

## ANRPB held 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Meeting Opened 18:30 EST.

Meeting chaired by Vince Pedavoli

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

**Apologies:**

**Correspondence In: Gavin and Leo, Stephen and Vince regarding WA outcome.**

**Correspondence out:**

**Minutes Approved :** Moved Leo Turley                      Seconded by Russell Somerville

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

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Gavin Harris advised current balance as of 9/8/23 \$7321.88c. Transactions since previous meeting - 31/7 \$110 deposit 2 shirts 7/8 \$1000 withdrawal to WA.

Moved Gavin Harris, Treasurer. Seconded Tony Price

Victorian Legislation	Colin Walker has had a 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 racing pigeons should be classed as a separate topic rather than be grouped under Poultry in the legislation. Colin, Vince and Marc are in discussion with Grant Paterson. 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
<b>Government recognition / Sports Australia.</b>	Vince Pedavoli advised collation of information. Vince Pedavoli to amend letter to forward to state parliament members combining information from Greg Kakoschke and Stephen Shears to be incorporated for a response.	Action: Ongoing at this time. Action: Vince Pedavoli to compose Letter

		<p>Action: Paul Gibbs to send Frank Depasquale an email to put together a letter regarding human involvement in pigeon racing.</p> <p>Action: Vince Pedavoli received email from Tony Davis Bird Keepers Association of Australia.</p>
<p><b>Emmdale Grand National</b></p>	<p>The board agreed for the race to be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.  Peter Flack enquired about organising a national race within the states (State National race) as at this stage North QLD are unable to participate in the Emmdale Race.  Stephen to provide feedback regarding Emmdale race after federation meeting.</p> <p>NSW – Stephen Shears – NSW Promotional flier to put on website.  Vince Pedavoli – promoting Peterborough and Boulia Race as a lead up to Emmdale Race</p> <p>SA – SAHPA has approved Emmdale to proceed.</p> <p>QLD – Peter Flack has a unit for release – no issues have been identified at this stage.</p> <p>VICTORIA - Peter Flack has been in discussion with VPO regarding hosting the National Race. Peter advised Ivan Fonte is happy to promote the race whilst Joe Angelino – President of VPO is happy to organize collection / transport and release. Capacity of pigeons for VPO liberation is approx. 1500 – 2000 pigeons. Due to factions within the state Gavin advised if the board is seen to support the VPO then the other main federations may not participate. Peter Flack however, stated he has been in regular contact with both Ivan and Joe regarding the VPO organizing the race as there has previously been no other support from within Victoria. Peter pointed out that the role of the board is to promote the sport of pigeon racing with all fanciers having the right to be involved in the grand national. Peter stated the VPO are the first organization in Victoria who have been happy to</p>	<p>Action: Ongoing.  Vince Pedavoli following up with sponsorship opportunities with thanks to Landmark Square Development and San Remo Lofts. \$1000 to be allocated to each state.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion was held regarding Victorias hosting of the race.</p>

	<p>organize and promote the grand national and that if this is a success perhaps the other federations may be willing to participate in future to promote and encourage harmony and unity.</p> <p>Gavin advised the board has made progress with incorporating a Victorian delegate to the board this year.</p> <p>Tony Price the Victorian delegate stated Victoria is fractured at this time and there has been no interest in an Emmdale event</p> <p>Vince suggested that Joe Angelino contact Tony in order to source a solution in regard to the race. The board is to promote the sport not be involved in local politics. The board's role is to be inclusive to bring fanciers together.</p> <p>Gavin advised the good thing of the VPO prepared to pick up all birds and asked Peter to thank the VPO for their offer of transporting the birds.</p> <p>Gavin Harris suggested an alternative to the Emmdale race is a COBAR race within a race - ANRPB sponsored race of \$200 per federation (\$1000 Prize money divided equally). \$10 per bird to be eligible for the additional prize money with a 10 bird limit. Tony Price to present the idea to the other 4 federations to be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of October. This may promote goodwill for the 2024 season.</p> <p>All in agreement.</p> <p>Russell Somerville suggested that the ANRPB approach Victoria to release from Cobar to create a national race point for 2024 to include all states QLD, NSW, VICT, SA. However further discussion to follow.</p>	<p>Action: Vince moved a motion that the president of the VPO contact Tony Price to discuss options in regard to the National race. The board will withhold a donation this year if a resolution not sorted. Stephen Shears seconded motion.</p> <p>Action: Tony Price to present the idea to the 4 federations within Victoria.</p> <p>Action: To discuss further.</p>
<b>WA National race</b>	<p>Leo Turley advised the Western Australia race will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> August and prize money including the \$1000 sponsorship will be dispersed in full. (Sponsorship money will be shared on a per capita basis between both federations at the rate of \$275.00 to W/Coast and PRF \$725.00).</p>	<p>Action: No further action at this time, ongoing promotion of the race for 2024 to host an event that is inclusive of both federations and promotes unity and harmony.</p>
<b>Future National Convention. Victoria.</b>	<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>Action: Gavin Harris to discuss with Tony Price banking details for the bank deposit of donation.</p>

## General Business

<b>National Ace Bird Awards using Coefficient</b>	Information has been distributed.	Action: Ongoing. Paul awaiting feedback after current race season.
<b>Victorian Country Delegate</b>	Victorian Racing Pigeon Body – Still sourcing a country representative.	Action: Ongoing.
<b>Tasmanian Delegates</b>	Ongoing at this time.	Action: Ongoing
<b>QLD Delegates</b>	Ongoing at this time.	Action: Ongoing
<b>Merchandise</b>	To discuss at next meeting holding a stand at the National Convention. To discuss merchandise ideas at next meeting.	Ongoing. In preparation for next conference 26 shirts left in stock. The ANRPB agreed to order another 100 shirts and 50 caps. \$500 for sponsorships on sleeves - Ampario and LPM stud. Are any members able to source other sponsors. Peter to ask Millstone group if they would like to sponsor.  95 out of 120 shirts sold at the Adelaide conference. Paul advised not much promotion material released online regarding the Victorian convention – 1 page on Cumberland website and on Facebook. Paul asked if suitable accommodation for travellers that live out of state be promoted including closest airport to event etc.
<b>ANRPB Life Ring</b>	Ongoing discussion with Alex regarding arrangements	Action: Vince Pedavoli advised in discussion for the board to take over life rings with either a monetary offer and a percentage over X years or to sell rings and profit be divided with half to go to the board and half to go to Alex. Rings are to have a generic board phone number with Peter offering to hold phone for first year if the board promotes ring as available to all Australian fliers.
<b>PMV Vaccine.</b>	Vaccine – Stephen Shears meeting with Dr Mark White 17 <sup>th</sup> July regarding PMV vaccine.	Action; Ongoing. Stephen Shears advised in ongoing discussion as it will be an expensive process. Dr White will seek further information and notify Stephen of outcome.

<b>Website Auction</b>	Vince Pedavoli auctioned 11 pigeons.	Action; Vince Pedavoli – advised 10 pigeons were sold for just over \$25 000 from 11 pigeons. Vince to present cheques to Legacy and ANRPB. A special thank you to Hopigeons who donated their 20% fee back to the board.
<b>Avian Flu Protocol</b>	Current increased cases overseas.	Action: Stephen Shears to check the FCI protocol.
<b>Promotion</b>	<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. Rod to attend September board meeting.  Vince Pedavoli 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>
<b>New members.</b>	Paul Gibbs moved that Vince Pedavoli approach Loui Piculouski from Hopigeon auction to join the board as publicity / marketing officer.	Peter Flack seconded.
<b>Patron</b>	Paul Gibbs proposed to approach Ray Hadley to become a Patron of the ANRPB.	Vince Pedavoli to discuss with Gary Honan regarding contact details for Ray Hadley.
<b>RSPCA NSW</b>	Nil further feedback at this time regarding animal welfare, videoing releases, injured birds etc.	SA Greyhound trainer shown to be cruel to his greyhounds – footage gained by drones. Animal welfare group had been flying drains over property. The board members noted there is a risk with pigeon fliers and culling. Fanciers to be aware garbage disposal vehicles have video cameras and detection cameras of bins when they are emptied. Fanciers need to be conscious of people watching with concerns welfare activists may go under cover. Its important to be aware of animal cruelty.

<b>Website - Board Member details.</b>	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. A link to the Victorian convention – website with links to accommodation. Articles – update. Review race program 2021 currently advertised. Tony, Andrew and Janine to forward current photos.
<b>Agenda item. – Protection of pigeons.</b>	Paul Gibb tabled the following recommendation	<i>As we are trying to have Pigeon Racing recognized as a sport with little success at the present time, I would like to recommend that a formal application be made to the Federal Government to have Racing Pigeons protected by a Federal Government Law as it was during the period up to the end of WW2. Such a law would offer fanciers protection from State and Local Government laws and regulations. For those that subscribe to the ARPJ magazine there is an interesting article in this month’s issue that I wrote that I thought may be of use if we were to make an approach to the Federal Government, albeit that changes would have to be made.</i> Motion seconded Janine Johnston.

**Other**

QLD - Peter Flack currently organizing Emmdale race. Currently planning one loft race for 2024 – receiving entries from across Australia.

WA - Leo Turley– No new business – National race for PRF.

NSW - Stephen Shears advised the Sydney Super series started last week – with a prize money of \$10,000 for 10 weeks.

SA – Russell Somerville advised fanciers have been struggling with bird losses in racing this year – hoping to keep birds going for Emmdale racing. Heat in September is a huge challenge for pigeons. Russell suggested the 2024 grand national race have a monetary prize incentive for pigeons that win with an Australian life ring sold by the board.

Andrew Crothers advised fanciers need to be aware of conversations inclusive of discussing culling in response to current animal welfare tactics.

**Meeting closed** 2030hrs EST Time. Next meeting to be held Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 1830 EST.