

ANRPB Meeting held 17th May 2023

Meeting Opened 18:40 EST.

Meeting chaired by Stephen Shears

Attendees: Stephen Shears, Paul Gibbs, Gavin Harris, Leo Turley, Peter Flack, Kevin Wilson, Janine Johnston, Tony Price, Russell Somerville.

Apologies: Vince, Tony Price

Correspondence In: No Correspondence tabled.

Correspondence out: Stephen Shears - Application for Australia to Join FCI.

Paul Gibbs – Forwarding Bird of the Year details to Federations, Clubs, Journal.

Minutes Approved : Moved Leo Turley Seconded by Peter Flack

Business arising from Correspondence in: No action at this time.

Treasurers Report: Gavin Harris advised current balance in bank as at 17 May 2023 \$77,996.88 of which \$63,293.73 is the Disease Management Fund held in Trust, meaning our General Funds are \$14,703.15c. A discussion was held regarding placing Disease Management funds in a term deposit. Gavin to discuss with Westpac current interest rates and terms Peter Flack moved an amount of \$70,000 be placed in a term deposit. Gavin to consult with Vince and Stephen. Signatures are required to be updated to reflect changes in board positions. Gavin Harris moved the treasurers report be accepted. Paul Gibbs seconded, carried.

Victorian Legislation	Colin Walker meeting with Victorian Government on the new legislation Colin believes ANRPB should be the body that provide feedback based on information provided by Dr. Colin Walker. Ideally have racing pigeons as a separate topic rather than be grouped under Poultry. Colin, Vince, Marc discussion with Grant Paterson for background. Code of Practice – future plan to check each states code of practice.	Code of Practice: Ongoing working document including future concepts to address feedback. Colin Walker currently overseas.
FCI	Stephen has forwarded correspondence to Phillipa Gert. Next congress meeting will be January 2024.	Action: Ongoing

Government recognition / Sports Australia.	Vince is collating a list of state representatives in order to discuss with individual state ministers. Gavin to send Frank Descarpali an email to put together a letter regarding human involvement in pigeon racing.	Action: Ongoing at this time.
Emmdale Grand National	Agreed to hold it on Saturday 30 th September 2023. Peter enquired about organising a national race within the states (State National race) as at this stage North QLD are unable to participate. Stephen to provide feedback regarding Emdale race after federation meeting.	Action : Ongoing. Vince following up with sponsorship opportunities. SA – SAHPA has approved Emmdale to proceed. QLD- No issues identified.
WA National race	Race to be held 2 nd September in line with the Overlander. Kevin Wilson happy to assist Leo with organising details from last year’s race. 2022 sponsor is a current pigeon flier – to enquire if happy to sponsor 2023.	Action : Leo
Future National Conventions	To be held at <i>The Meadows</i> Greyhound racing track Victoria 24 th to 26 th November 2023. Sourcing overseas speakers as well as interstate visitors and speakers. Stall holders being sourced. Opportunity to sponsor a Greyhound race on the Friday night.	Action : Tony – Ongoing.

General Business

National Ace Bird Awards using Coefficient	Paul advised he has commenced forwarding nomination forms, terms and conditions to Pigeon clubs and Federations. Information to be uploaded on various boards websites, pigeon radio and the pigeon magazine. Paul advised there has been no feedback received at this time as racing season is due to commence.	Action: Ongoing. Paul awaiting feedback.
Victorian Country Delegate	Victorian Racing Pigeon Body – Still sourcing a country representative.	Action: Ongoing.
Tasmanian Delegates	Vince advised he has had a discussion with Tasmanian President Steve Lucas. Email sent to Les Mullen asking for EOI who would be interested in sitting on the board.	Action: Not forthcoming at this time.
WA Country Delegates	PRF have advised Leo they have 2 potential candidates.	Action: Ongoing. Awaiting further correspondence.

QLD Delegates	Stephen Flack (Country Delegate) – Working to find a Metro Delegate	Action: Ongoing - Peter advised potential interest from a Sunshine Coast fancier.
National Code of Practice 2022	The NCP has been reviewed and updated.	Updated.
Merchandise	To discuss at next meeting holding a stand at the National Convention. TO discuss merchandise ideas at next meeting.	Ongoing.
ANRPB Life Ring	No further action since Jan meeting. Paul raised the concept, Vince has contacted Alex Azzopardi about Australia Branded Rings. Alex currently has the franchise to sell Australian branded life rings. Vince proposed Alex relinquish rights to the board and that ANRPB life rings may be able to be sold as an ongoing fundraiser being purchased wholesale from Alex.	No action at this time.
Website Auction	Vince advised he is organizing an auction of 12 birds with HOPauctions.com.au. Vince advised proceeds from auction will be divided in half with donations made to Legacy and to the ANRPB.	Action; Vince Pedavoli - Ongoing
Avian Flu Protocol	Stephen Shears has raised the issue on how rampant it is overseas and believes we should be looking at documenting a protocol should the Flu reach Australia. We understand that Colin Walker is on a FCI working party. Vince to approach Dr. Colin Walker about assisting us with developing a Protocol.	Action : Stephen Shears to check the FCI protocol.
Promotion	<p>Promotional Video update: Contact made with Ray Fewings – approx. \$10000 to prepare production with voice over. Ray may be happy to donate voice over for advertisement. ANRPB to plan scenes for advert, ideas included showing a pigeon release and family in back yard waiting for birds to arrive. Picture of a pigeon with price sold for. Show mixed racing age groups, advertising pigeon racing as a family sport. 1 x 30 second advert with a tag attached. 1 x 5 minute informational.</p> <p>Advertising: If advertising on Facebook the board may have to pay to reach particular demographics.</p>	<p>Action: Ongoing.</p> <p>To contact Rod Simmons as Rod produces online videos regarding the sport.</p>

New members.	Paul Gibbs drafted a one-page outline of the board's position description. Unanimously accepted by board	Action: Gavin to forward to Len to update to boards website. Leo to pass to WA interested delegates.
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Other

Peter Flack – QLD started to race over the last week with some federations and clubs commencing this weekend. No outbreaks heard of at this stage.

Paul Gibbs – Mid North Coast Federation has changed name to the Mid North Coast Combine Incorporated. Racing own individual club within combine.

Stephen Shears - Central Cumberland starts racing this weekend.

Tony Price – Starting race season 1st June. No disease issues as yet.

Russell Somerville – Start 3rd June. No break in the season. Russell has spoken with country boys, however, not much feedback regarding the National Race at this stage. Russell has noticed a trend on Facebook with lost pigeons being reported as to whose bird this is. To encourage the public / fanciers to utilize the ring secretaries rather than posting on facebook.

Gavin Harris advised they currently have a pigeon loft at headquarters with 35 pigeons insitu – to promote racing in schools and in agricultural schools over the next few years. Tony Perkins secretary to present information sessions to a few teachers who may be interested. Paul Gibbs asked for regular feedback on this promotion.

Meeting closed 2005hrs EST Time. Next meeting to be held Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 1830 EST.