

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

Meeting Opened: 1930 hrs.

Present: B Brennan [President], B Scott, J Wintle [Treasurer], Bob Hayes, Matt Heedes, Matt Creemers, K Damon, N Mouritz and F Scerri.

Apologies: W Devernieuil

Absent:

Visitors: G Hemerik and L Turley

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the June meeting of the Board were read.

Business Arising:

The challenge of retrieving video recordings of feed and water liberations and the reading of the instrument for measuring Co2 levels, temperature and humidity were discussed. The practicalities of removing the chip from the devices, for uploading the information onto the PRF website, having regard for the location of the truck. Matt Heedes suggested we obtain duplicate chips so that one can be uploaded while the other is with the driver for the purpose of recording the next liberation. Matt Heedes to explore the possibilities.

Moved: B Scott that the minutes of the June meeting of the Board are a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Seconded: M Creemers

Carried

Treasurer's Report:

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

Moved: K Damon that the Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded: F Scerri

Carried

Correspondence In:

Email received from the Department of The Commissioner for Consumer Protection confirming our amendments to the PRF Constitution is approved.

Report received from DPIRD relative to test recently carried out on four deceased pigeons, which were confirmed as having suffered Rotavirus.

President's observations: There appears to be a particularly virulent strain of rotavirus in the metropolitan area. Please ensure you vaccinate.

Moved: M Creemers that Correspondence In be accepted.

Seconded: B Hayes

Carried

Correspondence Out:

Nil

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 27 August

Clock out Fed YBD, Riverton RSL Club

Time: 1020 hrs

Date: 27 August 2023 [**Note the change of date**]

Venue: Riverton RSL Club, 153 High Road Riverton.

Truck Maintenance

Truck fanbelt assembly collapsed near Gingers Road House, Tuesday 27 June. Hino 24 hour roadside assist attended and replaced a pulley and fitted a new fanbelt. Saturday 1 June the fanbelt assembly malfunctioned. Monday 3 July Hino confirmed that the new pulley fitted to the fanbelt assembly on the 27 June was not the correct pulley for that model and

sourced the correct pulley from outside Hino and reassembled the fanbelt and pulley.

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 -19 August 2023

The ANRPB sought 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, their application was approved. **Note Change of date to 19 August.**

The matter of who is eligible to participate in the National was discussed at length. After much discussion it was the majority decision that to exclude pigeon racing organizations that are not members of The PRF would fail to meet the criteria of a true National race. It was also the majority decision that pigeon flyers from recognized pigeon racing clubs would be allowed to participate in the following terms. All participants are to basket their pigeons at a PRF club. The National will be conducted under PRF Rules. Payment of an \$80 nomination fee payable by each individual flyer, payment to The PRF of \$1 per bird freight and payment to the ANRPB of \$10 per bird entry fee into the National. All non PRF competitors are to have PRF distances calculated for the National.

Moved: Fred Scerri that, non PRF members, from recognized pigeon racing clubs be allowed to participate in the Nerren Nerren National in the following terms. The National to be conducted under PRF Rules. Payment of an \$80 nomination fee payable to the PRF by each individual flyer, payment to the PRF of \$1 per bird freight and payment to the ANRPB of \$10 per bird entry fee into the National. All non PRF competitors are to have PRF distances calculated for the National.

Seconded: Matt Creemers
Carried

Toss Program

The Pt Denison toss scheduled for Tuesday 8 August, 2023 clashes with the Wannoo race on Saturday 5 August. In the interests of safety, it is

unreasonable to expect the driver to do a Thursday night pickup, drive to Wannoo sleep overnight Thursday and Friday night and return to the metro area Saturday, then pickup Monday night for a Pt Denison toss. Perhaps we should consider amending the Toss Program. It is reasonable for members to expect to have a Pt Denison toss to prepare their late bred and late developers for the longer races. There is a Pt Denison Sprint 2 on 22 July, thereby providing ample scope to get the young birds up.

Moved: K Damon that the toss on 11 July be a Cervantes/Moore River toss. Cancel the Pt Denison toss on 8 August and replaced it with a Pt. Denison/Moore River toss on 25 July. Then make the last toss Cervantes/Moore River on 1 August.

Seconded: N Mouritz

Carried

Nominations for 2023 Federations Sires

Cancelled due to lack of interest.

Sick Pigeons

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. The responsibility to do that rests with the affected member at every stage, however if, due to age or other incapacity he/she is unable to do so, his/her club is required to assist.

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, four of his deceased pigeons were immediately delivered to DPIRD for examination and report as to the nature of the illness. All four young birds were diagnosed as suffering Rotavirus. Sick pigeons remain on the agenda as topic for discussion and identification of the most practical way forward, for example compulsory vaccination, identifying Health Stewards in each club with all the powers to make decision on a bird's fitness to race or otherwise bestowed on them under the provisions of the Code of Practice.

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 remaining 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 remaining 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.

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. To date we have not received a response from any ethnic club.

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: 2120 HRS

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 2 August, 2023.

Brian Brennan
President
PRF of WA

