



**Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A.(Inc)  
Board of Control  
Minutes of Meeting  
WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Meeting Opened:** 19:30 hours

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

**Apologies:**

**Absent:**

**Visitor:** Matt Creemers

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> August meeting of the Board were read.

Moved: B Scott that the minutes of the August meeting are a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Seconded: F Scerri

Carried

**Business Arising:**

Bird Losses

Solar flares were raised as a possible explanation in terms of bird losses. It was suggested that next season we monitor this aspect throughout the season to see if there is any correlation.

**Treasurer's Report:**

J Wintle [Treasurer], read the Financial Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 and that of 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 for the information of and consideration by those present. The July report read for the ratification of same.

Moved: N Mouritz that the Financial Report be accepted

Seconded: G Wilson

Current report

Moved: B Hayes that the Financial Report be accepted

Seconded: N Mouritz

Carried

**Correspondence In:** Nil

**Correspondence Out:** Nil

**General Business:**

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

Clubs are requested to prepare a Race Program for season 2023 and submit it to the Federation Secretary ([w.dev@hotmail.com](mailto:w.dev@hotmail.com)) by the end of September 2022. Please ensure that any program submitted for consideration complies with the Federation Constitution. To assist this process, samples of previous seasons Race Programs can be found on the PRF website.

### **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.

### **Federation YBD**

All Federation YBD place getters were tossed and particulars checked against the result sheet. Thanks to those members who assisted.

### **Gascoyne North Boundary Fed 100**

All place getters in the Federation 100 have been tossed and particulars checked against the results sheet. Thanks to those members who assisted.

### **Bird Numbers in Crates**

Thursday night basketing, for feed and water races, it is recommended that no more than 18 hens and 16 cocks be placed in a crate.

### **Federation Race - Clock Out**

Due to the ongoing health risk presented by Omicron variant BA.4 and more recently and BA.5, Clock out for all Federation races will continue to be at club's respective clubrooms.

### **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.

### **Life Rings**

2022 Life Rings are now available for collection by clubs.

Unfortunately, due to the poor response by some clubs as to their Life Ring needs for 2022, we now find ourselves short of rings. To avoid a reoccurrence in future seasons, clubs are asked to ensure they properly canvass members as to the number of rings required and advise John Wintle.

J Wintle has advised he has ordered an additional 300 rings.

### **Disease Management**

Rotavirus and other diseases were discussed. To manage the spread of it was suggested that the particular loft (Showing symptoms / confirmed disease/virus) should be suspended from flying for a period of time. The period of suspension is however to be agreed.

### **Race security / controls / integrity**

It was raised that we should reconsider current protocols and look to update the Rules in terms of race integrity. In circumstances where 4 flying members assist another member basket his/her pigeons, all 4 members should remain at the clubrooms, which includes the flying member, until the pigeons are loaded onto the truck. To progress this proposal an amendment to the "Rules and Uniform Practices for the Conduct of Federation and club Races", would be in order.

## **Central Basketing**

For future consideration it is proposed that clubs give strong consideration to a move towards “Central Basketing” and how this concept could work. At present the weekly truck pickup from clubs takes approximately 6 hours, the driver then has a considerable drive ahead of him in order to meet the demands of feed and water races. Obviously, clubs at the extremities would continue to be picked up, but clubs nearer to the central metro area could participate in central basketing. It was also proposed to that we have central pickups for the last race, however it is not considered practicable at this late stage.

## **End of Season - Drop Off of Crates to Clubs**

Please arrange for sufficient members to be present at clubrooms on Saturday 1 October to meet the truck and unload all their club's crates from the truck. Clubs will be advised of the ETA of the truck.

## **Advertising**

It was raised that the PRF should look to advertise with the Filipino Australian Club and other like organisations.

## **Appeals**

A reiteration. 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.

## **Crates**

It was reiterated that members are not to take Federation crates home. Strict adherence to this rule is required please.

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

## **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.

### **Events Calendar**

In order that members are given advanced notice of special events and that special events do not clash, your Board suggest you make dates for special events, for example Sires etc., known to the Board as soon as reasonably possible so that they can be recorded on the PRF website "Events Calendar".

### **October Board Meeting**

The President is not available for the October Board meeting on 5th October. It was agreed to postpone the October meeting until 21 October.

### **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.

**Meeting Closed:** 20:40 hours

**Next Meeting:** Whatley RPC 19:30 hrs., Thursday 20 October 2022

Warren Deverneuil  
Secretary