

THE PIGEON RACING FEDERATION of WA [Inc.]
BOARD OF CONTROL Minutes of MEETING
WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER, 2023
WHATLEY RPC.

Meeting Opened: 19:40 hrs.

Present: B Brennan [President], B Scott, W Deverneuil [Secretary], Matt Heedes, Matt Creemers, F Scerri, N Mouritz [Vice President] and J Wintle [Treasurer].

Apologies: K Damon

Absent: B Hayes

Visitors: M Jupp and C Sparrow

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the 6 September 2023 meeting of the Board were read.

Business Arising:

- Matt Heedes, requested an update regarding Whatley's insurance. Secretary advised that this had been provided since the last meeting.
- Question raised regarding the Philli Times advert, did anything come of it? Matt Creemers replied a few enquiries had come through, together with a strong prospect which was referred through to Armadale Club.
- A new Co2, Temperature and humidity monitor has been purchased by Matt Heedes from his own funds to be tested in his loft. Should this prove to be effective, Matt will look to purchase 2 for the PRF which can then be run in relay (one comes out for analysis, the other put in to go on the trucks next run)
- As for cameras to show birds feeding / watering, etc. Matt Heedes is looking to a mobile vs fixed option this was agreed by the Board.
- Sick pigeons. Board members have already received reports of sick pigeons. Again, we cannot stress the importance of vaccinations and the thorough disinfecting of flying and breeding lofts, should

have had any sickness in your lofts prior to the commencement of breeding.

Moved: N Mouritz, that the minutes of the September 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 September 2023 to 1st October 2023, for the information of and consideration by those present.

No questions raised.

Moved: F Scerri that the Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded: M Creemers

Carried

Correspondence In:

- Email received from Wanneroo, Rivervale and Whatley regarding proof of insurance.
- Email from Wanneroo regarding Breeder Plate race requesting permission for this to be held on Fed Young Bird Derby in 2024. This was accepted by the board.
- Email received from UD, Whatley and Sound, providing proposed race program for 2024.

Correspondence Out:

B Brennan [President] advised that the satellite phone has been cut off / services terminated until commencement of the next season.

Moved: N Mouritz, that the correspondence in and out be accepted.

Seconded: M Creemers

Carried

General Business:

2024 Race Program

Clubs are invited and encouraged to submit to the PRF Board a proposed race program for season 2024. The line of flight for 2024 is due north through Moora, Coorow, Morawa, Mullewa then across to Galena and on through the north west line to Barradale.

Time date and place for Club Secretaries and Presidents to meet to decide Race Program for season 2024, is Whatley RPC clubrooms, 1930 hrs. Tuesday October 24, 2023.

Clubs are to ensure suggested race programs are received by the Federation Secretary and cc to President by close of business Tuesday 17 October. Late race programs will not be entertained.

-Sound, Whatley and UD have already presented prior to this meeting.

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Federation Presentation Luncheon

Time: 1200 hrs.

Date: Sunday 21 January, 2024.

Venue: Tassels Bar and Bistro, 8 Tassels Place Innaloo.

Moved: F Scerri, that the abovementioned arrangements for Federation Presentation Luncheon be accepted.

Seconded: N Mouritz

Carried

Recall Trophies Presented to Members at the 2023 Presentation Luncheon.

Presidents and Secretaries to assist in recall of trophies in order to facilitate engraving for 2024 presentations.

Truck Maintenance

The following is a list of maintenance that needs to be carried out on the truck before the commencement of season 2024.

Bushes in rear spring hangers cracked and need to be replaced.

Rear shock absorbers leaking and need to be replaced.

Rear tyres, worn and cracked need to be replaced.

Hydraulic hose, that supplies oil pressure to lift truck cabin, leaks and needs to be replaced.

Cracks have appeared in the welds which attach the bird compartment to the body of the truck and need to be rewelded.

Consideration needs to be given to an awning or similar to provide shade to one side of the truck bird compartment. It is impossible to provide shade on both sides of the truck at the one time. One side will always be exposed to the heat of the sun at this time of the year in the north of our state.

Suggested alternatives for fitting have been sought.

Australian National Pigeon Racing Board [ANPRB]

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

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

Matt Heedes continues to pursue this matter, update provided under "Business Arising".

Bird of the Year

The time has come for club secretaries to turn their minds to identifying a suitable nomination for "APRJ Bird of the Year" and "ANRPB Bird of the Year" in the different categories, sprint, middle and long. Do you have a pigeon in your club that has excelled in any of these categories. The ANRPB "Bird of the Year" nominations close on 31 January 2024.

This includes nominations for PRF Bird of The Year

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, a member, last month, 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 basketball 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 basketball races, only the best five results [5] are considered for FOY, or

[2] FOY points commence from Thursday night basketball 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] Clause 7.1 of the PRF Race Rules

Register of Members

To be updated by Federation Secretary.

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.

Could the following clubs please comply:

- Coastal
- Mandurah
- Swan

Please attend to this as a matter of priority. 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.

Advertising PRF to Ethnic Clubs

Federation Publicity Officer provided feedback under "Business Arising".

Clubs, please advise the Federation Secretary, Warren Deverneuil, email w.dev@hotmail.com as to whether you have received any interest from prospective members as a result of the advertisements.

Barradale Federation Race

Particulars of the Barradale Federation Race winner, also top 4 place getters, have been verified and tossed. All homed to their respective lofts.

Annual General Meeting

Time: 1030 hrs.

Date: 11th of February 2024

Venue: Riverton RSL 153 High Road Riverton

Nominations For Vacant Positions on the PRF Board of Control

The following positions will become vacant on the PRF Board of Control as at 11 February 2024.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee Members X 3

Clock Foreman

Lost Bird Officer

Publicity Officer

FOY Coordinator

Distance Coordinator

Liberation Committee

PRF Website Manager

All nominations to fill vacant positions and any Notices of Motion or Special Resolutions are required to be lodged with the Federation Secretary, Warren Deverneuil, w.dev@hotmail.com by 30 November, 2023, cc to President, brianbrennan8@bigpond.com

Moved: M Creemers that the abovementioned arrangements re AGM be accepted.

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.

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.

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: 20:55 hrs.

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 1 November, 2023.