

Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A.(Inc)
Board of Control
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 7 May 2023.

Meeting Opened: 1935 hrs

Present: B Brennan [President], B Scott, N Mouritz [Vice President], W Deverneuil [Secretary], J Wintle [Treasurer], Matt Heedes, Matt Creemers, K Damon and B Hayes.

Apologies: W Deverneuil

Absent: Nil

Visitors: L Turley, G Hemerik and G Smith

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: M Creemers that the minutes of the April meeting of the Board are a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Seconded: N Mouritz

Carried

Business Arising:

Correction: At the April meeting of the Board N Mouritz moved that the minutes of the December meeting are a true and accurate record of that meeting. Firstly, the minutes of the April meeting should have read 27 February meeting, not December, and secondly N Mouritz was not present at the 27 February meeting and did not qualify the move the motion.

Moved: B Hayes that the minutes of the board meeting conducted on 27 February are a true and correct record of that meeting.

Seconded: B Scott

Carried

The Board thanked our PR/ Publicity Officer Matt Creemers and member Clint Sparrow for making a crate full of pigeons available for the Walk for Women's Cancer and their contribution towards organizing a liberation of pigeons on Saturday 29 April in aid of Walk for Women's Cancer.

Treasurer's Report:

J Wintle [Treasurer], read the Financial Report for the period 1st April 2023 to 1st May 2023, for the information of and consideration by those present.

Moved: M Creemers that the Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded: B Scott

Carried

Correspondence In:

Email received from Walk for Women's Cancer confirming arrangements for Saturday 29th April 2023.

Moved: B Hayes

Seconded: F Scerri

Carried

Correspondence Out:

Email to Mandurah City RPC particularizing the details to be kept in a "Crate Seal Logbook" when transporting race crates from Mandurah to Sound RPC on basketing day and the process to be adhered to.

General Business:

Public Risk Liability Insurance

Clubs are once again requested to submit a copy of their Public Risk Liability Policy or submit evidence to confirm that you have a current policy.

Change of Flying Name

Jim Blackford of Rivervale Club requests approval for a change of flying name. He now requests approval to fly in partnership with his wife Pam. The new flying name is J & P Blackford

Moved: B Scott that the change of name be approved.

Seconded: N Mouritz

Carried

Applications for Consideration of Approval

The following applications for membership to the PRF were tabled at the April 2023 Board meeting

Nigel Maund – Riverton Pigeon Racing Club
3 Gelirah Lane
Martin WA 6110
Mobile: 0416 961 404
Email: nigelhoward_maund@yahoo.com

Moved: M Creemers that N Maund's application be approved
Seconded: B Scott

Carried

Karl Hellbusch – Riverton Pigeon Racing Club
188 Castlewood Parkway
Southern River WA 6110
Mobile: 0481 230 968
Email: peugeot404@yahoo.com.au

Moved: N Mouritz that K Hellbusch's application be approved
Seconded: F Scerri
Carried

Paul Doherty – Riverton Pigeon Racing Club
5 Temby Street
Beckenham WA 6107
Mobile: 0422 599 593
Email: docandlarni@live.com

Moved: M Creemers that P Doherty's application be approved
Seconded: Carried

Carried

Mark Artemis - Coastal Club
18 Liddell Street, Girrawheen 6064
Mob: 0428 915 008
Email: mischief.10@hotmail.com

J & C Abrahams; flying as Abrahams Family – Sound Pigeon Racing Club
2 Chester Way, Rockingham 6168

Mob: 0449 793 056

Email: carlfamily1309@gmail.com

Moved: M Creemers that M Artemis' application be approved

Seconded: F Scerri

Carried

New Application for Country Membership

Kevin John Matthews - Mandurah City RPC

COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP

44 Railway Parade, YARLOOP [62 kms from Mandurah and 62 kms from Bunbury]

Mob: 0419 937 935

Email: triciakevin@bigpond.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 14 May 2023. It is critical that the flyers name and address, club, mob phone number and email address are included on the Form.

EBSS Sensor Pads

All new lofts, redesigned or lofts that have been moved, must have new clock seals secured to the sensor pad/s relative to their EBSS and the new clock seal number recorded and checked by the club Clock Foreman. The flyers name and address along with particulars of the clock seal are then to be forwarded to the Federation Clock Foreman, Garry Wilson, [email: garrywilson52@outlook.com] prior to the commencement of season 2023.

Federation Young Bird Derby – Clock out - Sunday 20 August 2023

Time: 1030 hrs

Date: Sunday 20 August 2023

Venue: Riverton RSL Club, 153 High Road Riverton.

Moved: N Mouritz that the clock out for the 2023 Fed YBD be at the abovementioned venue.

Seconded: Brad Scott

Carried

Truck Maintenance

Truck fully maintained in readiness for season 2023

Our mechanic advises that bushes on springs will need replacing in the not, too distant future.

Australian National Pigeon Racing Board [ANPRB]

We take this opportunity to thank Kevin Wilson for representing the WA perspective on the ANRPB for the past five plus years.

The new PRF of WA representative on the ANRPB is Leo Turley.

The minutes of the ANRPB meetings are now be available on the PRF website under the heading **Australian National Pigeon Racing Board**.

The ANRPB will be conducting the “Australian ACE Bird Awards” this year. See PRF website for details.

The Pigeon Racing Federation of Western Australia [Inc.] - Trustees

Under the provisions of the PRF Constitution we are required to have two [2] Trustees. Last year one Trustee resigned, leaving Gerry Hemerik as the only Trustee. Leo Turley is well versed with the responsibilities that go with being a Trustee and to that end was requested by the Board to accept his nomination to fill the vacant Trustee position with the Federation. Leo accepted the nomination

Moved: Brad Scott that Leo Turley be elected to fill the vacant Trustee position

Seconded: F Scerri

Carried

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.

Members are reminded that the .10 cents, is not a transfer fee but goes toward prize money, 50% for the Federation YBD and 50% towards the two long Federation races.

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.

Note, to qualify for Federation (positions, prize money) any rings (Legacy, Sires, birds gifted) not issued to you by your club, the Federation should be notified in writing as above. This also greatly assists the Lost Bird Officer, who has also expressed consideration that a person gifting birds to another, provide a letter / email, confirming details of the birds, (Ownership transfer signed by club Secretary) to that person, to be forwarded with the ring list.

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. This is a work in Progress. Secretary has asked that the club Secretaries / President forward an updated club membership list to the Federation Secretary; this should contain: Racing Name / Flyers names / Mobile No / Home No / Email Address / Physical Address. A blank document has been attached which may assist.

Events Calendar

For ease of reference by members and to avoid special events clashing, Clubs are again requested to advise the Board of any special events due in the coming season, for example, Sires, Legacy auctions or other special event.

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.

Advertising PRF to Ethnic Clubs

Federation Publicity Officer to attend – work in progress

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.

Rubbers for Federation Races

Blue Rubbers for all Federation races in season 2023. Clubs to ensure that they have adequate blue rubbers on hand.

Thanks to Bayswater Club

The Board extend their sincere appreciation to the Bayswater Club for making their club premises available for the SGM, Thursday 27 April.

Looking Forward / Forward Planning:

Raised by the secretary. We know that all assets have an end of life, what is the plan for truck replacement? Funds for same? Truck n Trailer vs Rigid with lift off basket compartments?

Previously it seems plans were to use surpluses generated after many years to afford a purchase. However, considering current cost, resistance to fee increases, etc. a new strategy is suggested.

Suggestion:

- If we had to look at a truck; Rigid with lift off would be best (M Heedes)
- Suggestion to raise money; Top Ten Federation flyers to donate pigeons for auction (K Damon)

We would appreciate other suggestions from clubs, members, prior to looking to formalize efforts to start building a “Kitty” for a replacement. Please forward your suggestions to the Federation Secretary.

Meeting Closed: 2110 HRS

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 7 June, 2023.

Brian Brennan
President
PRF of WA