



NORTH ROAD COMBINE INC.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALL CLUBS.

Held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at Zammit Oval, Deception Bay.

Meeting opened at 7.24 pm.

The Chairman welcomed all the delegates to the meeting.

Present; Ian Dowd, John Bowtell, John Smith, Dave Dwyer, Paul Spalding, Dennis Martens, Brendan Abbey, Phil Trevethan, Wayne Buckingham, Micheal Mercieca.

Apologies; Barry Turner, Ron McKiernan.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Moved by Dave Dwyer, seconded by Phil Trevethan.

Business arising from the minutes; Ian Dowd asked if the payment of cartage fees remains the same for 2015, ie 2 payments, or whether it was going to change to 3 payments as suggested by Kevin Sherring. The Secretary replied at this stage it would remain at 2 payments.

It was asked whether the trailer was being repaired. The answer was yes, to be discussed in General Business.

Incoming correspondence; Incorporation certificate for Brisbane City Pigeon Club Inc.

Outgoing correspondence; Indemnity forms either emailed or handed out to each club.

Letter explaining what monies are owing and information on Dash for Cash race, also the changes to the Con Brand Series.

Wayne Buckingham gave an in depth report and introduced the NRC Management Committee and himself to the delegates.

Presidents Report

For those who don't know me, my name is Wayne Buckingham. I am the newly elected President of the North Road Combine.

One of the main reasons for accepting this position was that I would be working with some wonderful people on the Management Committee.

Please let me introduce them to you.

Firstly we have Paul Spalding. Paul brings with him years of experience in the sport of pigeon racing and has a good common sense approach to all matters relating to the sport.

Phil Trevethan. Phil is our newly elected Vice President. I have known Phil for over thirty years he has always impressed me with his level headed ideas relating to the sport and look forward to working with him. He is not a bad pigeon flyer either, being our club champion in 2012

Dave Dwyer. Dave is a tireless worker for the club and combine, raising much needed funds by driving the truck each Sunday to Gympie to toss the club birds. He also put in countless hours in the organising of our new transporter. Dave is our Race Secretary, as well, he somehow manages to do 8 hours a day at work and raise a family. I had better stop there as he may not get his head out the door.

Ron McKiernan. I have known Ron since the early eighties. In those days Ron was the President of the NBPF and I was the treasurer so our rolls have been reversed. You could not ask for a more honest person to be trusted with the position of treasurer, but if he arrives at the club one day in a new BMW I may be a little concerned.

Mike Mercieca .Mike has the most important job in my opinion and that is club Secretary and does a great job. Mike and his lovely wife Denise live and breathe the North Road Combine. They are tireless workers and are the backbone of this organisation.

A little about myself. I first started racing pigeons in 1968. Since then I have raced motor bikes and side cars and thoroughbred race horses so you can see I have a very competitive nature. After 5 years away from the sport I decided to return. I looked to see where I could find the best competition that was available in Brisbane and returned to the North Road Combine. It is because of the quality flyers in the North Road Combine club and the great clubs and champion flyers that have entrusted us with the transportation of their pigeons that make it such a competitive organisation. I would like to thank all the clubs that have chosen to have us transport there pigeons and look forward to their continuing support.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best of success for the coming year .

Success may be measured in many ways, it may be that you achieve a place in the top ten in the Combine for the first time, or win your first club race, or have a bird arrive home from the 600 mile race, however you measure your success enjoy it and have a happy years racing. Thank you.

### General Business;

Ian Dowd reported that he has had communication with the truck driver on several occasions to make sure that they both understand the plan in mind for picking the birds up on Friday nights.

Ian Dowd offered to organise the auction again this year which will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

Ian Dowd asked how the Con Brand Series was going to be run. Secretary read out the appropriate part of the NRC minutes and NRC Committee Meeting minutes. Then Dave Dwyer explained that all clubs collect their own prize money, which stays in their own separate clubs. Only flyers who go into the prize money are eligible for points. The secretaries of all clubs must send their sheets outlining flyers and birds participating and they are to be in the hands of the Race Secretary before the commencement of the race.

Dennis Martens stated that he thought this would make more work for the Secretaries. Dave Dwyer explained that it would be no more work for the secretaries, the only person it made more work for was him.

Brendan Abbey asked if the auction was a fundraiser for the NRC and what was the auction money used for. Dave Dwyer explained that the auction money goes back indirectly to all the flyers by upgrading crates and doing alterations to the trailer and truck.

John Smith gave a comprehensive report on the improvements to the trailer. He has fitted gas struts to open the sides and has made new side doors that open the same as the ones on the truck. He has re riveted the whole trailer as 5 years work has taken its toll. He has fixed the turnbuckles so that they don't come loose anymore. And just a general tidy up of the trailer.

Wayne Buckingham reported on the new ventilation system for the truck, which hopefully will give more oxygen flow through the truck so that the birds are more comfortable while travelling. Also new roo bar is to be fitted to the truck next week. GPS system to be purchased for the truck and new monitors to be purchased for the truck. The monitors are to measure the oxygen, temperature and humidity in the back of the truck. A gauge will be fitted inside the truck so that it can be monitored by the truck driver at all times.

Dennis Martens asked whether a monitor can also be set up in the trailer. To be discussed at the next NRC Club meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.17 pm.