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GENERAL MEETING: 4th September 2018.

MEETING OPENED: 8.10 pm.

PRESENT: Vince Pedavoli, President, John Jeffery, Secretary, Allen Wonson Minute Secretary and delegates as per attendance register.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

MINUTES: The minutes of the General Meeting of the 7th August 2018 as issued to the Clubs were received on a motion moved Wentworthville seconded by Riverstone. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Typing error (one team per postal address, including existing members) should have read – one team per postal address, excluding existing members.

Adoption of the minutes moved Parramatta seconded by St Marys. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

As per Agenda:

1. Nomination from Alex Caruana (BLK) – 2019 Federation President.
2. Nominations – Liberation Committee from – Ray Thompson (LIV), Austin Zammit (BP), Paul Vassallo (MPS).
3. Nominations – Federation Committee from – Austin Zammit (BP), Gary Young (HD), Paul Vassallo (MPS), Greg McLaughlin (MTD),
4. Vote of no confidence in the liberation committee – Moved Maroubra seconded by Sutherland.
5. Customs clearance authority – Spare basket parts.
6. Various temperature reports – New trailer.
7. Various suggestions for the 2019 schedule.
8. Resignation letter from John Oh.

Received on night of Meeting:

1. Payments from various Clubs.
2. Nomination – Assistant/Minute Secretary – Allen Wonson.
3. Nomination – Liberation Committee – Catherine McLaughlin (MTD), Anthony Sultana (MPS).
4. Nomination – Federation Committee – John Lawson (PUN), Ryan McLaughlin (SMPS).
5. Letter from Grahame Cook withdrawing his nomination for Liberation Committee.
6. Email from Vince Pedavoli re: Remainder of season.
7. Email from Nick Kaparos re: Change of race schedule.
8. Email from Grahame Aston re: Shepparton Liberation.
9. Email from John Saliba re: Lack of commitment and care of the birds by the Committee.
10. Email from Alex Caruana re: Reviewing and 2 recommendations for the Liberation Protocol.
11. Letter from Austin Zammit appealing the Management Committee ruling on the two Bossley Park flyers in the 1st Rutherglen.
12. Email from Frank Comitogianni re: suggestion for the remainder of the season.
13. Letter from Hills District advising that the two Bossley Park flyers involved in the 1st Rutherglen race are excluded from entering their 2019 Sydney Gold Ring Race.
14. Notice of Motion from Maroubra and seconded Sutherland to include the following under part 3 of the Liberation Protocol. "The Liberation Committee shall consist of three (3) elected members. Each elected member shall have a maximum of two (2) year service on the Liberation Committee. Subsequent to retirement from the Liberation Committee a past Liberation Committee cannot apply for re-election to the Liberation Committee until the end of the current season."
15. Notice of Motion from Blacktown and seconded by Dural to fly the upcoming 2019 season on the Old West Route.

Correspondence received moved Bossley Park seconded by Ku Ring Gai. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Several delegates spoke and expressed their concerns in regard to the heavy losses and the number of birds lost and on what may be the main course for this, the direction of the route, snow on the mountains etc. On the suggestions put forward in the correspondence from several members it was the feeling of some delegates that they were not in favour of having shorter race from Holbrook as many members train and feed and prepare their birds in accordance to current schedule. Another suggestion of having a week off and altering the two long races to the long weekend did not have any appeal with the delegates. A vote was then taken it was decided 15 votes to 7 votes to finish the current schedule as is.

2. There were concerns from some delegates that the President has a say in what actions the Liberation Committee take when deciding to move a basketing date or liberating the birds. The President stated that Liberation Committee are independent and if their decision is unanimous he does not get involved, the only time the President gets involved is when there is a division of opinion, he then has a casting vote.

3. The Secretary advised the delegates that John Oh our liberator for the past ten years resigned as of Thursday 30th August 2018. Paul Zammit was contacted, and he did the liberation on Saturday 1st September but is unavailable for the coming weeks. We need a liberator.

Adoption of the Correspondence moved Campbelltown City seconded by Rooty Hill. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Minutes General Meeting 7th August to the Clubs.
2. Results – Rutherglen & Shepparton Two Birders and Young Bird Derby to the Clubs.
3. Letter to the Clubs re 2019 race schedule and new distance for Shepparton.
4. Letter to the Clubs – Schedule survey.
5. Committee Meeting minutes 14th August 2018.

ACCOUNTS: -

- Accounts totalling $18641.14 as per agenda were presented for endorsement of payment. (Period: 6.08.2018 – 3.09.2018)

Motion moved Campbelltown City seconded by Ku Ring Gai that the accounts as per agenda be received for endorsement of payment. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Motion moved Rooty Hill seconded by Wentworthville that the payment of the accounts as per agenda be endorsed. Carried.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE METTINGS:

The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on the 7th August 2018 as issued were received moved Phil Murphy (CTN) seconded by Alex Caruana (BLK). Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Adoption of the minutes moved Campbelltown City seconded by Blacktown. Carried.

The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on the 14th August 2018 as issued were received moved Alex Caruana (BLK) seconded by Sam Sultana (WV). Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Bossley Park delegate spoke on the matter relating to the two Bossley Park flyers and was not happy the Management Committee ruling on this matter. It was pointed out that if the delegates were not in favour of the Management Committee ruling they have the right not to adopt the Management Committee minutes and in doing so this then would require an election of nine members from the delegates present to form a new independent committee to hear the case and their ruling would be binding. After further discussion on the matter it moved by Campbelltown City seconded by Merrylands that the Management Committee minutes of the 14th August 2018 be adopted with the exclusion of paragraph 1a & 1b. Carried.

The President then called for nine delegates to volunteer to form a new committee to hear the case. Not one delegate volunteered to go on this committee that means the verdict on this matter is in limbo.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

a. Blacktown delegate informed the delegates of their 2019 ring race - $20.00 per ring – contact Steve Craig or Alex Caruana.

b. Liverpool delegate informed the delegates of their 500-classic race - $30.00 per ring – maximum 50 rings.

c. Smithfield Club will be holding their annual Squeaker Sale and Blind Auctions on 27th October 2019.

No further business. Meeting Closed 9.10pm
Next General Meeting – 2nd October 2018.
Allen Wonson.
Minute Secretary.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 4th September 2018.

The meeting opened 9.25pm.

Present: Vince Pedavoli, President, John Jeffery Secretary, Allen Wonson Minute Secretary, Phil Murphy, Paul Vassallo, Ryan McLachlan, Kevin Gambell, Anthony Aguis, Gary Young, Sam Sultana. Milad Bou-Said, Alex Caruana.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The notice of motion from Blacktown Club to revert back to the old west route was rejected, the reason for the rejection was the Federation members have voted for five year routes which would be South route – points down the coast line, South West route – points near as possible to a line Sydney to Hamilton, West route – points as near as possible to a line Sydney to Renmark, the normal North West route and the normal North Coast route.

2. The Secretary gave each member a copy of an NSW map with a line Sydney to Renmark marked on it and will copy and email all the suggested proposed schedules to them to pick out suitable race points for the 2019 west route. A Management Committee meeting will be held on 18th September to compile a 2019 schedule from their suggestions.

3. Further discussion was on completing this season, it may be necessary to organise basketing centres for the 500 and 600-mile races to utilise the small trailer for these two races. The small trailer will be used for the All Aged Derby and the possibility of reducing the number of basketing centres that was used for the Young Bird Derby. Secretary will advise the Clubs of any alterations that may be needed.

4. With the resignation of our liberator John Oh we need a person to fill this position as soon as possible. Paul Vassallo is contacting someone he feels may be available, Paul will give the Secretary a reply once he has made contact.

No further business.
Meeting Closed 10.00 pm.
Next Meeting 2nd October 2018
Allen Wonson. Minute Secretary.