

ANRPB Meeting held 12th July 2023

Meeting Opened 18:40 EST.

Meeting chaired by Vince Pedavoli

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

Apologies:

Correspondence In: Leo Turley regarding WA West Coast Pigeon Federation. Peter Flack – Victorian National. Invoice for Blue Host website.

Correspondence out: Stephen Shears – paid costs for Blue Host website.

Minutes Approved : Moved Seconded by

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

Treasurers Report Dated 12/07/2023. The ANRPB Inc has increased our trading surplus this year from \$4536 to \$9995 financial year ending 30th June 2023. The ANRPB Board Members each donated \$50 to be financial members of the ANRPB, we also recognized the need for the Board to have some general funds to operate the board. This year we raised funds from two pigeon auctions, and we greatly appreciated the high quality of birds donated. The ANRPB made a \$5412 surplus from the Pigeon Sales Australia auction run by Tim Fawcett. We also auctioned 10 birds at the SA Pigeon Convention held by the SAHPA and made a surplus of \$6700 after transport to Adelaide expenses for some interstate birds from WA and QLD. Leon Murphy LPM Stud and Anpario sponsor a Sleeve on the ANRPB Shirts we procured. The Shirts were quite popular, and we should aim to have some more printed for the Victorian Convention later this year. The ANRPB has transferred \$70,000 of our funds into a Term Deposit at Westpac, earning 4.15% over 11 months. Closing Balance 30/06/23 General Account \$8,211.88 Term Deposit \$70,000. Moved Gavin Harris, Treasurer. Seconded Peter Flack.

Victorian Delegate Update (held at commencement of meeting due to another engagement) – Tony Price. Colin Walker is due back in Australia at the end of September. Tony has contacted Colin Walker regarding the Avian Flu protocol. Pigeons are not carriers of Avian Flu. Pigeons recover quickly. The zone of the outbreak becomes a kill zone with all poultry destroyed. Restricted zones are monitored. Any fancier in this zone – can't race or allow pigeons to fly over zones 1 and 2. During the peak Covid outbreak, an outbreak occurred in Ballarat.

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 awaiting further details.	Action: Ongoing
Government recognition / Sports Australia.	Vince advised collation of information. Vince to amend letter to forward to state parliament members combining information from Greg and Stephen to be incorporated for a response. Gavin to send Frank Descarpali an email to put together a letter regarding human involvement in pigeon racing.	Action: Ongoing at this time. Action: Gavin to find previous correspondence and forward to Vince.
Emdale Grand National	The board agreed for the race to be held 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 in the Emdale Race. Stephen to provide feedback regarding Emdale race after federation meeting. NSW - Stephen – NSW Promotional flier to put on website. Vince – promoting Peterborough and Boulia Race as a lead up to Emdale Race SA – SAHPA has approved Emdale to proceed. QLD - Peter has a unit for release – no issues have been identified at this stage. Victoria - Peter Flack has spoken with VPO regarding National Race. Ivan Fonte is happy to promote the race. Joe Angelino – President of VPO is happy to organize. Capacity for liberation is approx. 1500 – 2000 pigeons.	Action: Ongoing. Vince following up with sponsorship opportunities with thanks to Landmark Square Development and San Remo Lofts. All in agreement. Gavin to call Tony Price regarding proposal and seek endorsement of VPO.

		VPO happy to transport all birds. By close of business Friday
WA National race	<p>A lengthy discussion was held regarding correspondence and feedback from WA. Leo advised the Perth Racing Federation have introduced a fancier cost of \$80 per fancier (not currently a PRF member) with a further cost of \$1 per pigeon and the \$10 pigeon entry cost to participate in a Grand National Race in WA.</p> <p>A general discussion was held as the board is seeking inclusiveness and continuity of the sport and cooperation of fanciers and clubs. A donation of \$1000 from the ANRPB for 12 members to race does not promote unity between affiliations.</p> <p>It was proposed to discuss with the West Coast club regarding hosting the National Race with support from the ANRPB to promote inclusion for all. The board feels that an \$80 membership cost for one race is an unreasonable amount for a fancier to pay on a race that is designed to promote harmony within the sport.</p>	<p>Action: Leo has prepared a flier pending host information of race.</p> <p>Leo to further discuss with PRF and WC options to host the event that is inclusive of both federations that promotes unity and harmony.</p>
Future National Convention. Victoria.	<p>The ANRPB has agreed to donate \$500 towards the cost of the Victorian convention – requiring bank account details.</p> <p>The ANRPB is currently seeking donations of pigeons for auction.</p> <p>In preparation for next conference 26 shirts left in stock. The ANRPB agreed to order another 50 shirts and 50 caps.</p>	<p>Action: Gavin / Tony regarding bank deposit of donation.</p> <p>Stephen to source quote for caps.</p>

General Business

National Ace Bird Awards using Coefficient	Information has been distributed.	Action: Ongoing. Paul awaiting feedback after current race season.
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	Action: Not forthcoming at this time.

	Les Mullen asking for EOI who would be interested in sitting on the board.	
QLD Delegates	Stephen Flack (Country Delegate) – Working to find a Metro Delegate	Action: Ongoing - Peter in contact with various members – no interest at this time. Peter to send a letter to QPF / NRC.
Merchandise	To discuss at next meeting holding a stand at the National Convention. To discuss merchandise ideas at next meeting.	Ongoing.
ANRPB Life Ring	Ongoing discussion with Alex regarding arrangements	No action at this time.
PMV Vaccine.	Vaccine – Stephen meeting with Dr Mark White 17 th July regarding PMV vaccine.	Action; Ongoing.
Website Auction	Vince Pedavoli advised auction of 12 pigeons – HOPauction.com.au	Action; Vince Pedavoli – Ongoing Vince starting on the 27 th July.
Avian Flu Protocol	Current increased cases overseas. Tony Price has had discussion with Colin Walker as per Victorian delegate update at commencement of meeting.	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. Vince has discussed with Rod Simmonds regarding a promotional trailer for the board / highlight reel. Rod has all the equipment, can complete story board etc. The board agreed to invite Rod to next board meeting to discuss ideas. To negotiate and source a quote from Rod Simmonds.</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. Vince to discuss to further discuss regarding other board positions such as publicity officer.
Rota Virus	Leo advised 4 birds in one loft with rota virus in WA. Most lofts have been vaccinated.	
Transportation	Leo advised of the transportation guidelines for pigeons with WA currently addressing the guidelines. Leo asked the board to take a more global view of the guidelines across the states.	
Patron	The board to continue to seek another patron other than Bill Lawrie – National identity that the public identify with.	Ongoing
RSPCA NSW	Nil further feedback at this time regarding animal welfare, videoing releases, injured birds etc.	
Website - Board Member details.	There are currently no contact details for members on the board's website or photos for some members. Website to be updated with photos and email addresses.	Ongoing.
Benefits to the economy	Russell – Spoke to Vince regarding overall value of pigeon racing to the Australian economy to capture information and the value of pigeon racing to the Australian economy. – Figures remain confidential.	Ongoing capture of data.

Other

Meeting closed 2015hrs EST Time. Next meeting to be held Wednesday 9th August 2023 at 1830 EST.