

The Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A.(Inc)
Board of Control
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 6th September 2023.

Meeting Opened: 19:37 hrs.

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

Apologies: J Wintle

Absent:

Visitors: Hemerik

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the August meeting of the Board were read.

Business Arising:

It was pointed out that two of the Legacy sales dates that the Legacy Committee supplied for approval clash with the Riverton Sires (19/11) and the Wanneroo breeders plate (10/12).

A question was asked regarding advertising in the Philli Times, had it gone ahead. Matt Creemers informed the board that he awaits an invoice to be presented to the Board prior to it going ahead, he will follow up same.

Moved: M Heedes that the minutes of the August meeting of the Board are a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Seconded: B Scott

Carried

Treasurer's Report:

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

Moved: B Hayes that the Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded: N Mouritz

Carried

Correspondence In:

Email received from Riverton RSL relative to the use of their premises for future PRF functions.

Email received from Armadale club relative to poor returns and the need to consider an assistant to the truck driver.

- Suggested by K Damon that we could consider a liberator as per the East Coast operations to commence as of Thursday night basketing.
- Board discussed this in general terms; noting it would mean additional personnel would need to be employed, travel, meals and accommodation for this person, is there accommodation at the race points? Cost increase to the members to accommodate same? Is this what the broader clubs want?

Email received from Wanneroo club seeking approval to allow the Wanneroo Gold Ring Race birds [all 2023 rung young birds] to be liberated on the same day as the 2024 Club YBD.

Moved : K Damon

Seconded: F Scerri

Carried

Correspondence Out:

Email to Riverton RSL thanking them for the use of their premises for the YBD clock out.

Moved: B Hayes that Correspondence In and Out be accepted.

Seconded: N Mouritz

Carried

General Business:

Young Bird Derby place getters have all been tossed / verified and returned to lofts.

Fed 100 – Gascoyne Junction Nth

The top 5 place getters have been tossed /verified and returned to their lofts

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 to Barradale.

The date for Club Secretaries and Presidents to meet to decide Race Program for season 2024, is Tuesday October 24, 2023.

To avoid confusion any future changes to a race program: A fresh amended program should go out with the date of amendment included.

Truck Maintenance

LED lights fitted to truck headlights. The driver reported much improved night lights.

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.

Board has agreed that this is something that needs to be explored.

Life Rings

2023 Life rings are now available from your respective club Ring Registrar.

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

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. Both the video camera and the recording device for measuring air quality in the bird compartment have

malfunctioned, however the extraction fans are working efficiently and the air quality in the bird compartment is excellent. Matt Heedes is endeavoring to identify the faults, he is checking the batteries first and endeavoring to purchase the correct ones.

Bird of the Year

While the season has several races to run, club secretaries might turn their minds to identifying a suitable nomination for “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.

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

[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] Clause 7.1 of the PRF Race Rules

Feed and Water Races

At 1500 hours Friday 18 August your President and Committee member Fred Scerri visited the PRF truck driver while the truck was parked at Nerren Nerren and carried out an inspection of how he fed and watered the race birds on the truck. They are pleased to report that the driver, in

whose care we place our pigeons, was doing an excellent job of looking after our birds.

Unfortunately, members continue to put unfit and/or unhealthy pigeons on the truck. While at times it can be difficult to assess a pigeon's health and fitness for the task ahead, clubs are asked to pay closer attention to the general health of pigeons before they are basketed.

Despite our pigeons receiving the very best of care while on the truck, members continue to report pigeons arriving at the loft looking dehydrated and continue to suffer losses. Where to from here, why is it so?

Public Risk Liability Insurance

Clubs, not mentioned below, 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, Bayswater, 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

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: 21:14 HRS

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 4th October 2023.

Warren Deverneuil
Secretary
PRF of WA