



**Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A.(Inc)
Board of Control
Minutes of Meeting
WEDNESDAY 6th July 2022**

Meeting Opened: 19:30 hours

Present: B Brennan [President], J Wintle [Treasurer], J Olszowy, B Scott, F Scerri, B Hayes and N Mouritz.

Apologies:

Absent: G Wilson and W Devernieul

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the June 1st meeting of the Board were read.

Business Arising:

Discussion was had relative to the outcome of Federation President and Matt Creemers recent visits to Carnarvon for the purpose of demonstrating our ability to control feral pigeons within the town of Carnarvon. From their observations Carnarvon has a significant feral pigeon problem, which is compounded by the fact the feral pigeons have considerable regular access to food. Every morning just after sunrise they form flocks and migrate out onto the plantations where they feed on the seeds of water melon, rock melon, pumpkin and any number of other seeds scattered across plantations and market gardens. This alone makes control very difficult but not impossible. Every pigeon they bagged for disposal had a full crop of the said seeds. They estimate that they reduced feral numbers by conservatively 25-30% in two attempts. Their contact person with the local authority was the resident Health Surveyor with whom they had regular contact. He was very impressed with our representative's knowledge of pigeon behavior and feeding habits. He also undertook to report back favorably to a full meeting of Carnarvon Shire Council. Your President, ably assisted by Leo Turley, will draft a report detailing our findings and recommendations and forward it to the President of the Shire of Carnarvon. While we as an organization have won some battles in Carnarvon, we are yet to win the

war. Having said that the local business community is 100% behind our initiative.

Moved: B Scott that the minutes of the June meeting are a true and correct record of that meeting.

Seconded: N Mouritz

Carried

Treasurer's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report attached.

Federation Race Prize Money – 2022

A schedule of Federation "prize money" for 2022 Federation Races is attached.

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

Seconded: J Olszowy

Carried

Correspondence In:

Letter received from Greg Kakoschke the President of the Australian National Racing Pigeon Board [ANRPB] relative to a proposed National race from Meekatharra Saturday 13 August, 2022. The PRF representative on the ANRPB, Kevin Wilson has undertaken to promote the race to all member clubs of the PRF including Bunbury and Busselton. Pigeons entered will form part of your trace team for that week. Flyers may enter a maximum of 10 pigeons at \$10 a pigeon. Entry forms are to be marked "National" alongside the nominated pigeon/s.

Correspondence Out:

Nil

Moved: N Mouritz that correspondence in be accepted

Seconded: F Scerri

Carried

General Business:

New Member

Proposed by Bayswater Club

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Bird Numbers for Season 2022

Each club is allocated one race crate per member.

Thursday basketing for Saturday release, crates to be filled to a maximum of 16 cocks and 18 hens.

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.

Truck Maintenance

Thanks to Merv Jupp for organizing repairs to be carried out to roller shutter on bird compartment of our truck behind the driver's door.

Attention was also given to re tensioning roller shutter pulleys.

Federation Races - Season 2022

Red "race rubbers" are to be used for all Federation races except for the Federation Single Bird when **white "race rubbers"** will be used.

Truck Tosses

The future of Federation truck tosses was discussed in general terms.

Truck tossing has become financially unviable. The cost of fuel has increased 41% since the introduction of the Federation "fuel levy" and is rising. The cost of fuel will be further exacerbated by the discontinuation of the reduction in "excise duty" paid on fuel at the end September quarter 2022. Your Board is looking at clubs and members conducting short tosses privately and the Federation providing 3-4 long tosses in the first half of the season from 200 – 300 kms. to assist educate and bring young birds into form.

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.

Sick Pigeons

Its that time of the year again, members have started reporting sick pigeons in their loft. From all reports the symptoms are very similar to Rotavirus. On Thursday 7 July a member agreed to have swabs taken from one of his young pigeons by an avian veterinarian for analysis by DPIRD. The results of the swabs should be available soon. Many thanks to the very responsible member. If your loft is experiencing a similar outbreak please do not race or toss young birds on the Federation transporter. We now await the outcome of DPIRD's analysis. For those who as a matter of good practice vaccinate for PMV and Rotavirus, for the health and welfare of your flock, please continue to do so. For those who do not vaccinate, serious consideration should be given to vaccinating in the future.

Crates

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

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

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

Meeting Closed: 2130 hrs.

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday, 3rd August, 2022