

Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A.(Inc)
Board of Control
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 5th April 2023.

Meeting Opened: 19H30

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: F Scerri

Absent: Nil

Visitors: Nil

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the March (held 27th February) meeting of the Board were read.

Moved: N Mouritz; that the minutes are an accurate record of the “March” meeting of the Board.

Seconded: B Scott

Carried

Business Arising:

Treasurer advised of the Fuel Levy omission in previous minutes. It was resolved at the last meeting that the Fuel Levy would remain in place, noting that fuel prices had not returned and are not foreseen to return to previous prices in the near future.

K Damon raised “Spare Clock” – club; to be taken into consideration with phase out of manual clocks, should this be passed / accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Moved: K Damon that the Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded: B Hayes

Carried

Correspondence In:

Email received from Bayswater Club re 2022 rings purchased from a source other than from the Federation Treasurer and their eligibility to race pigeons rung with unauthorized Aust 2022 life rings.

The answer here is that the rings do not qualify for any positions or prize money in the Federation, but may at club level.

Email received from Sawn Districts Club advising another change in office bearer. Dave Wyper resigned as Secretary and Graham Smith has resumed Secretary duties with Swans.

Email received from Joe Olszowy, President Riverton Club providing details of three applications for membership to the Federation, including completed application forms.

Email received from Joe Olszowy, President Riverton Club seeking an amendment to the proposed liberation of toss pigeons.

Much thought has gone into this as considered a good idea and originally approved. However on further consideration it was found that logistically this would be impossible to manage, due to club basket and bay allocation. This would require baskets to be moved around, thus not being in the club bays, time taken to do this, who monitors this, etc. Crate management thus considered untenable.

Moved: B Hayes

Seconded: K Damon

Carried

Email received from J Schofield, Secretary Coastal Club advising that Steve Conroy has shifted back to his previous address of 129 Townsend Rd. Mariginiup and will be racing his pigeons from that address this season.

Email received from Kevin Wilson, Secretary Armadale Club seeking more particulars relative to "Sick Pigeons". President replied direct to Kevin Wilson.

Email received from Sound Club advising that Jason Carstairs is now a member of Sound Club and request amendment of Federation records.

Email received from Joe Olszowy, President Riverton Club advising that his member B Newick will purchase the remaining chip rings ordered.

Email received from Joe Olszowy, President Riverton Club advising the Board of a change of name. Willmott and Sippets will now be flying as Willmott and Turnbull. [For attention Neil Bailey]

Email received from Associations Online seeking particulars of the Federation's Financial report for 2022.

Email received from Matt Creemers (Wanneroo) advising; Tom Harrison, Dreyer Loubser, Neil Mouritz (Mouritz & Cowan), Rod McNelis move to Wanneroo Club.

Email received from Joe Olszowy, President Riverton Club requesting that the Board give consideration to increasing the "Pensioner Discount" from \$35 to \$50.

Moved that the discount remain as is with a review at a future date.

Moved: M Creemers

Seconded: B Hayes

Carried

Correspondence in: Moved K Damon that correspondence in be accepted.

Seconded: M Creemers

Carried

Correspondence Out:

Email to Associations Online providing information as requested.

Moved: M Creemers that correspondence out be accepted.

Seconded: K Damon

Carried

Application for Membership Approval

The following applications for membership to the PRF were tabled at the December 2022 Board meeting

Tony Sluymers

24 Little John Rd ARMADALE 6112

Mob:

Email:

Club: Member Armadale Kelmscott RPC

Accepted

Moved: B Hayes

Seconded: K Damon

Carried

Applications for Membership Approval

Glen Howarth - Armadale Club

4 Alloway St, Savelle Grove

Mob 0427270003

Email glennalan@westnet.com.au

Accepted

Moved: B Hayes

Seconded: K Damon

Carried

Juan Joan T Bancord – Armadale Club

26 Wedgetail Court, Brookdale 6112

Mob 0412288360

Email juan_juan24@yahoo.com

Accepted

Moved: M Creemers

Seconded: N Mouritz

Carried

Richard and Leslie BOYDEL – Sound Club
Racing as R & L Lofts
3 Bibanup Court Hillman 6168
Mob 0409 683 046
Email: clboydell@hotmail.com
Accepted
Moved: K Damon
Seconded: B Scott
Carried

Francisco 3rd Flores – Bayswater Club
5 Abberton Street, Aveley 6069
Mob 0415100027
Email: alpha_omega_titus@yahoo.com
Accepted
Moved: M Creemers
Seconded: B Hayes
Carried

Clinton Sparrow – Wanneroo
170 Bernborough Avenue, Caversham, 6055
Mob 0417855004
Email: c_sparrow7@hotmail.com
Accepted
Moved: M Creemers
Seconded: N Mouritz
Carried

New Applications for Membership - Tabled

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

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

Beckenham WA 6107
Mobile: 0422 599 593
Email: docandlarni@live.com

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

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, club, mob phone number and email address are included on the Form.

Truck Maintenance

Truck doors rattle and need adjustment
Headlights need rubbed back to clear frosting over of the lenses.
Split in body above roller shutter 8.
The truck is in with JLB Mechanical & Fabrication for a full service in preparation for 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.

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 registered 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) 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.

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

Federation Publicity Officer to attend

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.

General Business

There will be a Federation Clock out on the Young Bird Derby, only.
Venue is to be advised.

Moved: B Hayes

Seconded: M Creemers

Carried

Confirmation of Bird Numbers:

Main Race: 25

Sprint 2: 15, this being subject to basket space / allocation at club.

Rubbers for Federation Races

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

Special General Meeting

Notice provided that a Special General Meeting will be held at Bayswater RPC, Elstead Reserve, Embleton Ave., Morley on the 27 April 2023 commencing 1930 hrs. sharp.

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: 21H50

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 19H30. Wednesday May 3, 2023.