

SHOALHAVEN PIGEON FEDERARION INC

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 2015

Meeting opened. 7.30pm.

Members present. I Price A Greenberg M Barton G Mathews J Thurbon R Cocking N Achurch
C Price S Price G Sullivan

Visitors. Rebecca cocking T Watson. J Harford.

Absent. P Barret S Baillie

Apologies. None.

Previous minutes.

Read out by the acting Secretary Nil arising from the Minutes.

Moved J Thurbon Seconded M Barton the Minutes be accepted.

Financial Report.

IMB Investment Account steady at \$2700.00.

Cheque Account balance \$14,187.25 as per statement.

Accounts paid.

Rob Gilles Auto Electrical to freight supply and fit a new Alternator to the truck \$618.00.

Moved R Cocking. Seconded J Thurbon. Financial report be accepted.

Correspondence.

An application from Jason Harford to fly only the last 3 races on our truck and then be eligible to fly on the SCF truck at a reduced rate was rejected by the committee. Jason was informed he would have to pay the same fee as all the other flyers to compete in the 3 races on our truck to be eligible for the rest of the season. This was understandably not accepted by Jason he decided to return to racing next year.

Protest Lodged by the SIRPC. Dated 6/7/2015. Received by the acting Secretary 6/7/2015.

Committee. **THIS IS AN EXACT COPY OF THE HAND WRITTEN LETTER RECEIVED.**

I have been instructed by the members of the SIRPC to lodge a protest over the 3rd Bermagui results.

Members have concerns about procedures used and other issues.

Our Fed member will be able to articulate our concerns when you wish to meet to discuss this.

Yours

The letter is signed Tom Watson.

The acting secretary asked Mr Watson what his members concerns were as nothing specific is stated in the letter received.

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Mr Thurbon the representative for the SIRPC explained that his members believe it to be impossible for the first six positions in the Federation to be in the one club. He added further that they believed birds from the Central Club had been released before all the others.

Mr Watson stated he knew birds were released before he lodged the protest he was asked by the acting secretary how he knew, when he knew and why he had not informed the Race Secretary of this information until basketing the following Friday night, his answer was he wanted to question the truck driver before the acting Secretary so he could get the truth.

The acting Secretary told the meeting he had received 2 text messages from the SIRPC race secretary Mr Beattie on 6/7/2015 the same date the protest was dated stating clearly the reasons they believed their protest was valid there was nothing mentioned about birds escaping before the main mob. Copies of text messages supplied.

Mr Watson phoned the acting Secretary Friday 10/7/2015 to inform him of the incident relating to birds escaping the secretary said to Mr Watson he was not aware of this and would talk to the driver as soon as he arrived.

As soon as the driver arrived at the showground the acting Secretary asked the driver to explain in his words what had happened. The driver stated that the side with the Central, Moruya and some Nowra & district birds was readied for liberation first, he said he was just about to let birds on the other side go when he heard a noise on the other side of the truck, he walked around to that side and noticed the front on 1 basket of birds had opened and some birds were out so he immediately released all the birds. He assured us that he observed all birds joining together then leaving in one mob as reported. The acting Secretary then asked the Secretary of the Central Club, the President, Vice President of the Federation to witness the driver showing us the exact basket that had opened the driver pointed to one of the baskets in the reserved slots for the Moruya Club to put their baskets we asked him if he was sure he replied that was the basket that one there pointing again to the same basket. It was a basket in the Moruya slots. All officials present agreed it was a Moruya basket and would make no difference to the results of the race.

After a discussion between all present at the MCM and going nowhere the acting Secretary said he would send out the information to all our members to vote on and have the web site changed to results unofficial the President said that it could be voted on now. The acting Secretary told the President that voting on this now was in direct violation of our newly formed Constitution and needed to go back to the members to be to be voted on. Disregarding the acting Secretary the President said we could never be sure which basket it was, and to disregard the drivers report and a vote was called for. Those who voted in favour of the protest and to scrap the race were 2 delegates 1 MC member and 2 noncurrent Financial Flying members all other members present abstained from taking part in this unconstitutional vote to uphold the protest and scrap the race.

The representatives of the Ulladulla Pigeon Club were asked if they had anything new to add regarding the request issued to them by the Management Committee prior to the last Management Committee meeting. They replied that they had spoken with their members and the response tabled at the last Management Committee meeting they would be standing by.

Mr Sullivan asked the President what was going to happen to his appeal under Rule 10.8 of the Constitution the President said he did not know the Rule and he believed it was a personal issue between him and the Ulladulla club and no further discussion was needed. The acting Secretary tried to advise the President the appeal should be heard as the Federation was dragged into it at the last MCM, its personal was the reply and nothing to do with us.

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The Ulladulla Club's reps informed the meeting that their baskets had also been moved and were in different positions to when loaded. The President explained to the Ulladulla reps that he had authorised and supervised this as some of the older baskets would not fit in the slots remaining so they were rearranged so all baskets could be loaded.

Members asked about life rings for 2016 they were informed they were available through the ring Secretary Steve Baillie at a reduced cost this year of \$25.00 x 100 rings and this year's flying members had first refusal of the rings available.

The acting Secretary informed the members that at least 8 to 10 baskets loaded on the truck last week had only 12 to 15 birds in them and this practise directly limits the slots available for use on the truck. All MCM members were asked to ensure the correct number of birds were in their baskets (22). This should eliminate the shortage of slots available for the baskets on the truck. The acting Secretary stated he would be checking the baskets this week for correct numbers himself. The delegate for the SIRPC said what are you going to do if the wrong amount of birds are in the baskets. The acting secretary said he may have to remove the baskets then Mr Achurch threatened and verbally abused the acting Secretary you won't want to touch my baskets you f---k---g c---t or you will have me to answer to. This was clearly heard by the members present. Mr Mathews asked the President if he was going to allow Mr Achurch to talk to the Secretary that way the President gave no response.

Mr Watson asked what the shortfall with slots was the acting secretary said we were only 2 or 3 slots short each week he nodded in the affirmative.

Meeting closed 8.55pm

COPIES OF TEXT MESSAGES FROM MR BEATTIE TO THE ACTING SECRETARY 6/7/2015.

Text 1 received from R Beattie Race Secretary of the SIRPC on Monday 6/7/2015 at 8.13am.

Hi Allan this is not trouble making but member of our club believe the results from this week end are untrue there something wrong and it needs investigating therefore on Friday night we will lodging are protest against the results. All my friends are asking how that can happen and so are Paul flying mates so this is just to let you know what we as a club are doing we the results are wrong thanks Allan.

Text 2 received from R Beattie Race Secretary of the SIRPC on Monday 6/7/2015 9.24am.

All manual clocks used in that club should be impounded and the time of those clock should be checked by 1194 which all chromes should be set.