



Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A.(Inc)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Sunday 11th February 2024

Present: 89 members (inclusive of proxy's) as per sign in register, held by J Wintle (Treasurer)

Proxy's: 44

Meeting Opened: 10:35 am

President opened the meeting and thanked the members for their attendance.

Apologies: J Raheb, D McCarthy, B Da Silva, D Loubser

Minutes of Previous AGM 2023:

Minutes of the 12th February 2023 AGM were read to the meeting / members.

Matters Arising from Minutes

B Brennan asked the Sound Club how the Mandurah club seal register was working, was it to their satisfaction. The reply was yes all was working well.

Moved: M Creemers, that the minutes of the 2023 AGM are true / accurate record of that meeting.

Seconded: G Gleeson

Carried

Presidents Report:

B Brennan asked members if they had read his report, if so, would they prefer to proceed without the need to read his report to the meeting. Members agreed to proceed without the need to read the report.

Treasurer's Report:

2023-2024 Financial report tabled.

J Wintle [Treasurer], read the Financial Report.

T Tobey had some questions regarding tax, in particular withholding tax and GST. The reasons for this were covered off by J Wintle.

Rob Sheehy raised that relative to securing funding the PRF should look to Government grants and advised that Rod Simmons would be a person to speak to who could point the PRF in the right direction regarding this matter.

Gary Wilson said that in order for the PRF to continue / survive the fees should be increased by at least \$150 per member.

Moved: K Wilson That the financial report to be accepted

Seconded: R McNelis

Carried

Returning Officers

G Hemerik and B Scott nominated as returning officers to preside over the secret ballot.

Carried by show of hands

Election of Office Bearers

Sitting President B Brennan, had no challengers as such the seat briefly declared vacant (Procedural) before B Brennan immediately resumed to officiate across the ballots for other positions.

Nominees / Votes

President: B Brennan – Unopposed.

Vice President: N Mouritz – 41 / K Wilson 48

Secretary: W Deverneuil – Unopposed

Treasurer: J Wintle – Unopposed

Board Members: Brad Scott 81 / F Scerri – 43 / G Wilson – 56 / B

Phillips – 50 / B Hayes - 34

Office Bearers Installed

President: B Brennan

Vice President: K Wilson

Secretary: W Deverneuil

Treasurer: J Wintle

Board Members: Joining the existing board are G Wilson, B Phillips,

Honorariums:

Agreed to be the same as last year with a 4.1% increase. Carried by show of hands.

Notices of Motion and Special Resolution: (As listed per the AGM Agenda)

Notices of Motion and the Special Resolution were voted on via show of hands.

Special Resolution;

Moved B Brennan

Seconded M Creemers

This was regarding Clause 8.3 of the Constitution in regards to the term of office to be served for the positions of President, Secretary and treasurer.

Members had concerns for continuity of experience on the Board should all positions become vacant at the same time.

Special Resolution was put to the members who voted by way of a show of hands.

Special Resolution defeated.

Notice of Motion

Moved W Deverneuil

Seconded F Scerri

This was regarding Clause 6 of Electronic Band Scanning system being amended to gradually phase out manual clocks for those members less than 75 years old

Motion defeated by show of hands 44 / 42

Notice of Motion

Moved Clinton Sparrow

Seconded M Creemers

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

Effectively the Motion canvassed clocking more than one pigeon on long distance races. The second or third pigeon would not be eligible for FOY points or prize money, but may be eligible for nomination for Champion Bird Awards, locally and Nationally.

Members sought information as to why the Motion didn't include sprint and middle distance races, also if a member's first 10 birds topped the Fed, why aren't they be eligible for a nomination for the Awards.

On a show of hands there were equal votes for and against the Motion. The President's casting vote saw the Motion defeated.

Motion defeated.

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.

Motion was passed by majority show of hands / 6 against

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 crate where the pigeons are in the crate for more than 24 hours is 16 cocks and 18 hens.

Motion passed by majority show of hands; 44 / 37

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.

Motion failed – 84 against

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 kilometers before it is eligible to be entered in any race from 800 kilometer and up to 1040 kilometers. 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.

Motion withdrawn prior to AGM commencement and advised as read out.

Notice of Motion

Moved: David Wyper

Seconded: Bill da Silva

Trial feeding pigeons a mix of grains for races over 600 kilometers. 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.

Motion failed 64 against

General Business

1. Gary Gleeson mentioned the need to consult the Code of Practice regarding Health Stewarts and suggests the PRF needs to qualify more of it's members / refresh the practice.
2. Dave Chaffer suggested the PRF consider using a trailer for Thursday basketing onwards, thus saving money. Questions raised to this were; What tow's the trailer, where does the driver sleep.
3. Kevin Wilson requested two people on the truck from Thursday night basketing. Questions raised here as to the cost involved, a figure mentioned was \$12,670.00, the members would need to carry this.

Where does this person / the driver sleep. Is it shared driving or pigeon care alone.

4. Terry Tobey suggested PRF should look to use ring money for future truck fund.
5. Nigel Coffey raised the question as to why certain race points must be included in the race program per the constitution as pointed out to him by his club President. The line of flight each year is set by the Constitution.
6. Matt Creemers responded to the aforementioned that this was put in place by previous board members, not the current board members and that the president of Nigel's club should be well aware of this.
7. Dave Chaffer raised the issue regarding watering and feeding being filmed. The president advised that this was a priority being undertaken for the 2024 season by Matt Heedes. Unfortunately, the old camera and equipment failed, new equipment will be employed in 2024.
8. **Allen Halley** requested the PRF consider increasing the short distance races from 7 to 9.
9. Nigel Coffey suggested Sprint 2 be replaced by tosses instead.

Meeting Closed at 13:33pm