



The Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A. (Inc)

Board of Control Meeting

DATE: 1 September 2021

Meeting opened at 7.32 pm

Present: B Brennan (President)

Board Members: J Wintle, F Scerri, B Scott, J Olszowy,

Apologies: C Warner and G Tarrant

Visitor: Nil

Minutes of the July Meeting

Minutes of the 4 August meeting read to Board members.

Business Arising from Minutes

Re Request received from coordinators of the Piawaning Expo for the liberation of 100 pigeons at the Piawaning Expo 100th Anniversary Celebrations. Unfortunately, this date falls on a race day, Overlander 4 September, and amongst other things we could not muster the pigeons or sufficient interest for members to make pigeons available or to convey them to Piawaning. Malcolm Palmer of Piawaning notified.

Moved: B Scott. That the minutes of the 4 August meeting are a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Seconded: F Scerri: Carried

Financial Report: Presented by J Wintle

Copies of the Financial Report were distributed to members for consideration and comment.

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

Carried.

Correspondence In:

Email received from H Heath President, Sound RPC, raising an objection, by his members, to "Country Members" pigeons being released prior to PRF pigeons as happened on the day of Federation YBD.

Moved J Olszowy: That relative to the PRF Club YBD on 11 September, PRF pigeons will be liberated 30 minutes prior to liberating the country pigeons. **Seconded:** J Wintle

Carried.

SMS Received from West Coast Pigeon Racing Federation

An SMS was received by our Federation President, from Dom Breen proposing PRF assistance to transport WCPRF to Nerren Nerren, Minilya and Barradale over the coming weeks and sharing the costs associated with such an arrangement. Unfortunately, under the provisions of the PRF Constitution, unless a person is a financial flying member of the PRF he/she is not permitted to put pigeons on the PRF transporter.

Moved: J Olszowy that the Board decline WCPRF'S proposal on the grounds that is against the provisions of the PRF Constitution to allow non members pigeons to be transported on the PRF truck.

Seconded: F Scerri

Carried

Correspondence Out:

The President forwarded an email to Wattle Grove Veterinary Hospital requesting the assistance of Dr Tim Oldfield to identify the debilitating illness affecting pigeons in the lofts of a number of members.

Dr Oldfield was receptive to our request for assistance and suggested a way forward with a view to identifying the illness.

Action Taken: A member made a very sick pigeon available to Dr Oldfield for comprehensive examination and report. We look forward to the result of that examination and report within the next 14 days. The cost of such veterinary intervention will be approximately \$300.00.

Moved: B Brennan that the PRF meet the veterinary cost associated with that examination and report.

Seconded: F Scerri

Carried

Message to Steve Gazolla, coordinator of Meadow OLR, thanking him for his sponsorship of the PRF YBD and advising him that the YBD has

been run and won. The winner will contact him when acceptances open in November 2021.

Moved: F Scerri that all correspondence be accepted

Seconded: J Olszowy

carried

General Business

Net Banking

We have attempted to set up a Net Banking system for the Federation so that, when necessary, the Treasurer can transfer funds directly to an employee or service provider, for example wages to our truck driver. Several attempts by the CBA to set up the system failed for procedural reasons. For the sake of convenience, the Treasurer is now seeking to have a Net Bank account dedicated to Net Bank transfers. For example, the account would have a maximum balance of \$10,000 and would allow the Treasurer to transfer the truck drivers wages directly into his account instead of the driver having to wait several days for his wages to be cleared or the Treasurer having to pay the drivers wages out of his personal Net Bank account then recouping the funds from the PRF. This process is clumsy and leaves a lot to be desired. There are sufficient checks and balances in place to ensure the proposed system can work, for example both the Treasurer and President have access to all Federation accounts by way of Net Bank and can both monitor each and every transaction.

Moved: F Scerri That the Board approve the PRF Treasurer, J Wintle and the President, B Brennan, be authorised to set up such an account with the CBA.

Seconded: B Scott

Carried

Carnarvon 100 Federation Race

All winners and placegetters that competed in the Carnarvon Fed 100 have had ring numbers and bird descriptions checked. All birds were tossed to ensure that they in fact homed to their respective lofts. Thanks to R Annice, N Mouritz, J Raheb, L Turley, G Wilson, T Tobey and M Jupp.

Sprint 2 -Season 2022

Michael Clarke has put forward a proposal that the Sprint 2 Series in season 2022 be a YOUNG BIRD ONLY event and seek out sponsors and fly for prize money. Michael CLARKE and MATT Creemers, have generously offered to contribute \$1000.00 each towards prize money, with the possibly of building an attractive kitty should the Board accept their proposal. An added advantage of such a series could be to assist to educate and train our young birds to better prepare them for racing.

Moved: F Scerri. That this matter be put to members at the 2022 AGM.

Seconded: J Olszowy

Carried.

Shire of Carnarvon

The Shire of Carnarvon have verbally put the PRF on notice that under their Health By-laws, as amended 25 June 2021, pigeons are not to be liberated anywhere within the Shire of Carnarvon. We anticipate that this advice will be followed up in writing by the Shire. The Shire of Carnarvon extends north to Coral Bay, south to below Wooramel Station and east to Minilya. In view of the current circumstances, as they exist, the PRF will not be conducting a race from Minilya on 25 September, however we can proceed with the Barradale Federation race as it lies outside the Shire of Carnarvon. When we receive correspondence from the Shire of Carnarvon your Board, ably assisted by Leo Turley, will be better placed to respond with a view to hopefully negotiating a way forward.

Crates

Members are reminded not to take Federation crates home.

Unfortunately, we have had crates returned by members that have been left out in the weather which has rendered the crates unserviceable.

Crates are to remain at respective clubrooms at all times.

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

Truck

Truck taken to Hino to investigate issues with oil leak and engine overheating when under load. Head gasket replaced and oil leak identified as emanating from the sump. Sump repaired by way of a new sump gasket.

Roller shutter in bird compartment malfunctioning. -Advanced Window Shutters Unit 6/125 Rockingham Road, Hamilton Hill, Ph 9418 4236 to repair 25 August 2021. Roller shutter repaired.

Two-way radio to be sent to Radlink Two Way Radio for repairs.

Sick Young Birds

Members are encouraged to take all reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of the unidentified illness that continues to do the rounds through our young and old bird teams. If a bird exhibits any sign of illness, we all expect that you will not race or toss those pigeons until they have made a full recovery. We ask club officials and members to be particularly vigilant as this has the potential to cause our birds serious illness and in some cases death.

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 neighbours 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 8.40 pm

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 6 October 2021