

The Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A.(Inc)
Board of Control
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 2nd August 2023.

Meeting Opened: 1930 hrs.

Present: B Brennan [President], B Scott, W Deverneuil [Secretary], Bob Hayes, Matt Heedes, Matt Creemers, K Damon and F Scerri.

Apologies: N Mouritz, J Wintle

Absent:

Visitors: Nil

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the July meeting of the Board were read.

Business Arising:

RSL dates have been confirmed.

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

Seconded: K Damon

Carried

Treasurer's Report:

B Brennan [President], read the Financial Report for the period 1st July 2023 to 1st August 2023, for the information of and consideration by those present.

Moved: B Hayes that the Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded: Matt Creemers

Carried

Correspondence In:

Email received from Graeme Tarrant on behalf of Whatley RPC seeking a Galena be added to the Race Program for Saturday 30 September, 2023.

This was supported.
Moved : M Creemers
Seconded : F Scerri
Carried

Notification received from Gary Gleeson of Riverton club. Gary has been approached by ABC Radio Sports Presenter, "Sports Talk with Clint", Clint Wheldon, relative to broadcasting race liberations on air at 10.00 am Saturday morning during the race season. Clint also inquired as to how he can become involved with pigeon racing without actually keeping racing pigeons in his backyard.

<https://www.abc.net.au/perth/programs/sportstalk>

Gary was provided with the authority to proceed in this regard.

Email from DPIRD seeking PRF participation in a survey on the service provided by DPIRD to the pigeon racing fraternity.

A positive survey was provided.

Correspondence Out:

Letter to the City of Kalamunda on behalf of and in support of Bob Hayes application to renew his permit to keep racing pigeons. Bob is in receipt of a letter from the City of Kalamunda advising to remove all pigeons from his property by August 14, 2023.

Letter to the Secretary of the Legacy Committee seeking a financial contribution to the "PRF Truck Replacement Fund"

The aforementioned request was discussed at the legacy committee meeting and will be decided on at the first legacy sale for the 2024 season.

Moved: B Hayes that Correspondence In and Out be accepted.
Seconded: M Creemers
Carried

General Business:

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 collided with a kangaroo Monday night 17 July 2023 which resulted in damage to a spotlight and damage to the bull bar. Fortunately, Merv Jupp has sourced a set of 8 inch, LED spotlights, for less than the replacement cost of the existing spotlights. The bull bar also requires attention by way of straightening

The Bull Bar was fixed and cost for head light globes weighed up in consideration of LEDs for the headlights. The cost for these being \$149; LED's considered preferable and agreed on by the board.

Moved: B Hayes
Seconded: B Scott
Carried

The ANRPB will be conducting a "National" pigeon race from Nerren Nerren Saturday **19** August 2023. **Note change of date**

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 non PRF 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.

Australian National Pigeon Racing Board [ANPRB]

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

Toss Program

Do we replace the Cervantes/Lancelin toss previously cancelled due to bad weather.

This was a yes, weather permitting.

Moved: K Damon

Seconded: B Scott

Carried

Downloading Video Recording of Liberations and Apparatus for Recording Temp, Co2 and Humidity

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.

It was agreed that filming should take place, with Matt Heeds to follow up and assist with technical issues regarding driver recordings.

Sick Pigeons

We have received some constructive feedback from Board members relative to how best to approach the challenge of sick pigeons being entered into races and tossed on the Federation transporter. Sick pigeons have the potential to cause our birds serious health issues and disrupt our race program. For example, one member lost 9 pigeons to a particularly virulent strain of Rotavirus.

One suggestion is that we put forward a Notice of Motion to amend how we calculate the Flyer of the Year, namely;

[1] For Saturday afternoon basketing only, members have the opportunity to drop their worst two performances from the FOY points system. For example, for the Sprint Series, if there are seven [7] Saturday afternoon basketing races, only the best five results [5] are considered for FOY or;

[2] FOY points commence from Thursday night basketing only, as we are led to believe is the case in SA, Vic and NSW.

Any of the above proposals would require a Notice of Motion to be put to a Special General Meeting or an AGM to amend the Race Rules, which would need the support of 51% of the members.

[3] See also Clause 7.1 of the PRF Race Rules

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: Amalgamated, United Districts, Coastal, Sound, Swan Districts, Armadale and Riverton.

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.

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

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.

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 got quotes to advertise on the Philtimes Facebook Page. The advert will run for a full 10 days at the cost of \$230 +GST. The board agreed.

Moved: B Hayes

Seconded: M Heedes

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.

Damaged Crates and Inserts

Please ensure all damaged crates are labelled with an appropriate tag addressed to Amalgamated Club, particularizing the fault with the crate. The faulty crate is then to be loaded onto Amalgamated's bay for

forwarding to Amalgamated club for repair. Do not store damaged crates at your club.

Meeting Closed: 2100 HRS

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

Warren Deverneuil
Secretary
PRF of WA