

**THE PIGEON RACING FEDERATION of WA [Inc.]
BOARD OF CONTROL Minutes of MEETING
WEDNESDAY 1st November, 2023
WHATLEY RPC.**

Meeting Opened: 19:37

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

Apologies: F Scerri

Absent: Nil

Visitors: Nil

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 Heedes

Carried

Business Arising:

- AGM and Presentation Lunch, dates locked in and venues booked.
- All required trophies have been returned.
- M Creemers reports that he has had a further 3 enquiries stemming from the Philli Times advertising.

Treasurer's Report:

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

No questions raised.

Moved: B Hayes that the Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded: K Damon

Carried

Correspondence In:

- Nil.

Correspondence Out:

- Nil.

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 tyres, worn and cracked need to be replaced

Hydraulic hose, that lifts 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.

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. This work needs to be completed prior to commencement of season 2024. Failure to carry out this work could see our bird compartment slide off the truck, onto the side of the road.

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. This is a work in progress.

The Board have agreed that the rust repair and welding needs to be done.

Moved: B Hayes, that the rust repairs and welding be carried out as required.

Seconded: B Scott

Carried

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. Nominations from PRF members, for the above awards, need to be submitted by 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. Nominations need to be submitted by 31 December 2023.

Sick Pigeons

Vaccination of your pigeons for PPMV-1, pre-season in strict compliance with veterinary advice should give your flock 100% immunity from PPMV-1 for 12 months. Vaccination against Rotavirus in strict compliance with veterinary advice will protect your flock from a severe outbreak of Rotavirus. Some lofts when exposed to unvaccinated pigeons, for example, on the truck, may suffer a mild case of Rotavirus. Normally a pigeon will recover from a mild case of Rotavirus within a week and be ready for tossing and racing within a couple of weeks. Clearly those who do not vaccinate their flock for either of the abovementioned viruses perpetuate the cycle of outbreaks of the viruses, which has a real potential to contribute to unnecessary losses. The question is, should we leave the

choice to vaccinate or not vaccinate, with the members or should we be guided by past experiences and mandate compulsory vaccination against PPMV-1 and Rotavirus. At the moment we are experiencing the revolving door effect, which no doubt has contributed to losses.

Interestingly the racing and pacing industry, in order to protect the industry, have mandated relevant vaccinations be carried out before you become eligible to race your horse.

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 was attached to assist.

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: Tassels 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.

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 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

Please give serious consideration to making yourself available to nominate for any of the above vacant positions. Nobody has any special claim to occupy any of these vacant positions. Our organization needs good people to energize the way we do business and make a positive contribution to pigeon racing. We look forward to receiving nominations by 30 November 2023.

Nomination Forms are available from your club secretary. A copy of the nomination form has also been attached for ease of reference.

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.

Federation Truck Fundraising Auction

The board have resolved to host a "Squeaker Auction", fund-raising sale towards truck replacement, Sunday 4 February 2024

Moved: K Damon That the board host a "Squeaker Auction" to raise funds towards truck replacement. Date: Sunday 4 February 2024. Time and place to be advised.

Seconded: M Creemers

Carried

Meeting Closed: 21:00

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 6 December, 2023.