

The Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A. (Inc)
Board of Control Meeting

DATE: 7th July 2021
Meeting opened at 7.40 pm

Present: B.Brennan (President)
K.Wilson (Vice President)
J.Wintle (Treasurer)
C.Warner (Acting Secretary)

Board Members:

F.Scerri, B Hayes

Apologies: B Scott, J Olszowy and G Tarrant

Minutes of the June Meeting

Minutes read

Business Arising

Document tabled by John Wintle at May and June meeting of the Board relative to a verbal tabled by Kevin McDowall at December 2020 meeting of the Board. The document implied amongst other things that George Azar amended the Basketing Rules on the PRF Website between the 25th and the 27th November 2020. A thorough examination of the website by Jeff Schofield fail to find any evidence to support the proposition that anyone amended the Race Rules between those dates. Further, the President has a hard copy of the Constitution and Rules that were in existence before the said dates. The basketing Rules contained in the hard copy and that appear on the PRF Website are identical. On the basis of the evidence before the Board we are left with no alternative but to exonerate George Azar of suspicion of having amended the Basketing Rules between the said dates. In relation to when the rule was amended, we are led to believe there was a complete reprint of the Constitution and Rules in about 2009 which may have given rise to the error. This has not been confirmed, but according to John Wintle the change to the Basketing Rules may have occurred by the way of an omission which was not picked up when the reprint was proofread. That explanation remains to be established as a fact. **Moved:** K Wilson that the Board accept the outcome of the investigation.

Seconded: J Wintle

Carried

Moved: K Wilson that the minutes of the June Meeting be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Seconded: J Wintle

Carried.

Financial Report: Presented by J. Wintle

Copies of the report attachment (A)

Moved: F Scerri that Financial Report be accepted. **:Seconded:** B

Hayes

Carried

Correspondence In: Liam Burke

Email received from Liam Burke. Included as attachment (B)

At this point Kevin Wilson made known his intention to resign all positions on and off the Board. Kevin was thanked for his years of committed service to the Board of the PRF including all the 1% percenters that the membership don't see or hear about.

Moved: F Scerrie that correspondence in be accepted

Seconded: B Brennan

Carried.

Correspondence Out:

Nil

Crates

All damaged crates are to be labelled and delivered to Amalgamated Club for repairs. Please do not accumulate damaged crates at your clubrooms.

Crates

Additional labels have been made available to those clubs that require them and have been distributed to clubs.

Forty additional crate "R" pins have been purchased to make up for shortfall and for Driver to use when he identifies a crate on the truck with no "R" pin inserted in the release mechanism. Failure by a club to ensure an "R" pin is properly fitted to the release bar on a crate has the potential to cause a NO RACE.

Investment Account

The authority to operate Investment Account number 06619250130456 with the CBA has been amended to include as signatories, President Brian Brennan, Vice President Kevin Wilson and Treasurer John Wintle, with any two to sign.

Water Troughs:

We are short several water troughs. C Warner to inquire as to who can assist with making new water troughs for the crates or identify a suitable manufacturer. Does anyone have any suggestions.

Truck Driver

Statistical return on kilometres travelled and other information supplied to Driver for completion by him and returned to John Wintle each week.

Truck

There is a slight oil leak emanating from the top of the motor of the Federation truck. The driver is monitoring the leak at this stage, some further investigation will be required. The truck motor is running warmer than normal however the driver reported that it is not cause for concern at this time.

Thank you G Hemerick for driving the truck to the ORH workshops to have front wheel hubs inspected. There were some concerns that the wheel hubs were running hot.

Electronic extractor fan system – fans far too noisy for bird's comfort. Russ Gracie Auto Electrics have adjusted the speed of fans after some considerable adjustment to wiring. Fans continue to operate automatically and can be run at two speeds, high and low. Running at slower speed has enhanced the bird's comfort.

Toss Program

Sound Club have requested shorter truck tosses for the next couple of weeks because it appears that flyers have not got sufficient work into their young birds for them to take the next step. Weather permitting the Federation will conduct an additional Lancelin/Moore River toss.

Flying Member Accompanying Truck Driver to Liberation Point

A motion exists on the books of the Federation to the effect that a current flying member cannot accompany the Federation Truck driver to a liberation point on any race day.

Moved: J WINTLE that the motion be rescinded.

Seconded: B Brennan

Carried

Health and Safety Policy

There are some clubs that have not complied with the request to sign and return the policy document to J Wintle. Please do so by returning a signed copy to J. Wintle.

Venue Fed Clock Outs:

Due to the arrival in WA of the highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 it has been suggested that all Federation Race clock outs be conducted at club's respective club rooms.

Moved: B Brennan that All Federation Race clock outs for season 2021 be conducted in clubrooms of respective clubs until at least 70% of the

population are vaccinated.

Seconded: F Scerri

Carried

Sick Young Birds

Sound Club have raised the matter of Rotavirus or similar and the existence of it in some lofts. Members are encouraged take all reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of this virus/bacteria through our young bird teams. If a young bird exhibits any sign of illness, we all expect that you will not race or toss that pigeon until it has made a full recovery.

Electronic Timing Systems.

All sensor pads must be sealed inside loft trapping area and member's names and seal numbers forwarded to the Federation Clock Foreman, Neil Mouritz.

Complaints - Pigeon Loft

This year we have received an extraordinary number of complaints from neighbors that flyers are not complying with local by-laws relative to the keeping of racing pigeons. If a member is compliant with local by-laws he/she should survive the complaints process, if not it is very difficult to assist them.

Meeting closed 8.50pm

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 4 August 2021