

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

Meeting Opened: 1930 hrs

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

Apologies: N Mouritz [Vice President]

Absent: B Hayes.

Visitors: G Hemerik

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the May meeting of the Board were read.

Business Arising:

Correction: May meeting of the Board.

Applications for Consideration of approval; Paul Doherty was seconded by B Scott.

Mark Artemis Moved by Matt Creemers and Seconded by F Scerri.

J & C Abrahams Moved by M Creemers and Seconded by B Hayes

Moved: K Damon that the minutes of the May meeting of the Board are a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Seconded: Fred Scerri

Carried

Treasurer's Report:

J Wintle [Treasurer], read the Financial Report for the period 1st May 2023 to 1st June 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:

Marc Tenaglia. Secretary of the Western Pigeon Federation of Victoria Inc. (WPF) forwarded an email advertising the National Pigeon Convention – Victoria 24 Nov – 26 Nov 2023.

Email received from Joe Olszowy requesting video of feed and water races be made available / would be undertaken.

The equipment relating to the above was delivered to the Board. The video recorder has been delivered to the PRF driver to familiarize himself with the equipment and commence recording from the first feed and water race. While this exercise is being worked through, there are some practical challenges associated with making the video immediately available to post to the PFR website.

Moved: B Scott
Seconded: K Damon
Carried

Correspondence Out:

Email to members re National Pigeon Convention – Victoria 24 Nov – 26 Nov 2023.

Moved: K Damon, that correspondence in and out be accepted.
Seconded: M Creemers
Carried

Change of Flying Name

Louie OCampo – Wanneroo Club

Make application to change his flying name to 5T3ALTH Pigeon Racing

Moved: F Scerri
Seconded: M Creemers
Carried

Application for Country Membership

Kevin John Matthews – Mandurah City RPC

Country Membership

44 Railway Parade, Yarloop

MoB 0419 937 935

Email: triciakevin@bigpond.com

Moved : M Creemers

Seconded: B Scott

Carried

New Applications for Membership

Neil Roberts – Sound Club

15 Mustique Mews, Secret Harbour

Mob 0459 480 629

Email: satire.au@gmail.com

Application was approved out of session with 9 votes for and 1 abstained.

General Business:

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

Clock out Federation Young Bird Derby – Sunday 20 August

Clock out Fed YBD, Riverton RSL Club

Time: 1020 hrs

Date: 20 August 2023

Venue: Riverton RSL Club, 153 High Road Riverton.

Truck Maintenance

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

Two new headlight globes fitted to the truck, plus a couple of secondary light globes. Fitted by TRF Mechanical and Electrical

Driver reported further fault with an electrical relay coil and the driver's adjustable seat. TRF Mechanical and Electrical re attended but could not find fault with either and the alleged fault has not reoccurred.

Australian National Pigeon Racing Board [ANPRB]

Minutes of the last meeting of the ANRPB are available on the PRF website.

ANPRB - National Race – Proposed for Nerren Nerren -12 August 2023

The ANRPB seek approval to conduct their “National” pigeon race from Nerren Nerren on Saturday 12 August 2023. As there are no other club events scheduled for this date, recommend consideration of approval.

Moved: B Scott that the ANRPB be granted approval to conduct their National Race from Nerren Nerren on the date requested.

Seconded: M Creemers

Nominations for 2023 Federations Sires

Cancelled due to lack of interest.

Sick Pigeons

At the June meeting of the Board the issue of members racing or tossing sick pigeons on the truck was discussed. It was agreed that an email be forwarded to members in the following terms.

“It has come to the attention of the Board that several members have sick pigeons in their loft. The exact extent of the existence and spread of the health issue is not known. The matter has only come to light by way of self-report by some responsible members. From all reports the symptoms are similar to “rotavirus”. Rotavirus is a notifiable disease and should be reported to the Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development [DPIRD].

Should a member have pigeons in their loft that are suffering a serious illness and you suspect, for example, PPMV-1, Rotavirus or Circovirus, then take two pigeons to DPIRD for examination and report. For the health and welfare of pigeon racing in WA, we need to know what is affecting your pigeons.

In the interim period if your pigeons are unwell, please do not race them or put them on the toss truck until they have fully recovered.”

One member had several pigeons die in his loft due to illness. On Friday 9 June 2023, two of his deceased pigeons were immediately delivered to DPIRD for examination and report as to the nature of the illness. To date we have not received any feedback from DPIRD.

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.

Thank you to the following clubs for submitting the above: United Districts, Coastal, Sound, Swan Districts, Armadale and Riverton (Noting this one expires 1/7/2023).

Could the rest of the clubs please attend to this as a matter of priority please.

Register of Members

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.

To date the following clubs have complied: Amalgamated, Bayswater, Sound, Riverton, United Districts

Could the rest of the clubs please attend to this as a matter of priority please. This is a requirement under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

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.

Number of Members Who Have Indicated Their Intention to Fly in Season 2023

Federation Treasurer advised the Board of the number of members who have through their club indicated their intention to fly.

127 Flying Members

3 Country Members

Crate Allocation – Number of Flyers – Number of Pigeons Per Member – Sprint 2

At first glance it appears we could have more flying members than last year which will place more pressure on the number of pigeons in crates and crate allocation. Some of the larger clubs do not have sufficient crates to adequately cater for their members. If clubs have more crates than their entitlement, please advise the PRF President so as to allow a redistribution.

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 has been in contact with various ethnic clubs and is in process of gaining prices to advertise pigeon racing in their publications. The Federation President will correspond with the Publicity Officer on this and then the Board will make a decision as to how to proceed.

Drivers Wages

For advice, minimum wages as of the 1/07/2023 increase to \$1,765.40 per fortnight.

Moved: Matt Creemers that the wage increase to the Federation driver be approved.

Seconded: F Scerri

Carried

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.

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: 2040 HRS

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 5 July, 2023.

Warren Deverneuil
Secretary
PRF of WA