

North Road Combine Inc. General Meeting.

Held on Monday 23rd September, at Zammit Oval, Deception Bay.

Meeting opened at 7.00 pm.



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Present; P Spalding, R&V Wilkinson, P Dykstra, R McKiernan, R Warry, D Cheetham, E Parish, W Bore, I Cree, P Trevethan, W Buckingham, D Dwyer, W Brown, D Hazelwood, G Oswald, J Reeves, M Mercieca, K Becic

Apologies; P Almond, J Kissane, P Kissane, M Debono, I McKenzie.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted . Moved by W Buckingham, seconded by R Wilkinson.

Outward Correspondence; NIL

Inward Correspondence; Letters from Maryborough Pigeon Club, Michael Collins, Phoenix Pigeon Club, Philip Almond.

Michael Collins letter of resignation was accepted. The Club gave permission for the secretary to write a letter of clearance to Michael.

Treasurer's Report; The Club has a bank balance of \$33,233-19. Breeders Plate money has to be withdrawn leaving a total of approx \$21,000. Ron also reported that he has paid the \$10,000 loan back. Moved by Ron McKiernan that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Wayne Buckingham.

New member application was received from Peter Woodward as a social member. Was tabled to be dealt with at the next meeting.

Membership applications for John Smith and Brandon Smith were voted on. A secret ballot was called, moved by Ron McKiernan, seconded by Dave Dwyer, accepted by the meeting. A ballot took place and their application was unsuccessful. Many of the members wanted it known to the applicants, that they are still very welcome to continue basketing at our Club, and also clock reading whether it be at the Club or at Deception Bay Bowls Club. Wishing them both all the success in the future.

General Business;

In regards from the letter from Ian Goodall on behalf of the Maryborough Pigeon Club requesting NRC to transport and liberate their Mackay and Bowen races, (8 to 10 crates). Ian Cree moved that we transport their pigeons to those two races, seconded by Joe Reeves. CARRIED.

Phil Trevethan, Phil Almond and Jeff Kissane were elected as the Committee for the Breeders Plate. Moved by Joe Reeves, seconded by David Dwyer. Accepted unanimously.

The Breeders Plate flier for 2014 was handed to all at the meeting for discussion. It was accepted in its entirety. The Breeders Plate Committee are to be commended for doing such a great job with the presentation of the flier. Wishing them all the success with their race. Hope all members will support them.

Had a discussion about the Race Schedule for next year.

It was moved by Danny Warry, seconded by Joe Reeves that with a few minor changes we adopt the 2013 Schedule. ALL IN FAVOUR.

The starting date for the 2014 race season will be Saturday 17th May. Moved by Danny Warry, seconded by Wayne Buckingham.

Gladstone will go back to Thursday night basketing for safety reasons and also for the benefit of the birds. Moved by Dave Dwyer, seconded by Joe Reeves.

Cartage fees were discussed.

It was advised by the Treasurer that the fees should remain at \$500, the same as 2013.

Everyone was in agreement.

Dates for payments of Cartage Fees were discussed.

First payment of \$250 will be due 1st December 2013.

Second payment of \$250 will be due on Sunday 30th March 2014.

Moved by Gordon Oswald, seconded by Paul Spalding.

A discussion took place about having prize money next year. Alternative suggestions were put forward. A vote followed to ascertain who was interested. Moved by Ron McKiernan, seconded by Paul Spalding. 16 voted for it, 1 was against.

Joe Reeves spoke on crate size and amount of birds that can be put in crates.

According to the RSPCA, for Friday night basketing, 30 birds per basket.

Thursday night basketing, 25 birds per basket.

Tuesday night basketing, 15 birds per basket.

If this is not adhered to, and the RSPCA should do a random check, the Clubs that do not abide by their guidelines can be fined.

Dave Hazelwood moved that we advertise for tenders for a driver for the truck for 2014.

Seconded by Joe Reeves. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Dave Dwyer moved that in the future there be 2 people on the truck to every race point.

Seconded by Micheal Mercieca. ALL IN FAVOUR.

The Secretary informed the meeting that a tentative booking has been made for the 14th December at the Deception Bay Bowls Club for the Club Presentation Night. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Michael Hooker has a 24 volt -12 volt converter, which he has offered our Club to purchase off him. It was decided to leave it for the time being until we obtain a quote for a Navman.

Peter Dykstra spoke about the rules of the Jackpot.

After some discussion it was decided to leave it to the discretion of the Race Secretary.

A big vote of thanks to Dave Dwyer for all his efforts with the truck and organising Sunday tossing, as this has helped the Club immensely with finances.

Also a big thanks to Dave Cheetham for his efforts in driving the truck to racepoints.

After some discussion about having a Dash for Cash it was moved by Dave Hazelwood that the Dash for Cash be raced from Gin Gin on the rest week.

It will be open to everybody on the truck including QPF members.

It will be a 10 bird limit, at \$5 per bird. Seconded by Peter Dykstra. Carried unanimously.

Meeting closed 9.00 pm.

Micheal Mercieca – Secretary

David Cheetham - President