnes Water to Miriamvale. We explained that it would cut an hour off the trip for the driver and therefore the birds would have an extra hours rest. Michael then stated that there were a lot of losses from this racepoint when we last raced from there. Ron McKiernan said that we would look at it after the first race, and if there were heavy losses we could revert back to Agnes Water.

Dennis Martens asked how many flyers we have for the coming season. Secretary responded and told the meeting that there would be 88 flyers. Dennis asked about bird limits, he was told that it would be 30 for season 2013. He also asked if we wanted him to take the trailer to his son to be checked over and repaired if necessary. Moved by Dave Dwyer, seconded by Micheal Mercieca. The Secretary said while it is down the south side, Kevin Sherring has said he will do the repairs to the shade cloth. Dennis asked when the crates are going to be made. Ron McKiernan said he is in the process of making jigs and when the cheque book is returned from the accountant he will start ordering the necessary materials for the crates. He hopes there will be a busy bee in about one months time.

Michael Hooker asked how the roster was going for drivers and shotguns for next season, as he has a couple of members enquiring what races were not catered for. Secretary said he will email an undated list to all the clubs.

Ian Dowd may have someone to do one of the Gladstone races.

Carl Swan put his name down as shotgun for the first Miriamvale.

Ian Dowd enquired as to when the drivers get to have a sleep, it was explained to him by Dave Dwyer and Dave Cheetham.

It was asked if the NRC was going to hold another auction. It was given the go ahead by the Management Committee. The Gold Coast Pigeon Club will be donating their services. Ian Dowd is going to type up the catalogues, and Don Bruce is going to try and procure some pigeons for the auction from some interstate flyers.

Dave Dwyer spoke about the cost of the unit for the back of the truck. It has ended up costing more than originally planned. It was originally quoted at \$4,872-00, but however it ended up costing \$6,913-30. But, very kindly the company that Dave works for has donated \$2,041-30

off the cost bringing it back to the original quote. Dave suggested that we put a sponsorship logo somewhere on the transporter. It was moved by Ron McKiernan that a thank you letter be written and also a certificate with a photo of the truck and our club logo. Seconded by Micheal Mercieca.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Secretary -

President -