



**Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A.(Inc)  
Board of Control  
Minutes of Meeting  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Meeting Opened:** 19:35 hours

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

**Apologies:** N Mouritz, G Wilson, J Olszowy

**Absent:**

**Visitor :** Matt Creemers, M Jupp

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> September meeting of the Board were read.  
Confirmed true / accurate reflection.

Moved : B Hayes

Seconded : M Jupp

Carried

**Business Arising:**

**Treasurer's Report:**

J Wintle [Treasurer], read the Financial Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30 September 2022 for the information of and consideration by those present.

Moved: F Scerri

Seconded: B Hayes

### **Correspondence In:**

Suggested Race Program for season 2023 was received from the following clubs:

- Sound
- Armadale
- Whatley
- United Districts
- Riverton
- Wanneroo
- Bayswater

### **Correspondence Out: Nil**

Moved: B Scott

Seconded: F Scerri

Carried

### **General Business:**

#### **Meeting to Discuss Race Program for 2023**

Date for Club Presidents and Secretaries to meet and discuss 2023 Race Program. Has been set for 1930 hrs, Tuesday 25 October 2022 at the Whatley Clubrooms.

#### **Barradale Federation Race**

Winner and placed birds, Barradale Federation race, tossed, namely B & P Ewen

Catbalogan City Loft

J & R Loft

R Sheehy

G Young

All birds have been sighted tossed and details verified as correct. All pigeons homed to the flyers loft.

#### **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.]

## **Flyer of the Year for Season 2022**

**Overall FOY**        K & A Murtagh  
**Sprint**             D Chaffer  
**Middle Distance** K & A Murtagh  
**Long Distance**    J & R Lofts  
**Federation Races** K & A Murtagh

The Board wish to extend their congratulations to those members for their outstanding achievements and in particular K & A Murtagh for their consistent performances throughout the whole season.

### **2023 AGM - Vacant Federation Positions**

Nominations are called for to fill the following vacant Federation positions at the 2023 AGM

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Lost Bird Officer  
FOY coordinator  
Two X Board member positions.

Please serious consideration to making yourself available to be nominated to fill one of the vacant positions.

### **Truck Maintenance**

Required pre 2023 season commencement:

Wheel Alignment

All roller shutters on bird compartment need attention

Truck doors rattle and need adjustment

Front marking light on body above driver needs attention

Rear driver's side marking light not working

Front internal light not working

Headlights need cleaning. Nearly opaque.

Split in body above roller shutter 8

General Service

### **Budget Forecast for Season 2023**

It was raised for consideration to Treasurer producing a Budget Forecast prior to the AGM in order to assist set fees.

### **Vaccines – PMV – Rotavirus**

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. Another outlet worth a try is 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.

### **Federation Top Ten Certificates**

It was raised for the Secretaries consideration in the preparation of these. (Positions 1-10, one with all positions and individual certificate for Federation winners.

### **Race Program for Season 2023**

Clubs were requested to prepare a Race Program for season 2023 and submit it to the Federation Secretary by the end of September 2022. Clubs as mentioned submitted same.

### **Advertising PRF to Ethnic Clubs**

President and the Secretary to discuss and investigate 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.

### **Website**

It was raised that the website should be updated reflecting the flyer of the year, this should be done annually. As it stands it is way out of date.

### **Pick up times 2023**

M Jupp kindly requested consideration of a revised pick up time for Swan Club as the current 5pm was difficult to meet due to the majority of flyers in this club working.

### **Current pick up line of travel, tossing and basketing**

A few options were raised regarding 2023 Federation truck tossing:

- Scrap it all together due to numbers of birds not supporting the cost
- Should we look to dual race / toss thus cancel Monday tosses.

The feeling generated here was that the majority at the meeting were leaning toward scrapping tosses for 2023, as evidenced utilization on toss nights were dismal and not worth the costs involved. It was also suggested that many clubs now have their own toss trailers.

It was raised that suggestion should be made in writing as to the solution regarding tossing and route travelled in terms of club pick up's on basketing nights, this all with the aim to save on costs and time.

Again it was raised that clubs with low members on race basketing nights should look to move to basket at another club on that night. This would in itself save time and costs, this would not apply to the two clubs on either extremity (Start / Finish) .

A suggestion could be; on any night a club has less than 60 birds, they should move to basket at a club closest to them. This would however involve consideration of the current constitution in relation to basketing as it currently stands, if suggestions adopted may require some rewording.

Again suggestions to be put in writing.

### **New Member**

Wanneroo Club – Ket Jaa Lee application to be tabled at next meeting. Currently awaiting clearance confirmation from previous club.

**Meeting Closed: 20:50**

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

Warren Deverneuil  
Secretary