

THE PIGEON RACING FEDERATION of WA [Inc.]
BOARD OF CONTROL Minutes of MEETING
Tuesday 27th February 2024 (March 2024 meeting held early)
WHATLEY RPC.

Meeting Opened: 19:30 hours

Present: B Brennan [President], B Scott, W Deverneuil [Secretary], Matt Heedes, Matt Creemers, K Damon, K Wilson [Vice President], G Wilson, B Phillips.

Apologies: J Wintle

Absent:

Visitors: G Tarrant, C Sparrow, L Turley [Trustee]

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

Moved: M Creemers

Seconded: B Scott

Carried

Business Arising:

- A correction from the previous minutes as pointed out by K Damon and to clarify; Notices of Motion, Special Resolutions and nominations to fill vacant positions should automatically be treated as inward correspondence.
- Truck toss costing as requested by M Creemers will need to be carried over to the next meeting due to the absence of J Wintle.
- Correction regarding outgoing correspondence from last minutes Nominations to ANRPB should have been ARPJ
- Squeaker Auction funds raised were placed on a Term Deposit associated with the PRF business account.
- Life Rings correction, incorrect wording used in the previous minute. Should have said "Please treat as a matter of importance as we do not want a repeat of 2022".

Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of J Wintle [Treasurer], B Brennan passed the Financial Report for the period 1st February 2024 to 27th February 2024 around to the board members, for the information of and consideration by those present.

Moved: K Damon, that the Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded: M Heedes

Carried

Correspondence In:

- Letter of Complaint received from G Tarrant – Withdrawn by G Tarrant at the meeting.
- Letter received from Linda, Manager Riverton RSL, thanking the Board for their letter of appreciation.
- HPAI or “highly pathogenic bird influenza” in wildlife species overseas. As attached to the previous minutes.
- Receipt received from Consumer Protection re PRF Financial Statement.
- Email from K Wilson advising of the move of B Scott and P Doherty to Armadale club.
- Email from K Wilson advising no change in office bearers from season 2023.

Correspondence Out:

Letter of appreciation to Riverton RSL Club re use of their premises for the 2024 AGM.

Moved: K Wilson that Correspondence in and out accepted as true and correct.

Seconded: B Scott

Carried

General Business:

President welcomed new board members.

Legacy

Lack of response to letter forwarded to the Legacy Committee from the PRF Board on 17 July 2023. This will be held over to the April meeting.

Absence for 12 Months Clarification

Should a member have a twelvemonth break from pigeon racing and not pay his Federation membership for that year, does he need to reapply to the Federation to renew his membership before he is eligible to vote at the following AGM or can he simply pay his \$30 and commit to fly in the next following season without the need to reapply for membership to the Federation. The practice appears to be that the particular member becomes unfinancial and thereby is not eligible to vote at the next following AGM and it also follows that such member is required to reapply to the Board to renew his membership.

Moved: M Creemers. That the procedure articulated in Clause 6.1[b] at page 5 of the Constitution shall be complied with.

Seconded K Damon

Carried

Fees for Season 2024

Suggested by B Phillips that the fees for 2024 be increased by at least \$100 and the Toss Fee of \$60 added to the race fee making a total increase in fees of \$160.00. In future members will be charged a fee per basket for tossing. If there is insufficient support to make a toss viable the Board may withdraw the toss. The PRF cannot continue to spend \$6500 per season on truck tosses if they are not supported. This resolution achieves two outcomes, namely [1] Those that want to use truck tosses pay for it and [2] If a member does not want to use the truck he does not pay a toss fee.

Moved: B Phillips that the fees for 2024 be increased by \$100 and the Toss Fee of \$60 added to the race fee making a total increase in fees of \$160.00. In future members will be charged a fee per basket for tossing.

Seconded: M Creemers

Carried

Fund Raising Suggestions put forward for Consideration.

\$10 nomination 5 birds each week. Should any one of the five nominated pigeons top the Fed for that week, winner takes all. If no nominated pigeon tops the Fed for that week, the money raised is credited to the Truck Fund.

Moved: G Wilson That members can nominate 5 pigeons at a total cost of \$10.00. Should any one of the five nominated pigeons top the Fed for that week, winner takes all. If no nominated pigeon tops the Fed for that week, the money raised is credited to the Truck Fund.

Seconded: M Creemers

Carried

B Phillips has suggested that the next PRF squeakers auction be conducted via online auction. This option is to be investigated.

Liberation Committee

Neil Mouritz

Brad Scott

Grant Kelly

Kevin Wilson, Vice President

Confirmed

Life Rings

Clubs are requested to canvass members for numbers required and advise the Federation Treasurer, John Wintle, wintlej@hotmail.com

Toss Program for Season 2024

The Constitution stipulates the first two truck tosses preseason be from no more than 80 kms. [Normally Moore River]. Board members to present suggested toss program on 8/04/2024 board meeting for discussion and agreement.

K Wilson has proposed that Sprint 2 also accommodate toss birds liberated at the same time as Sprint 2, providing additional cover whilst bringing in an extra toss. How would this work with a one basket per member limit? If the club has 15 members but only utilizes say 10 baskets for the main race and Sprint 2, they have 5 basket they can utilize for toss birds at the same cost per bird [\$1per bird] to be tossed as paid for in System 2.

Moved: K Wilson that Sprint 2 also accommodate toss birds [at \$1 per bird] liberated at the same time as Sprint 2, providing additional cover whilst effectively providing for an extra toss.

Seconded: M Creemers
Carried

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. **The abovementioned work will be carried out prior to commencement of the 2024 season in April.**

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 advised that the new device would cost approximately \$150. Matt has undertaken to present options and costing on the type of camera to be purchased at the next Board meeting.

Members inclusive of visitor L Turley requested that the President consult with Hino regarding the truck exhaust outlet. Leo Turley raised concerns regarding nitrous oxide emissions from the exhaust.

ARPJ – Ace Bird Award

Expect to receive results in March

ANRPB “National Race” 2024

The ANRPB sought approval of the PRF to conduct their National Race in season 2024. Galena 27 July, 2024, this has now been agreed. Galena 27 July 2024, ratified by the new Board.

Moved: K Wilson That the ANRPB National for season 2024 be conducted from Galena on 27 July 2024.

Seconded: B Phillips

ANRPB National

It was agreed that the ANRPB National be open to all flyers PRF and non PRF members. Non PRF flyers will need to advise the number of birds and the club to be basketed at (This to ensure sufficient baskets are available). Non PRF flyers will pay the entry fee plus a \$2 cartage fee per bird. This does not mean that a member can fly two federations and nominate 10 pigeons per federation. One flyer 10 pigeons only.

Moved: M Heedes That the ANRPB National be open to all flyers, PRF and non PRF, provided that they are a member of a pigeon racing federation. Non PRF flyers will need to advise the number of birds and the club to be basketed at, two weeks in advance (This to ensure sufficient baskets are available). All participants are required to pay \$10 per pigeon to a max of 10 pigeons. Non PRF flyers will pay the entry fee of \$10 per bird [max 10 birds] plus a \$2 cartage fee per bird

Seconded: K Damon

Carried

Sick Pigeons

Vaccination of your pigeons for PPMV-1, preseason 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 Board has now mandated compulsory vaccination against PPMV-1 and Rotavirus. Should pigeons die or be found sick in the crates (don't leave the crates), they are to be sent to DPIRD for testing. IF found to have either of the aforementioned the flyer will be suspended / not be allowed to race, for a period of time to be determined by the board.

Moved: M Creemers that it be compulsory to vaccination against PPMV-1 and Rotavirus. Should pigeons die or be found sick in the crates (fail leave the crates), they are to be sent to DPIRD for testing. IF found to be

suffering either of the aforementioned viruses the flyer will be suspended / not be allowed to race, for a period of time to be determined by the board.

Seconded: B Phillips
Carried

Register of Members

To be updated by Federation Secretary.

The Fed Secretary has asked that club Secretaries / Presidents 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.

This is a requirement under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

Note: Failure to provide an updated Register of Members, confirmation of Current Public Liability Insurance and the Volunteer Health and Safety confirmation form will preclude the club from receiving a pick up for tosses / races, until such time these items are held.

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 events.

Should the board not be timeously advised about events and these events therefore do not appear on the Events Calendar and clash with already advertised calendar events. The PRF will not advertise or email members regarding these events, this will fall solely to that club.

Member Transfers - Change of Club

B Scott: To Armadale Club

P Doherty: To Armadale Club

New Members

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

Voting at AGM's / SGM's

Voting was discussed and it was agreed to prevent intimidation or copycat voting, going forward, all voting should be via secret ballot.

Moved: M Creemers That that going forward all voting at an AGM or SGM will be by way of secret ballot.

Seconded B Phillips
Carried

Other

To be placed on agenda /raised at next meeting:

- B Phillips raised truck insurance, is the PRF able to ensure at two different rates, that is in season and off season (Different type of insurance). To be investigated.
- Bird numbers, Basketing. Is there consensus on who take priority; that is, System one flyers who pay upfront for 25 birds then the other systems that pay as you go? This in the event that everyone wants to basket max numbers.
- Club pick up times
- Strong consideration of 3 pickup centers, can this be achieved, what centers should be considered. Consider practicality of truck loading position.

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: 21H:20

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Monday 08/04/2024.