

THE PIGEON RACING FEDERATION of WA [Inc.]
BOARD OF CONTROL Minutes of MEETING
Monday 8th April 2024
WHATLEY RPC.

Meeting Opened: 19:30

Present: B Brennan [President], B Scott, W Deverneuil [Secretary], Matt Heedes, Matt Creemers, K Damon, K Wilson [Vice President], B Phillips, J Wintle (Treasurer).

Apologies: G Wilson

Absent:

Visitors: G Hemrick

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

Moved: K Damon

Seconded: B Scott

Carried

Business Arising:

- Treasurer informed the board that insurance inquiries through Zurich have confirmed that they are able to vary insurance premiums during season and off season, via the following option: . During season Kilometers set to 1000km per week and off season at 250km a week. This will generate a insurance saving.
- Further clarification is warranted as to the increase in Fees for Season 2024. Previous minutes refer to "A total increase in fees of \$160" As per fee structures (Affiliation, membership, Race fee, Tossing, PigeonNet, Prize, Systems , etc.) we have a fee that includes \$62 Tossing. Effectively what is happening is that the "Toss fee \$62" falls away and is now carried under fees, the net impact being a \$98 increase in fees for 2024. Previous wording may have lead members to believe race fees were increasing by \$160 per annum.

- Visitors protocol needs to be followed; that is that if they attend they are to be quiet, are not involved in the meeting or the subject matter thereof. At the end of the meeting under General Business they can be given an opportunity to speak, ask questions, etc.
- **Matt Heedes raised Volunteer Health and safety??**
- Suggested online auction for PRF squeecker sale to be further investigated; which platform / site, cost, etc.
- Concerns regarding exhaust outlet where queried with the result that the exhaust can be extended with no impact to the motor performance. However extending above the cab may bring fumes in through the vents at top of the bird compartment. Currently the exhaust is below the bird compartment. Driver to ensure the truck is turned off at club pick up's, etc. Hino made no comment as to effects of Nitrous oxide on pigeons – outside of his domain.
- Downloading of Video recording, liberations, feeding, etc. Options presented by Matt heedes at a cost of approximately \$780. Board members felt that the same result can be obtained via recording on by Iphone and opted for this.

Treasurer's Report:

J Wintle [Treasurer], read the Financial Report for the period 28th February 2024 to 1 April 2024, for the information of and consideration by those present.

Moved: M Heedes that the Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded: B Scott

Carried

Correspondence In:

- Letter received from Whatley RPC re Public Risk Liability Insurance
- Letter received from Coastal RPC re Register of Members, Public Risk Liability Insurance and an Application by Arnold Duffy for membership to PRF.
- Letter received from Bayswater RPC re change of Officer Bearers, Public Risk Liability Insurance and Register of Members
- Email received from Matt Creemers re new member application J Aitchison

- Email from J Wintle regarding application of new member Clark and Orr

Correspondence Out:

Nil.

Correspondence in and out accepted as true and correct.

Moved: K Damon

Seconded: K Wilson

Carried

General Business:

Cost Per Crate to Toss on the Truck.

The board have agreed to a \$7 charge per toss basket

Moved: B Phillips

Seconded : M Creemers

Carried

Toss birds, Race Birds and Crate Numbers

It was agreed that the clubs forward this weekly by email

Moved: M Heedes

Seconded: K Wilson

Carried

Pensioner Discount for Season 2024

The Pensioner Discount of \$35 to remain.

Moved: K Damon

Seconded: B Phillips

Fund Raising Suggestions 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, less income tax, is credited to the Truck Fund.

The aforementioned to be entered onto the race sheets and in the system by Neil Bailey

Liberation Committee

Neil Mouritz [coordinator]

Brad Scott

Grant Kelly

Kevin Wilson, Vice President

Neil Mouritz being the driver contact person.

Toss Program for Season 2024

That proposed by Kevin Wilson with some minor fine tuning be adopted

Moved: Brad Scott that the Toss Program proposed by Kevin Wilson with some minor fine tuning be adopted

Seconded: Matt Creemers

Carried

Truck Maintenance

Nil

Australian National Pigeon Racing Board [ANPRB]

Minutes of the January meeting of the ANRPB are available on the PRF website. Minutes of the February and March meetings are yet to be made available.

ARPJ – Ace Bird Award

Middle Distance Ace Bird of the Year was awarded to Dreyer Loubser of Wanneroo Club.

Long Distance Ace Bird of the Year was awarded to Clint Sparrow of Wanneroo Club.

All Distance Ace Bird of the Year was awarded to Clint Sparrow of Wanneroo Club.

The board offers it's congratulations to the above members.

ANRPB “National Race” 2024

The ANRPB will conduct their National Race for season 2024. From Galena 27 July, 2024,

Sick Pigeons

The greater majority of members go to a lot of expense to vaccinate their pigeons against Rotavirus and PPMV-1, amongst other things, while those that choose not to vaccinate continue to perpetuate viruses and diseases on the Federation truck thereby putting compliant members pigeons at risk of a minor infection and poor performance and at worst losses.

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.

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.

Failure to vaccinate will results in the member being suspended from racing until he/she has complied.

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.

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, auctions or other special event. **In order to prevent events clashing and detracting from their potential**

success, clubs are reminded to advertise their Special Events on the PRF website “Events Calendar”. Failure to participate in the “Events Calendar” initiative may result in the PRF declining to advertise their event on the PRF network. We need to ensure events do not clash.

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 may apply for membership to the PRF.

Arnold DUFFY

8 Estuary Place Ballajura

Mobile: 0435 427 167

Email:

Application submitted through Coastal RPC

Clark & Orr

253 Jandakot Rd, Jandakot

Submitted through Amalgamated RPC

John Aitchinson

4 Karvah Way, Greenwood

Submitted through Wanneroo RPC

Race Rule 8.5: Registration of Pigeons Not Rung with Ring Issued by the PRF or a PRF Ring Issued to Another Member.

Please ensure that you comply with the abovementioned requirement by 1 May 2024. An administration fee of \$2 and .10 cents per pigeon will apply. All late registrations will attract a fee of \$10 per bird.

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: 21H30

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 1st May, 2024.