



**Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A.(Inc)
Board of Control
Minutes of Meeting
WEDNESDAY 1st June 2022**

Meeting Opened: 19:30 hours

Present: B Brennan [President], J Wintle [Treasurer], J Olszowy, B Scott, F Scerri and N Mouritz, Warren Deverneuil, Gary Wilson.

Apologies:

Absent: B Hayes

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the May 4th meeting of the Board were read.

Business Arising:

Federation Sires Race will not go ahead – No support

Were advised that Wade Marlin observed that the PRF toss programme did not include a long toss to accommodate the young birds, he suggested Payne's Find.

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

Seconded: Joe Olszowy
Carried

Treasurer's Report:

J Wintle, read the Financial Report for the period 1 May to 31 May, 2022 for the information of and consideration by those present.

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

Seconded: J Olszowy
Carried

Correspondence In:

Invitation received from Shire of Carnarvon to attend and demonstrate our capacity to reduce feral pigeon numbers.

Brian advised the Board he and Matt Creemers were due to travel up to Carnarvon on Tuesday the 14th June to assess the situation and establish a feeding place and regime for the forward week before returning back to Carnarvon to carry out the eradication procedures.

Correspondence Out:

Email to Shire of Carnarvon advising them that Federation President and our Pest Control Agent Matt Creemers will attend Carnarvon on Tuesday 14 June to acquaint themselves with the movement and feeding locations and habits of feral pigeons, then to return on 21 June and carry out eradication procedures.

Moved: J Olszowy that correspondence in and out be accepted

Seconded: F Scerri

Carried

General Business:**New Member**

Recommendation that new member Zlakto Kocovski's approval for membership to the PRF be rescinded due to not meeting the standards set by PRF. Namely that he declined on more than one occasion to collect his stray pigeons on the basis that he is too busy. On another occasion advised a member not to visit his premises for the purpose of measuring his loft to calculate his distances and further told that member not to annoy him with phone calls.

Board unanimously agreed to rescind membership effective immediately.

Bird Numbers for Season 2022

Again reiterated, each club is allocated one race crate per member. On Saturday basketing for Sunday release, crates to be filled to a maximum of 27 pigeons.

Truck loading:

Clubs are permitted to load onto the truck one crate for every financial flying member of their club. No additional crates to be allocated for Sprint 2 pigeons.

Theoretically, if using past participation as a guide, there should be sufficient room for members to participate in Sprint 2. Strict compliance with the strategy should assist. The alternative is to reduce bird numbers per member.

Truck Driver Position Vacant

The truck drivers position remained unfilled as at date of the meeting, however a prospective driver is in mind, provided he can pass a medical and produce a police clearance.

Merv has a test drive set for Friday 3rd July. The prospect Doug Coleman is 69 years old and has a wealth of experience as a driver.

Brent Cathcart was thanked for assisting with driving duties for Bindi Bindi 28/29 May and for making himself available to do pick-up for truck toss Monday night for Tuesday liberation 31 May. Merv Jupp was also thanked, he drove the truck to Regans Ford and Beermuller to do the liberation.

Truck Maintenance Prior to Season 2022

JLD Mechanical and Fabrication workshops, inspected and adjusted front brakes and reconditioned rear brakes. Packed all wheel bearings with grease, new bearing seals fitted all around, wheel bearings adjusted, air dryer reconditioned and drive line greased. Total cost \$2,572.90.

Truck will be returned for further attention as the mechanic confirmed front suspension is too soft, front spring pins and bushes have excessive movement. Identified the sway in the bird compartment, as reported by two independent drivers, is due to airbags having been fitted to the rear of the truck.

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

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

Federation Races - Season 2022

Again advised Red "race rubbers" are to be used for Federation races

Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development [DPIRD]

It was reiterated that as at Friday 1 April, 2022 all members who have 50 or more pigeons in their loft are required to register their loft with DPIRD. Should any member not understand the requirements or need assistance, speak to your club Secretary or President.

Crates

Again members are to be 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. For strict compliance, please.

Members are to be reminded not to use or remove any crate from the PRF truck unless the crate bears you club label.

Recently experienced an incident where club members have inadvertently removed crates from the truck that do not belong to their club. Please check the label on crates before removing them from the truck. Both Coastal and Wanneroo RPC have suffered as a result in terms of not having sufficient crates to basket their birds.

Crate Damage and Repair

Advised that all damaged crates are labelled and placed on the truck for forwarding to Amalgamated club for repair. Not to store damaged crates at your club.

Truck Toss

Requested that any club that chose not to truck Toss, advise the Federation President so as to save time and the expense of unnecessary travel.

Regarding the upcoming Wubin race, as a driver is not available as yet Jason will do the run to Wubin but will not be able to do The Monday / Tuesday toss run.

Events Calendar

To date, apart from Riverton Club, no other clubs have contributed to the Events Calendar.

Other General items raised:

- Life Rings orders are required by tomorrow (John Wintle)
- Birds are watered front and back at race point (Raised by Joe; Confirmed by Brian)
- Neil raised the updating of seals on sensor pads
- Joe advised the new T3 Junior contact / agent in WA is Barry Yon

Moved F Scerri

Seconded: J Olszowy.

Carried

Meeting Closed: 20:40 hrs.

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday, 6th July, 2022