

THE PIGEON RACING FEDERATION of WA [Inc.]
BOARD OF CONTROL Minutes of MEETING
WEDNESDAY 6th December, 2023
WHATLEY RPC.

Meeting Opened: 19:40

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

Apologies: N Mouritz [Vice President]

Absent: Nil

Visitors: David Wyper

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

It was moved that the minutes of the previous meeting as read are true and correct.

Moved: B Scott

Seconded: M Creemers

Carried

Business Arising:

- Top 20 PRF and other very creditable flyers have offered to donate birds to the Squeaker Sale on the 4/02/2024
- Matt Creemers has also secured birds from outstanding Eastern States for this sale.
- M Creemers reports that he has had a further 3 enquiries stemming from the Philli Times advertising.
- Although there appears to have been a considerable uptake by those who previously declined to vaccinate, will the Board deem vaccination for PPMV-1 and Rotavirus mandatory or not, going forward. The decision by some respected flyers not to vaccinate caused them considerable grief last season. The Board is yet to vote on this. It was decided to carry this over with some thought as to how this would be managed / controlled.

Treasurer's Report:

J Wintle [Treasurer], read the Financial Report for the period 1st November 2023 to 1st December 2023, for the information of and consideration by those present.

No questions raised.

Moved: K Damon that the Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded: B Hayes

Carried

Correspondence In:

Quote received from Michael Allen, New FUSO Truck Sales Manager, particularizing what costs are associated with the purchase of a new FUSO truck, including specifications and associated information.

Correspondence Out:

Letter to DPIRD relative to number of pigeons in crates. The Australian Guidelines for transporting stock, poultry and pigeons state certain maximum numbers of pigeons and poultry per square centimeter. This could impact the number of pigeons the PRF load into a crate for races when pigeons are in the crate for less than 24 hours and the number of pigeons when in the crate for in excess of 24 hours.

Correspondence in and out accepted as true and correct.

Moved: F Scerri

Seconded: B Hayes

Carried

General Business:**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 tyers, worn and cracked need to be replaced

Hydraulic hose, that lifts truck cabin, leaks and needs to be replaced.

The above to be carried out prior to the commencement of the 2024 season

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

Steel tubing inside the bird compartment has considerable rust and in need of prompt attention. An estimate cost to repair has been received in the amount of \$3,000. Work completed at a total cost of \$1350.00.

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 to pursue this matter in the new year.

Bird of the Year – ARPJ and ANRPB

The time has come for club secretaries to turn their minds to identifying a suitable nomination for “ARPJ 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. **All Nominations from PRF members, to be received by the PRF Secretary by the 31 December.**

PRF Bird of the Year

Nominations are also call for PRF Champion Pigeon. This award is allocated on a points system, namely the bird that has accumulated the highest number of federation points, for example, 10 points for topping the Federation down to 1 point for running 10th Fed. A pigeon may have gained four top ten Fed positions and accumulated 16 points, while another pigeon has topped the Fed on two occasions and accumulated 20 points. The pigeon that accumulated 20 points is the winner.

All Nominations to be received by the PRF Secretary by the 31 December.

Register of Members

To date we still await the following clubs to comply:

- Coastal
- Swan

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.

Federation Presentation Luncheon

Time: 1200 hrs.

Date: Sunday 21 January, 2024.

Venue: Tassel's Bar and Bistro, 8 Tassels Place, Innaloo.

Club Secretaries are requested to provide numbers from their club who propose to attend. Email numbers to Brian Brennan, brianbrennan8@bigpond.com Please encourage members to attend and demonstrate their support to flyers who have excelled in one or several categories in season 2023. Clubs please advise numbers from your respective club as to who will be attending by 31/12/2023.

Annual General Meeting

Time: 1030 hrs.

Date: Sunday 11th of February 2024

Venue: Riverton RSL 153 High Road Riverton

Nominations For Vacant Positions on the PRF Board of Control

The following nominations have been received to fill vacancies on the PRF Board of Control at the 2024 AGM

President

Brian Brennan

Vice President

Neil Mouritz

Kevin Wilson

Secretary

Warren Devernierul

Treasurer

John Wintle

Committee Members X 3	Fred Scerri, Bob Hayes, Brad Scott, Gary Wilson & Brad Phillips
Clock Foreman	Vacant
Lost Bird Officer	Matt Heedes
Publicity Officer	Matt Creemers
FOY Coordinator	Neil Bailey
Distance Coordinator	Neil Bailey
Liberation Committee	N Mouritz and B Scott
PRF Website Manager	Jeff Schofield

Special Resolution

Moved B Brennan

Seconded Matt Creemers

That Clause 8.3 of the Constitution be amended to extend the term of office for the office of President, Secretary and Treasurer from one year to three years with and option of a fourth year.

Notice of Motion

Moved Warren Deverneuil

Seconded Fred Scerri

That clause 6 of the Electronic Band Scanning Systems be amended to read.

Manual clocks be phased out in 12 months commencing May 2024

Members over 75 years of age are allowed to continue to use a manual clock.

Members of and over the age of 70 years as at the 2024 AGM will be provided with a grace period of 24 months to transition to an EBSS.

Notice of Motion

Moved Clint Sparrow

Seconded Matt Creemers

That the federation Race Rules at, Flyer of the Year Competition, be amended at clause 61.1 by adding clause 61.1[c]

For the long distance series only, a members second bird may be read and given a velocity but is not eligible for Federation FOY points nor is

that pigeon eligible for prize money. The object of the exercise is to make that pigeon eligible to be nominated for Bird of the Year or any of the National awards.

Notice of Motion

Moved Matt Creemers

Seconded Clint Sparrow

That clause 1.7 of Appendix: Rules and Uniform Practices for the Conduct of Federation and Club Races be amended as follows.

Both the paper tab number associated with the rubber race ring and the rubber ring number are to be compared and verified as being the same then both numbers recorded on the Race Entry Form. This amendment is consistent with Rule 36.1 of the Race Rules.

Notice of Motion

Moved Matt Creemers

Seconded Brian Brennan

Rule 12.1 Nomination Fees

Bird Limit

That Rule 12.1 be amended to read as follows.

The maximum number of pigeons per crate for races where the pigeons are in the basket for 24 hours or less is 25 pigeons.

The maximum number of pigeons per carte where the pigeons are in the crate for more than 24 hours is 16 cocks and 18 hens.

Notice of Motion

Moved David Wyper

Seconded Bill da Silva

A record be maintained as to the number of pigeons entered into a race by each member every week and the number of returns with a view to working towards an improved Code of Practice for the wellbeing of our pigeons.

Notice of Motion

Moved Bill da Silva

Seconded David Wyper

An additional clause to be include in the Code of Practice, namely clause 3.5 [i]

A pigeon must have raced 650 kilometres before it is eligible to be entered in any race from 800 kilometres and up to 1040 kilometres. If a pigeon has not qualified as mentioned above then club officials are authorised to disqualify the pigeon from entry into a long distance race.

Notice of Motion

Moved David Wyper

Seconded Bill da Silva

Trial feeding pigeons a mix of grains for races over 600 kilometres. The mix to comprise 50% maize, 30% peas, and 20% wheat. The results at the end of the trial period are to be evaluated in terms of better returns, faster velocities and improved recovery.

Notices of Motion and **Special Resolutions** will be circulated to members at the prescribed time prior to the AGM.

Fund Raising – Truck Replacement Fund

The top 20 place getters in the 2023 PRF FOY competition and other credible local flyers, including some top eastern states lofts, have been requested to donate a pair of squeakers or two to be auctioned to raise funds to replace the PRF truck when the time comes. The auction will be held on 4 February 2024, at Whatley club, time of auction to be advised, Neil Bailey will be the auctioneer.

Costings.

M Creemers requested that the Treasurer provide an estimated costing for:

- An assistant to the truck driver for the Thursday night basketing (accommodation, meals, salary).
- Truck tosses, cost of fuel, e.g. kms per litre, how many kilometers are travelled to complete club pickups before departing for the liberation point. Approx wear n tear cost per kilometer. Driver's wage.

New Members

Please ensure that if your club has any prospective new members, then to advance their applications ASAP. In the first instance they must be a member of your club, then they can apply for membership of the PRF.

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: 21:15

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 7th February 2024.

Warren Deverneuil

PRF Secretary