



**Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A.(Inc)  
Board of Control  
Minutes of Meeting  
WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2022**

**Meeting Opened:** 1930 hours

**Present:** B Brennan [President], J Olszowy, Bob Hayes, B Scott, F Scerri, N Mouritz

**Apologies:** C Warner, and J Wintle

**Absent:** G Tarrant

**Visitors:** Merv Jupp

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the November 3 meeting of the Board were read.

**Business Arising:**

No business arising

**Moved:** F Scerri that the minutes of the November meeting are a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Seconded:** B Scott

Carried

**Treasurer's Report:**

In the absence of Treasurer, J Wintle, the President read the Financial Report for consideration by those present.

**Moved:** B Hayes that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

**Seconded:** N Mouritz

Carried

**Correspondence In:**

Letter received from the Hon John Carey Minister for Housing and Local Government advising the PRF of WA that his office does not have the power to intervene in Local Government decisions as they impact on the making of by-laws, however his office recommended the PRF make a new approach to David Perry, Executive Manager Development Services, with the Shire of Carnarvon and continue negotiations.

**Correspondence Out:**

Documentation relevant to the 2022 AGM

Nomination of Joe Wegner's pigeon with the Editor of the Australian Racing Pigeon Journal for Ace Bird Awards, category "C" two positions in the top 25% of the Federation from 600 kms or more.

**Moved:** J Olszowy that correspondence in and out be accepted

**Seconded:** B Hayes

Carried

**General Business:****Toss Program for Season 2022**

Toss Program – A work in progress

**Application for Membership**

An application for membership to the PRF was received from John Yangzon of 100 Kingsbridge Boulevard, Butler, a member of Wanneroo RPC. Application tabled until the February meeting of the Board.

Moved J Olszowy that John Yangzon's application for membership be accepted. Seconded F Scerri

Carried

**Application submitted through Rivervale club.**

New application for membership to the PRF received from Jermaine Dave Victorino of 3 Mint Street., East Victoria Park. Mob 0481 072 312  
Email: Application tabled.

## **Constitution**

At the 2020 AGM a Special Resolution was passed to amend the Constitution at clause 61.1 Flyer of the Year Competition. It has been brought to the attention of the Board that the Constitution has not been amended in accordance with the Special Resolution. This amendment will be submitted to Consumer Protection for ratification.

## **PRF Fee Structure**

The Board has received advice that the PRF will declare an operating loss for season 2021 of approx. \$5000.00. At the end of the 2020 financial year, had it not been for the \$10,000.00 received from the Federal Government the PRF would have incurred an operating loss of about \$10,000.00. Some clubs continue to owe money for PMV and Rotavirus vaccines. Receipt of those funds will improve our financial position. In the circumstances members can look forward to an increase in fees for the coming season. Inquiries with our eastern states colleagues clearly demonstrate that we have the cheapest fees in Australia. For example, SAPHA have 150 members. They have a transporter valued at \$150,000, they employ a driver and an offsider to transport the pigeons to every race, the driver is paid \$12000.00, his offsider is paid \$250.00 per night, they pay their Secretary and treasurer a total of \$16,000 per season and have considerable investments. While our current fee structure may be ideal it will not meet our future needs. Our finances are trending downwards.

## **2021 Rung Pigeons Not Rung with a PRF Ring**

All flyers who have young birds rung with rings other than PRF rings, and wish to fly them in the Federation Young Bird Derby, must submit ring particulars to PRF Treasurer, John Wintle, on a **Flyer Life Ring Registration List 2022**. This form is available from your club Secretary.

## **Review Maximum Bird Numbers Per Member for Season 2022**

Wanneroo Club will be flying from their own clubrooms in season 2022. Last season Coastal RPC was last pickup and experienced difficulties finding space on the truck to load their crates. Wanneroo club will be last pickup this season and with bird numbers peaking as the season progresses, the existing maximum bird numbers per flyer may need to be reviewed.

## **PRF Website**

It has been suggested that our website be enhanced by including past;

Presidents

Secretaries

Treasurers

Trustees

Life Members

## **Resignation Received**

PRF Trustee Michael Clark submitted his resignation from the position, effective immediately. Michael indicated he has other challenges he wishes to pursue and can no longer do the position justice. We thank Michael for his years of service and wish him well in his future endeavours.

Moved B Hayes that Michael Clark's resignation be accepted

Seconded F Scerri

Carried

## **Water Troughs for PRF Truck**

Last year Brent Cathcart indicated that the truck is about 12 water troughs short early in the season. Merv Jupp to get a quote to replace drinkers. Quote received re aluminium drinkers \$55 per drinker. Steel drinkers are the preferred way forward. Further quotes may be necessary.

## **Truck Maintenance Prior to Season 2022**

General service

Oil leak in breather near air tanks in need of attention

Only one release valve for all three air tanks

Clutch needs adjustment

Rivets behind cab on the bird compartment need replacing

Windscreen wiper blades need replacing

Park light passenger's side near the aero foil is damaged and needs replacing

Battery terminal needs attention

Top air vent above rear door to bird compartment needs to be closed

Mattress in sleeper cab needs thorough clean or replaced

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

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

### **Federation Sires Nominations – Season 2022**

Nominations for PRF Sires pigeons are \$10.00 per pigeon up until the second race of the 2022 season,

### **Events Calendar**

Every year Clubs and Legacy conduct auctions and or events. In order that every club is given the opportunity to maximize support for their events it was suggested that the clubs and Legacy advise the PRF of all upcoming events for this year and beyond. The PRF can the list those events on the Website under the heading, “Events Calendar”. The object of this exercise is to avoid events clashing as happened on several occasions this past season. Club Secretaries please give this matter your attention.

### **2022 Federation AGM**

The Pigeon Racing Federation of WA [Inc.] will conduct their Annual General Meeting

Sunday 13 February 2022,

Centenary Park Main Hall,

105 Daly Street Belmont

between 1400 and 1700 hours.

Please ensure that you arrive by 1330 hours to register.

**Wearing of a mask is compulsory, proof of vaccination is not required, however each member is required to record their attendance or use their ServiceWA app to register on the QR code.**

### **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.

### **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:** 2100 hrs

**Next Meeting:** Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday, 2 March, 2022