



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

6th October 2021

Date: Wednesday 6th October 2021.

Meeting Open: 7.35 pm

Present: Brennan, J Wintle, C Warner, J. Olszowy, B. Hayes,
F. Scerri and B Scott

Apologies: nil

Absent: G. Tarrant

Visitors: M. Jupp, N Bailey and N Mouritz.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the September 1 meeting of the Board were read.

Business Arising:

Shire of Carnarvon

Letter received from the Shire of Carnarvon relative releasing pigeons in the Shire. Effectively the letter was intended to formally notify the Federation that we can no longer release pigeons within the Shire of Carnarvon and that the Federation needs to take that into consideration when deciding its race programs for future seasons. Carnarvon has experienced a history of feral pigeons which is problematic within the township. Council for the Local authority entered into considerable discussion on the topic, and their decision was not made lightly. Effectively the Shire of Carnarvon believes that their decision assists in the control of the feral pigeon population within the Shire.

The PRF President has had further phone discussions with the Shire of Carnarvon which he found encouraging, however this may be a rather protracted exercise and will take several months to arrive at a resolution. An additional issue is that the Shire of Carnarvon only recently amended their Health By-laws and will be reluctant to rescind or make exceptions to the new By-law. However, they have not yet closed the door on negotiations and we anticipate further discussions in the near future.

Brad Scott: Moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the September Board meeting. Seconded: Joe Olszowy
Carried

Treasurer's Report:

John Wintle presented his report to the Board.

Moved: F Scerri that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Seconded: B Hayes

Carried

See attached

Correspondence In:

Letter received from the Shire of Carnarvon relative releasing pigeons in the Shire of Carnarvon.

B. Brennan attending to this matter ably assisted by Leo Turley.

Correspondence Out:

Letter from the PRF to the Shire of Carnarvon relative to the amendment of their Health by-laws as they impact on the liberation of racing pigeons within the Shire of Carnarvon.

Moved Brad Scott: That correspondence in and out be accepted

Second: Joe Olszowy

Carried

Email to members re- sick pigeons.

Email to members re PPMV-1

General Business:

Net Banking

Treasurer John Wintle and President Brian Brennan attended the CBA Warwick, Monday 13 September and set up a Business Transaction

Account which can be oversighted by both the Treasurer and President. The new net banking account allows the Treasurer or President to pay wages online or other invoices when there is a need and is now operational.

Vacancy on Board

A vacancy exists on the board for a committee member.

B Brennan: Nominated Neil Mouritz to be accepted onto the Board as a committee member for the remainder of the year. Seconded: F Scerri
Carried

We extend a warm welcome and congratulations to Neil and look forward to working with him in the future.

Vacancies PRF Board of Control for Season 2022

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

4 X Committee members

2 Patrons

Publicity Officer

Stray Bird Officer

Your Federation needs good people to assist manage the affairs of the organization. If you believe that you have the skills to make a positive contribution, please nominate to fill one of the above positions prior to the closing date.

Closing date for nominations to fill vacancies for office bearers and committee members to sit on the PRF Board for 2022 is 30 November 2021. Nominations are to be received by the PRF Secretary by 30 November 2021.

Federation Sires Nominations

Federation Sires bird nominations to be in by the 1st December 2021
Nominations for the PRF Sires are \$5.00 per pigeon prior to December 1, 2021, thereafter up until the second race of the 2022 season, nominations for the PRF Sires are \$10.00 per Pigeon.

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 crate unserviceable.

Crates are to remain at the club at all times.

Crate Damage and Repair

Please ensure all damaged crates are labelled and placed on the truck for forwarding to Amalgamated club for repair. Do not store damaged crates at your club.

Barradale Federation Race:

All winners and placegetters have had ring numbers and bird descriptions checked. All birds were tossed to ensure they did in fact home to their respective registered lofts. Thanks to Hector Heath, Gary Wilson, Neil Mouritz and P Bonavita. All pigeons homed to their correct loft.

Truck Maintenance Prior to Season 2022

Tropical roof over bird compartment on the truck has been badly damaged for several years and needs to be removed and repaired.

The roof of the bird compartment has been leaking for several years and needs to be repaired.

Routine major service required to be done on truck prior to commencement of season 2022.

Oil leak in breather near air tanks in need of attention.

Only one release valve for all three air tanks.

Front shock absorbers need replacing.

Clutch needs adjustment.

Rivets behind the cab on the bird compartment need replacing.

windscreen wiper blades need replacing.

Park light passenger's side near the aerofoil is damaged and needs replacing.

Top air vent above the rear door to the bird compartment leaks and needs to be closed.

Mattress in sleeper cab need thorough cleaning or be replaced.

Fuel card requires a PIN number at certain fuel stops in the north of the state.

Two-way radio not sending or receiving. Radlink Two-way Radios, Malaga. Phone: 1300 735 583 ask for WA.

Moved: F Scerri that the above mentioned maintenance be carried out on the truck prior to the commencement of season 2022.

Seconded: B Hayes

Carried

Truck Driver's Expenses

Discussion was had as to whether the truck driver should be reimbursed for use of water from his private water supply to fill the water tanks on truck every week of the race season and for the use of his private mobile phone.

Moved: Bob Hayes that the driver should be reimbursed at least half the \$150, [\$75] the driver outlaid on a prepaid SIM card for his private phone in order to enhance communications and record coordinates at each race point, and be paid \$30 for use of water from his private water supply to fill the water tanks on the truck.

Seconded: Brad Scott

Carried.

PPMV-1

PMV has been formally identified in a number of lofts south and north of the river and is working its way across the metro area and into Regional WA. Urgent remedial action by way of vaccination is recommended to prevent further transmission.

PPMV-1 vaccine and accessories were ordered Friday 1 October 2021 and arrived Thursday 7 October.

The vaccine and accessories will be distributed to clubs who attend the meeting at Whatley Clubrooms Monday October 11, 2021 to discuss the race program for season 2022. Only those clubs that place an order for vaccine and accessories have been catered for.

Presentation Luncheon

Decide a date and venue for the 2021 season ending presentation luncheon. Suggest inquiries at Herdsman Hotel for available dates. Clubs will be contacted in the near future to canvass numbers.

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.

ALL Club Presidents and Secretaries

Board members, Club Presidents and Secretaries to attend Whatley Clubrooms 1930 hours Monday 11 October to discuss and agree on a race program for season 2022.

Meeting Closed: 8.55 pm.

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday, 3 November 2021