

## NORTH ROAD COMBINE INC. GENERAL MEETING.

Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017, at Zammit Oval Deception Bay commencing at 10.05 am.

Present; (28) Dave Cheetham, Dave Dwyer, David Christensen, Elsie Parish, Allen Hayes, Peter Dykstra, Ian Green, Neal Rose, Joe Reeves, Mick Debono, Graham and Peter Duscha, David Shorter, Shane Smith, Jeff Kissane, Goran Maric, Bob and Vicki Wilkinson, Paul Hawkins, Tony Piromalli, Bev Oberthur, Peter Woodward, Ron McKiernan, Senad Becic, Ian Cree, Bob Holloway, Chris Matthews, Gordon Oswald.

Guest/s; Walter Bore, Rodney Brady

Apologies; Nil received

Members were advised;

(a) that the meeting will be recorded given the vacancy in the Secretary's position, volume of items to be worked through, for efficiency, ease and accuracy of reference.

(b) in the secretaries absence please provide any correspondence to the chair (a proxy from Wendy Reeves was received, displayed and was made available for scrutiny on the table).

The meeting was then declared open and attendance was acknowledged during what has been turbulent times in our sport and each and every everyone was welcomed, with eager anticipation of 'just flying' our pigeons.

### Chairs' Address:

Firstly; the chair on behalf of the North Road Combine apologised for;

- a) The lack of courtesy or respect shown within the club. The chairs advised that he was unable to bring his kids (5, 6 & 8 yrs. olds) into the club due to the language and inappropriate behaviours' as he did not want for them to think that what had gone on was in any way o.k. or normal. He also expressed embarrassment that new members to the club witnessed recent events & that a number of members had recently left.
- b) Secondly the chair apologised for the disrespect of members wishes not being fulfilled (in simple terms the members have voted to fly & the NRC should facilitate this in whatever form possible)

- c) And finally for the cancellation of the Club toss where not all members were informed.

The chair went onto say that 'for as long as he was in a position of influence he would do everything possible to ensure that this will not happen again and that the club and any decisions within the club are based on respect and the wishes of the members'.

It was suggest our theme for this year be 'let's just have fun and fly pigeons in a respectful environment'

An appreciation was given of what the club may look like this flying season and beyond (this will be tailored depending upon members wishes)

- Each member will likely be allocated two baskets & associated drinkers and waterers; these will be named and not to be used by any other flyer (to keep your pigeons separate from everyone else's)
- There is an option for two races per weekend (this could be in the form of cocks and hens or mixed races); either both at the same location (either ½ or an hr apart (left hand side of the truck and right hand side of the truck)) or alternatively the first release can be from a further release point (e.g., Chinchilla) and the transporter can be brought back to the shorter release point (e.g. Dalby) and after a suitable timeframe the birds released from this second point – this is because it is likely we will be flying a shortened program.
- It is suggested that each flyer handle their own birds on basketing night with scrutineers to ensure race integrity as appropriate (at scanning through the club system, placement into the allocated basket and when the empty flyers basket is removed from the club house)
- The paper on the bottom of the race crates will be inspected on the transporters return – and the consistency of the droppings relayed to the flyer if deemed appropriate.
- This same policy will most likely also apply to club tosses i.e. only the two named baskets will be available for your use.
- Once a better appreciation of numbers is received a likely race schedule will be formulated.
- NDHA and Gateway will relay their intentions after this meeting.
- It was asked if there were any questions reference the health and welfare protocols suggested – no questions were received.

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Business arising: Nil

Adoption of the minutes of the General Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 as tabled were received on a motion Moved Graham Duscha Seconded by Shane Smith.

Carried.

After the minutes were accepted an alternate copy of the Minutes were tabled with the statement that they have been signed by the previous Secretary and President.

[These two versions of the minutes were referred to the committee for direction. From Committee Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017; the minutes accepted and carried are considered a true record of events and the second version is to be retained and available on request. 6 For / 0 Against. Carried]

### Inward correspondence:

- a) Letters of Resignation from Wayne Buckingham dated 9<sup>th</sup> May
- b) Letter of Resignation from Mike Mercieca dated 19<sup>th</sup> May

Genuine acknowledgement of work done over the previous year/s was given by a round of applause.

- c) Excerpt from Colin Walker's latest update dated 24<sup>th</sup> May indicating a softening of his language to the ROTA virus (it was stressed that this is not necessarily the position of the NRC nor the chair and is for information only)
- d) Nominations for a number of Management Committee positions
- e) Letter from Gordon Bashford (unopened)
- f) Internet banking statement (tabled later)
- g) Letter from Ron McKiernan (tabled later)
- h) Proxy (previously mentioned) from Wendy Reeves
- i) Motion of 'No confidence in the Committee'

### Membership Registrar:

Members were called forward one by one to confirm details and status.

- a) Name, address and contact details
- b) Membership classification
- c) Whether the member was fully paid up 'as of yesterday'
- d) Members declaration (via initialling)
- e) the Treasurer was asked to confirm status (which was declined)

Members were reminded that they are not entitled to vote at a general meeting if they are not an Ordinary Member or if the member's annual subscription is in arrears the day before the meeting.

Members were asked to come forward if they wished to amend any details previously recorded on the Membership Register.

Nil.

The Motion was read for a 'Vote of no confidence in the committee'

Model Rule (20) was read; Resignation, removal or vacation of office of management committee member

- I. A member may be removed from office at a general meeting of the association if a majority of the members present and eligible to vote at the meeting vote in favour of removing the member.
- II. Before a vote of members is taken about removing the member from office, the member must be given a full and fair opportunity to show cause why he or she should not be removed from office.
- III. A member has no right of appeal against the members' removal from office under this rule.

Ron McKiernan read a statement. (Letter tabled previously – resigning as Treasurer)

The process for the secret ballot was explained; members were once again reminded that they are not entitled to vote at a general meeting if they are not an Ordinary Member or if the member's annual subscription is in arrears the day before the meeting.

The 'for' the motion (yes) or 'against' the motion (no) was further explained. Members were called forward based on eligibility and the recently updated Membership Registry.

On completion of the roll call; members were asked if anyone believed that they were entitled to vote but had not yet voted.

Nil.

Ian Cree was asked to come forward to scrutinise the votes.  
The votes were counted; 14 For / 4 Against and 2 Abstained. Carried.  
The Committee was stood down.

Ian Cree a Life Member was asked to take the chair to elect a new President.

Nominations were called for President;  
Nomination received for Shane Smith Moved Joe Reeves  
Seconded Bob Holloway  
Nomination received for David Christensen (declined)  
No further nominations were received  
Against 3 (1 of these was ineligible to vote). Carried

Nominations were called for Vice President;  
Nomination received for Ian Green (declined)  
Nomination received for Joe Reeves Moved Elsie Parish  
A request for further nominations was called for by Joe Reeves

A request for; what does the job entail was made.  
Duties of the Vice President were read out for clarification purposes.

Nomination received for Bev Oberthur (declined)  
Nomination received for Paul Hawkins (declined)  
The earlier Nomination for Joe Reeves was Seconded Shane Smith  
Against 3 (1 of these was ineligible to vote). Carried

Nominations were called for Secretary;  
Nomination received for David Christensen Moved Wendy Reeves  
Seconded Shane Smith  
No further nominations were received  
Against 3 (1 of these was ineligible to vote). Carried

Nominations were called for Race Secretary;  
Nomination received for Joe Reeves Moved Wilkinson Seconded Shane Smith  
No further nominations were received  
Against 3 (1 of these was ineligible to vote). Carried

Nominations were called for Health Secretary;  
Duties of the Health Officer were explained.  
Nomination received for Goran Maric Moved David Christensen  
Seconded Peter Woodward  
No further nominations were received  
Goran stated he wished the duties to be shared with a more senior member of the club. Shane Smith advised he was more than willing to help.  
Against 0. Carried

Nominations were called for Treasurer;  
Nomination received for Ron McKiernan (declined)  
The Chair expressed confidence in Ron McKiernan. Ron went onto explain that the notice of no confidence was against the Committee; I am on that committee so therefore I accept the same hurt as everyone else.  
Nomination received for David Christensen Moved Wilkinson  
Further nominations were called for – an appeal was made to share the workload.  
Nomination received for Chris Matthews (declined)  
Nomination received for Graham Duscha (declined)  
The earlier nomination for David Christensen Seconded Shane Smith  
Against 2. Carried.

Nominations were called for Truck Committee;  
Nomination received for Paul Hawkins Moved Shane Smith  
Seconded Peter Woodward  
Against 0. Carried.

Nominations were called for Management Committee;

(5) The management committee must ensure that, before a candidate is elected as a member of the management committee, the candidate is advised—

- (a) whether or not the association has public liability insurance; and
- (b) if the association has public liability insurance—the amount of the insurance.

When this question was referred to the previous committee the response was that the NRC had public liability insurance but the amount was not known. An action item has been taken by the committee to inform members at the next General Meeting.

[From Committee Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017; Public Liability Insurance is for \$1M.]

Motions were read for a number of Committee positions;  
Nomination read for Peter Dykstra Moved David Christensen  
Seconded Joe Reeves  
Against 2. Carried

Nomination read for Vicki Wilkinson Moved David Christensen  
Seconded Joe Reeves

Question was raised if Vicki votes as part of the Management Committee and it is brought to the membership can Bob vote? An action item was taken for the next Management Committee meeting for clarification.

[From Committee Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017; only one member of a partnership can vote on any issue.]

Against 0. Carried

Nomination received for Ian Green Moved Mick Debono  
Seconded Shane Smith  
Against 0. Carried

Nomination read for Joe Reeves. Discussion was had that this is no longer applicable as Joe Reeves holds the position of Vice President.

[Refer Committee Meeting Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 and General Meeting Minutes 3<sup>rd</sup> June for further.]

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.

President.....