

ANRPB held Wednesday 15 January 2024

Meeting Opened 18:38 EST.

Meeting chaired by Gavin Harris

Attendees: Vince Pedavoli, Stephen Shears, Andrew Crowthers, Paul Gibbs, Gavin Harris, Leo Turley, Tony Price, Janine Johnston, Russell Somerville.

Apologies:

Special Guest:

Correspondence In:

Correspondence out:

Previous Minutes Approved : Moved Leo Turley Seconded by Paul Gibbs

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

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Gavin Harris advised Term Deposit \$70,000, plus working account current balance as at 15/01/24 of \$18,208.31.

Moved Gavin Harris, Treasurer. Seconded Paul Gibbs

Promotional Video	Promotional Video Video received and distributed to fanciers. Vince to send feedback and seek ideas for an ad -3minute promotional video to attract people to the sport. How to contact the local federation / club at the end of the video. Inform and educate those who know nothing about pigeon racing to gain support and understanding of the sport. Stephen Shears advised there are many in the Australian Filipino community who are not aware there is pigeon racing sport in Australia. Paul Gibbs enquired of impact advertising - what would it cost and would it be effective – is there a cost-efficient way to maximize impact. Vince to ask Rod for a 3-minute promotional video to share across Australia and maybe an advert in the paper. Can the ANRPB pay time with Google for videos to come up in search to promote the sport? ANPRB Host website - BLUEHOST to be contacted to enquire if they charge for downloads of files- 25 minute video. How do we get it on Youtube - Is 25 minutes too long for the average person.	Action: Ongoing. Vince to continue to liaise with Rod. Vince to talk to his daughter and advertising department regarding promotion ideas.
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	<p>Leo Turley - advised of animal welfare issues overshadowing sport with RSPCA active in WA – Leo suggested federations and clubs need to address social media etiquette and protocols and that members need to be aware of language when sharing on social media.</p> <p>Vince Pedavoli acknowledged we need to promote sport and focus on doing the right thing and be seen to be doing the right thing with the support of the clubs- to encourage more members who will look after the birds to the expected level of care.</p> <p>Russell Somerville discussed linking the videos to a QR code to make it easier for people to download.</p>	
Victorian Legislation	<p>Tony Price updated ANRPB on upcoming Victorian hearing - 2 meetings were held last week with VCAT. A meeting will be held in May 2024 for a definition of Pigeon Racing. Victoria is to use money from the convention to support the case. A council is currently taking legal action against a fancier for having a loft in their back yard – the outcome may affect other fanciers / states.</p>	<p>Code of Practice: Ongoing working document including future concepts to address feedback.</p> <p>Action: Each state representative to check their Federations code and consider updating revision date.</p>
Code of Practice – Loading Density	<p>Leo Turley advised of a review later in 2024 with WA to provide information of outcome. WA Code of Practice has been linked to the WA act for past 20 years.</p> <p>Land Transport of Poultry and Pigeons, current guidelines state that the loading capacity for Adult Pigeons is 450cm²/bird which is 22 birds per m². This guideline is based on Utility Pigeons such as Carneaus and Runts. Whereas Poultry up to 1.6kg is allowed 40 birds per m². Leo Turley will liaise with Dr Colin Walker and Charles Hider to see if we can get a special ruling suitable for “race pigeons”.</p> <p>Now that Dr. Colin Walker is back in the country, Leo will contact Colin Walker for further input.</p>	<p>Action: Leo Turley</p> <p>Action: Gavin to ask Len Vanderlinde to update website to reflect latest version of Code of Practice.</p>
FCI	<p>Email to vice president regarding situation in current process- conference to be held in Feb/March 2024. Awaiting response from FCI.</p> <p>Stephen awaiting annual international meeting outcome.</p> <p>Vince asked Stephen to follow up that our overseas contacts that are going to support our application are ready.</p>	<p>Action: Stephen Shears / Ongoing.</p>
Government recognition / Sports Australia.	<p>Low probability of success in gaining recognition.</p> <p>Vince has composed a letter to forward to ministers of every state and territory.</p> <p>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. Vince Pedavoli has received email from Tony Davis - Bird Keepers Association of Australia.</p>	<p>Action: Vince Pedavolito follow up on letter</p> <p>Action : Ongoing</p>

Grand National.	Positive feedback received from states regarding the Grand National race. The ANRPB are in discussion as to a liberation point for 2024 – members discussed each state holding a race with a distance of approx. 400kms. 2024 – At previous meeting 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. Tony Price indicated that the Vic National in 2024 is planned for Dubbo.	Action: Ongoing discussion and feedback. Ongoing organization for state transporters and to include country fanciers. Ongoing sourcing of sponsorship.
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General Business

National Ace Bird Awards using Coefficient	Paul Gibbs advised nominations have been slow from states. Cumberland’s secretary is to provide feedback to Paul regarding eligible fancier results. Paul Gibbs has been working on suggestive feedback and changes for 2024 season and ways to improve the race. Paul Gibbs has contacted a few fanciers with a reasonable pigeon in the QPF and is currently seeking one nomination from each state.	Action: Ongoing. Paul Gibbs is awaiting nominations which will be expected at end of the race season.
Victorian Country Delegate	Victorian Racing Pigeon Body – Still sourcing a country representative. Gavin Harris and Tony Price have been in discussion regarding a country delegate.	Action: Ongoing.
Queensland Delegates	QLD is requiring a Metro and Regional representative from Queensland. Vince Pedavoli advised he has spoken to Philip Ireland, President of NRCP.	Action: Ongoing
Tasmania Delegates	Ongoing at this time.	Action: Ongoing
Merchandise	Melbourne convention sales were disappointing compared to the Adelaide convention with all remaining shirts, mugs and caps posted to Stephen Shears for storage. Central Cumberland are holding a Benzing trade day - Answer and greet discussion with Benzing representative. This may be a potential opportunity to promote ANRPB and sell stock.	Actions: Ongoing promotion.
ANRPB Life Ring	Ongoing discussion at this time.	Action: Vince to follow up Alex – Ongoing.
PMV Vaccine.	Vaccine – Stephen Shears remains in discussion with Dr. Mark White who is in discussion with APVM group.	Action; Ongoing. Dr White will seek further information and notify Stephen of outcome.
Avian Flu Protocol	Ongoing at this time.	Action: Stephen Shears to check the FCI protocol.

New members.	Vince Pedavolil to call Loui Piculovski.	Action: Vince to approach Loui / Ongoing.
Patron	Paul Gibbs had previously 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. / Ongoing.
Agenda item. – Protection of pigeons.	Trying to get Pigeon racing recognised as a sport is incredibly difficult due to the not recognition of human participation. Can we approach the government to protect them based on use the during war. Racing Pigeons were once a protected species.	Action: Paul to check that Vince has received the information.
State Round Up / Discussion	<p>Victoria – Convention a success with over 300 attendees. The venue kindly halved the fee for the committee. Positive feedback has been received regarding the guest speakers.</p> <p>A general discussion was held to book both Tim Fawcett and Loui for fundraising auctions in 2024.</p> <p>2024 Convention: No current EOI for a 2024 Convention. To make enquiries to see if QLD is interested in hosting the convention otherwise NSW may be interested. To source information from Victoria about what went well with organizing the 2023 convention to assist in future years. Central Cumberland may like to hold the convention in 2025 early in the year (Feb/March).</p> <p>PMV - Australian pigeon company sell the vaccine for interested fanciers.</p> <p>Melbourne: 4 feds are going on the same track with a discussion to reduce costs by transporting birds together.</p> <p>Leo Turley advised he requires another lot of POX vaccination. Nothing has been available from the Australian Pigeon company, and the dose given did not take with the refrigerated supply. Tony Price to follow up with Colin Walker regarding availability of the vaccine. Difficultly expressed shipping to WA due to refrigeration / temperature requirements.</p> <p>Stephen Shears and Vince Pedavoli to summarise 2023 highlights.</p> <p>Distribution of meeting minutes: Andrew Crowthers – Suggested we publish our minutes to each state’s body. Stephen Shears– To liaise with Vince Pedavoli about whether we publish our minutes on anrpb.org</p>	Action :

Meeting closed 1930hrs EST Time. Next meeting to be held Wednesday 14 February 2024 at 1830 CST.