

**Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A.(Inc)**  
**Board of Control**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Monday 27th February 2023**  
**WHATLEY RPC.**

**Meeting Opened: 7:30**

**Present:** B Brennan [President], B Scott, F Scerri, W Deverneuil [Secretary], J Wintle [Treasurer], Matt Heedes, Matt Creemers, K Damon and B Hayes.

**Apologies:** N Mouritz

**Absent:** Nil

**Visitors:** Nil

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> of February meeting of the Board were read.

Moved: B Hayes; that the minutes are an accurate record of the December meeting of the Board.

Seconded: B Scott

Carried

**Business Arising:**

Nil.

**Treasurer's Report:**

J Wintle [Treasurer], read the Financial Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 to 27 February 2023, for the information of and consideration by those present.

Moved: Matt Creemers that the Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded: F Scerri

Carried

**Correspondence In:**

Letter received from Misha White of ELEMENT the art and science of place, seeking input into the use of the John Connell Reserve Melville, from a pigeon racing perspective.

Email received from Wade Marland seeking to be included on the Liberation committee.

Email received from Kelly Horner of Walk for Women's Cancer seeking a liberation of pigeons on Saturday 29 April, 2023.

Email received from Kevin Wilson advising of his resignation as the WA delegate on the ANRPB

**Correspondence Out:**

Letter from Misha White referred to George Azar Amalgamated Melville RPC.

Email to Kelly Horner that their request for a liberation of pigeons will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

B Scott moved that the correspondence in and out be accepted.  
Seconded: B Hayes

Carried

**General Business:****Regarding Correspondence In**

It was agreed at the board that Wade Marland be included in the liberation committee. The Liberation committee now being: N Mouritz, Brad Scott, Wade Marland.

Moved: Brad Scott

Seconded: Bob Hayes

Carried

It was agreed that the board is receptive to Kelly Horner's request, the president will contact her for further information regarding; time, place, amount of birds and then seek support from flyers / clubs, closest to the event.

It was proposed that Leo Turley be the new WA ANRPB representative. This was agreed by the board.

Moved: Fred Scerri

Seconded: Matt Creemers

Carried

### **Stationary Orders**

Due to supply issues, sourcing stationary items, and to ensure supply, the Treasurer has found it necessary to place an early order with an international supplier.

The above applies to Manual clock roles and ink pads / Silks, which cannot be sourced in Australia whilst sourcing internationally is expensive it is also becoming difficult and in all likelihood would continue to become more difficult.

It was noted that the stationary item per the financials for February was for Rubber Rings \$400. Treasurer and board members recognized that Electronic Clocks (EBSS) had no stationary costs for the Federation.

In respect of above a **Notice of Motion** was raised:

**Phasing out of Manual clocks / Clocks requiring rubber rings, over a 24 month period (Y23/Y24).**

Moved: Fred Scerri

Seconded: Matt Creemers

Carried (Board voted with 7 in favour and 2 not in favour)

#Noting this change can only take effect upon an amendment to the constitution.

Some discussion around this:

Very few Manual Clocks amongst PRF members, we are not looking to lose any of these members; solutions were suggested:

- 24 months provides ample notice the specific members and ability thus to weigh up their options and financial requirements.

- Clubs can assist in either purchasing the EBSS and entering into a payment plan with the member (Affordable to the member), fund raise via raffle's, sausage sizzles, etc to assist the member in part or whole for the purchase.
- Some especially the elderly may say they only looking to fly the next couple of years, post 2024 so why incur the expense at all. Here the club could purchase / own the unit and, rent at a nominal fee or for nil to the member. Here a clock is then available for a Junior member or new member once the elderly member retires from racing pigeons.
- Amendments to the constitution would need to take place, relating to manual clocks, rubbers, race sheets, etc.
- New members joining the PRF will require an electronic clock (EBSS)

Example provided in Wanneroo club which had 3 manual clocks for 22 season, now all converted to EBSS via member / club assistance and payment plan / arrangement.

### **Toss Program 2023**

The 2018 toss program was adopted by the all on the board. A member request put forward on behalf of the member by Matt Creemers requested / suggested that the toss birds release is split; with the birds from the South being loaded on the one side of the truck and the birds from the North being loaded onto the other side, with the South birds being released first and the North birds 20 minutes later.

It was agreed in majority (No objections raised) that this could be accommodated.

Moved: Matt Creemers  
 Seconded: Matt Heedes  
 Carried

### **Federation Fees**

After consideration of budget and forecast (J Wintle / B Brennan) presented to the board, general consensus was that a fee increase was required. It was evident that the negative balance over the past two years had a positive trend (meaning it was moving in the correct direction, so things are getting done right) The nature of the increase

was debated, some felt CPI increase was required, however a \$25 increase was also put forward, arguments here was it provides a very skinny line (If we looking to continue to move in the right direction). By show of hands \$25 increase was settled upon.

Moved: B Hayes  
Seconded: K Damon  
Carried

### **Club Pick up's**

These are to be restructured. They will commence at 18h00 in the following order: Swans, Rivervale, Armadale, Sound, Amalgamated, Riverton, Whatley, Bayswater, UD, Coastal, Wanneroo

### **Clubs placing orders for Stationary / Rings, etc**

Should a club place an order they are responsible and will be billed for that order, irrespective of a later change of mind (Period of time lapsed) as the Federation would have placed an order on that request and paid for the items. The club will be responsible for that cost. A good example here is rings, especially rings for chip inserts.

### **Clubs - New Office Bearers**

Please advise the Federation Secretary of your new Office bearers. Full names, email and telephone numbers.

### **Life Rings 2023**

**Ring requirements should have been advised to John Wintle, before the end of February.**

### **Application for Membership**

The following application for membership to the PRF was tabled at the December 2022 Board meeting. Membership approved at this 27th February 2023 sitting.

Tony Sluymers  
24 Little John Rd ARMADALE 6112  
Club: Member Armadale Kelmscott RPC

Moved: B Hayes  
Seconded: K Damon  
Carried

## **New Applications for Membership**

The following applications for membership to the PRF were tabled at this 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Board meeting

Glen Howarth - Armadale Club  
4 Alloway St, Savelle Grove  
Mob 0427270003  
Email [glennalan@westnet.com.au](mailto:glennalan@westnet.com.au)

Juan Joan T Bancord – Armadale Club  
26 Wedgetail Court , Brookdale 6112  
Mob 0412288360  
Email [juan\\_juan24@yahoo.com](mailto:juan_juan24@yahoo.com)

Richard and Leslie BOYDEL – Sound Club  
Racing as R & L Lofts  
3 Bibanup Court Hillman 6168  
Mob 0409 683 046  
Email: [clboydell@hotmail.com](mailto:clboydell@hotmail.com)

Francisco 3<sup>rd</sup> Flores – Bayswater Club  
5 Abberton Street, Aveley 6069  
Mob 0415100027  
Email: [alpha\\_omega\\_titus@yahoo.com](mailto:alpha_omega_titus@yahoo.com)

Clinton Sparrow – Wanneroo  
170 Bernborough Avenue, Caversham, 6055  
Mob 0417855004  
Email: [c\\_sparrow7@hotmail.com](mailto:c_sparrow7@hotmail.com)

## **Distances**

Club Secretaries please ensure all new members Distance Applications Forms are completed and forwarded to the PRF Distance Coordinator, Neil Bailey, no later than 30 April 2023. It is critical that the flyers name and address, mob phone number and email address are included on the Form.

## **Federation Prize Money**

The Constitution requires that all clubs conducting invitation or special race pay prize money to place getters within a month of the race. Can the PRF also pay place getters in Federation races within a month of a Federation Race.

John Wintle responded that this was extremely difficult from the treasurer's perspective; reasons being the tracing of cheque's issued versus those cashed. John advises that he has many cheque's issued that have not been cashed for over 12 months already, some being a second issue due to expiry of the first, yet even the second issue has not been cashed / deposited. Direct deposit was raised, concerns here were the correct banking details being supplied for those deposits and concerns being process involved in trying to recover funds if placed into an incorrect account number. Further what would his query rate look like with people who have not monitored their Bank account in relation to deposits made, then querying if they had received the deposit and when.

## **Truck Maintenance**

Wheel Alignment.

Truck doors rattle and need adjustment

Headlights need cleaning. Nearly opaque.

Split in body above roller shutter 8.

General service prior to commencement of season 2023.

## **2022 Rung Pigeons Not Rung with a PRF Ring**

All flyers who have young birds rung with rings other than PRF rings, and wish to fly them in the Federation Young Bird Derby, must submit ring particulars to PRF Treasurer, John Wintle, on a **Flyer Life Ring Registration List 2022**, at a cost of .10 cents per pigeon. This form is available from your club Secretary.

Nominations are required to be with the Federation Treasurer by **1 May, 2023**. Under the provisions of our **Constitution nominations after that date are \$10 per bird**.

For reference covering these requirements in the Constitution 5, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5.

Noting 50% of these funds go towards the Fed YBD whilst the other 50% goes toward the other three Fed races.

### **Nominations for 2023 Federations Sires**

The treasurer is currently accepting nominations for the 2023 Federation Sires Race. Nominations must be with the Treasurer by the second race of the season. Nomination fee \$10 per pigeon. Nomination form is available from your club Secretary.

### **Register of Members**

To be updated by Federation Secretary.

### **Labels on Federation Crates**

In order to ensure every club is adequately catered for, no club is to load a Federation crate onto the truck unless it bears the appropriate club label, as per the Constitution.

Each member is entitled to one [1] crate only per week. For example, if you have 10 members, only ten crates are eligible to be loaded onto the Federation truck by your club.

### **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. or Scolexia Unit 8/19 Norwood Cresc. Moonee Ponds Vic. Simply Google the above suppliers for full particulars.

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

The Federation Publicity Officer (Matt Creemer's) will attend to this now.

### **General Insurance**

Clubs are reminded to forward a copy of updated /renewed Public Risk Liability Insurance to the Federation Secretary, very few are currently held.

### **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.

**Meeting Closed:** 21H20

**Next Meeting:** Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.