



**Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A.(Inc)
Board of Control
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 2nd November 2022**

Meeting Opened: 19:30 hours

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

Apologies: Nil

Absent: G Wilson

Visitor Gerry Hemerik

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the 20 October meeting of the Board were read.
Confirmed true / accurate reflection.

Moved : B Scott
Seconded : B Hayes

Carried

Business Arising:

Error

It was noted at the November meeting that the minutes of the October meeting were seconded as being a true record by M Jupp. This was a cut n paste error the Seconder was F Scerri.

Vaccines

Raised by Joe Olszowy; why does the PRF not bulk buy as it would be cheaper. Joe was advised that no discount was given for bulk orders, however in some instances savings may be had on freight costs. For one member to receive, sort and provide refrigeration, then cost out to clubs and make arrangements for collection etc., is cumbersome. It is

more practical for each individual or club to order and distribute to their own members.

Advertising the PRF to Ethnic Groups

President advised the cost of same is to be investigated.

Treasurer's Report:

J Wintle [Treasurer], read the Financial Report for the period 1st October 2022 to 31st October 2022 for the information of and consideration by those present.

It was confirmed that all clubs are financial.

Moved: F Scerri

Seconded: N Mouritz

Carried

Correspondence In:

Email received from DPIRD relative to a Face to Face Conference on Biosecurity schedule for 25 November 2022, inviting a representative of the PRF to attend.

Correspondence Out:

Response to DPIRD accepting their invitation to attend the conference. Gary Gleeson will represent the PRF at the conference. Gary has considerable experience in these matters and will adequately represent the PRF's perspective in matters of biosecurity.

Moved: B Hayes

Seconded: N Mouritz

Carried

General Business:

Presentation Luncheon January 2023

Venue: Tassels Bar and Bistro, 8 Tassels Place Innaloo

Time: 12.00 pm

Date: Sunday 29 January 2023.

Clubs are asked to canvass their members for numbers and advised the PRF President before 30 December 2022, please.

Annual General Meeting

Venue: Centenary Park Community Hall, 105 Daly Street, Belmont.

Time: Between 1400 and 1600 hours

Date: Sunday 12 February 2023

Nominations to fill vacancies on the Board close Wednesday 30 November, 2022.

Vacant Positions to be filled

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee members: Three vacancies

Nominations to Meet the Criteria for Acceptance;

[1] A financial member shall nominate a financial member to fill a nominated vacancy, then sign and date the nomination form.

[2] A financial member shall second the nomination, then sign and date the nomination form.

[3] The financial member nominated to fill the vacancy shall then accept the nomination then sign and date the nomination form.

Champion Pigeon 2022

Nominations are invited from clubs to identify "Champion Pigeon" for season 2022 (Must be in the Top Ten Federation). Please forward nominations, including bird particulars and details of performances, to Federation Secretary Warren Deverneuil [w.dev@hotmail.com].

Australian Racing Pigeon Journal – ACE Pigeon Nomination

Traditionally there are 3 categories for the ARPJ Ace Bird Award, so if a member has a pigeon that has placed high in the Federation on several occasions in the Sprint, Middle or Long Distance category, for season 2022, submit your nomination to the Federation Secretary (w.dev@hotmail.com) for forwarding to the ARPJ.

Truck Maintenance

Previous items raised again for awareness as required pre 2023 season commencement:

Race Program for Season 2023

Clubs and the Legacy Committee are invited to make application to the Board for inclusion of their Special Events on the Race program ASAP please.

Trophies for Season 2022

Trophies to be suitably engraved with race and date along with recipient's name.

Vaccines – PMV – Rotavirus

A reiteration

It is recommended that for the coming season all clubs order vaccines and associated equipment directly through Treidlia Biovet, Seven Hills, NSW or Think Livestock, 575 Midland Hwy Huntley Vic or Scolexia, Unit 8/19 Norwood Cresc., Moonee Ponds. Vic. Simply Google the above suppliers for full particulars. Should any club experience difficulties placing their order please seek advice. It is critically important for the health and welfare of our pigeons that routine vaccinations are carried out each year.

Clubs, please get your orders for vaccines in to the suppliers now before supply become an issue.

Federation Top Ten Certificates

The matter of Federation certificates was raised for the Federation Secretary's consideration and attention. Federation positions from 1-10 are eligible for a certificate. Sample certificate supplied to Secretary.

Advertising PRF to Ethnic Clubs

President and the Secretary to investigate cost of same.

Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development [DPIRD]

As you are aware 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.

A reminder of our obligation to register our lofts with DPIRD was received by the Board Thursday 1 September and forwarded to members.

Appeals

In the event that a member elects to appeal a decision made against him/her, or relative to another member, they must first put their intention to appeal in writing including the grounds for appeal. The Board will not accept or act on an application to appeal without the appellant particularising their grounds for appeal.

Complaints

All complaints of any nature relative to pigeon racing must be in writing and submitted to the Board for consideration of action, if required.

Damaged Crates and Inserts

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 – Local Authority

In the event of a complaint, if a member is compliant with local By-laws he/she should survive the complaints process, if not compliant it is very difficult to assist them.

New Member

Wanneroo Club –
Ket Jaa Lee
Financial clearance received.

Moved: J Olszowy that Ket Jaa Lee's application for membership of the PRF be approved.

Seconded: Fred Scerri

Carried.

PRF Mobile Phone

It was raised by visitor Gerry Hemerik, that he had been advised by certain members that the PRF use Optus as their preferred mobile phone carrier. He was concerned that Optus has very poor coverage in regional areas. He was also suggested that if the PRF used Telstra as their preferred mobile phone carrier we would have no need for a Satellite phone.

Gerry was advised that the PRF is with Telstra which does not provide complete coverage. The satellite phone was purchased to ensure communication with the truck driver at all times as a matter of safety in case of illness or accident or in the event of a breakdown and to ensure coverage on race days.

Meeting Closed: 20:40

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday December 7th, 2022

Warren Deverneuil
Secretary