

ANRPB held Monday 15th April 2024

Meeting Opened 18:30 EST.

Meeting chaired by Vince Pedavoli

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

Apologies: Philip Almond

Special Guest:

Correspondence In:

Correspondence out:

Previous Minutes Approved: Moved by Seconded by

Treasurers Report.

Current balance in everyday working account \$17,988.86c

Term Deposit \$70,000.00c

Moved Paul Gibbs, **Seconded** Russell Somerville.

General Business

Promotional Video	Vince continues to liaise with Rod regarding promotional video. Louie Piculovski advised he has spoken with Kurt Maney who would like to see the video before posting any segments on his social media. Louie advised he is happy to post on social media and has been searching for other Australian fanciers active on social media platforms with an intention to discuss further advertising of the Board / linking the promotional video. Louie is happy to look at video and take a clip out for use on social media.	Vince Pedavoli to discuss with Rod.
Victorian Legislation	Ongoing currently. Kings Council is to represent fanciers against the Darebin Council. Tony advised it remains ongoing as to where pigeon racing is currently situated in current state planning laws and awaiting the VCAT hearing in May 2024	Tony Price

<p>FCI</p>	<p>Mr. Matteo Grappa, vice president of the FCI has notified Stephen that the Boards FCI application to become a member has been accepted.</p> <p>FCI rings The Board can access FCI rings – currently cheaper than clubs are able to source in Australia. The FCI have approved suppliers with rings sun resistant and to world standard, no numbers are duplicated on rings. 5 euros from each sale will go to the FCI. Central Cumberland plan to access rings through FCI due to quality and price. Leo asked questions such as what details go on the ring, are we able to differentiate states. WA will require a change to its constitution to utilize rings if FCI tagged on ring.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Outcome: Stephen Shears advised the ANRPB is now part of the FCI family. The Board can utilize the FCI logo.</p> <p>Stephen Shears to obtain samples / photos of rings for the next meeting.</p>
<p>Loading Density / Code of Practice</p>	<p>Leo advised ongoing. Representative of WA has successfully presented to the Western Australia Department of primary industry and development with a positive response who recommended to present the case at the National body meeting when reviewed later this year.</p>	<p>Leo in discussion with Grant Patterson.</p>
<p>Government recognition / Sports Australia.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	
<p>2024 Grand National.</p>	<p>Stephen advised Central Cumberland accepted the ANRPB grand national race for NSW and will transport other fliers who are prepared to fly from Bendigo to Sydney. This year’s grand national will include multiple federations and clubs. Stephen advised details for basketing will be sent out closer to the date. The race will be held in September.</p> <p>Perth ANRPB Grand National to be held 27th July 2024 - 500klms. Galena is a shorter race distance however will allow all clubs to receive a bird home on the day. Nonaffiliated clubs to the PRB will be charged \$2 per bird for freight and to provide 2 weeks’ notice for transport. \$10 per bird entry for the Grand National.</p> <p>Philip Almond advised the Grand National may be able to be held in QLD this year as clubs are flying north. No date set at this time.</p>	<p>Proposed Dates: WA – 27th July 2024 SA – Saturday 14th September 2024 NSW – September 2024 VIC – 12th October 2024. QLD -</p> <p>Sponsorship: Sourcing sponsorship for race, Vince Pedavoli mentioned having an auction to support the race with proceeds also being donated to Legacy.</p>

	<p>SA has the AGM this Sunday with voting to be held on lines of flight. Depending on the results Emmdale may be the liberation site for race.</p> <p>Victoria's National is held in October. Tony advised that Victoria federations are unwilling to pay \$10/bird race fee. Sponsorship for transport is already provided. It was discussed that the \$10 per bird may stay within federation as an incentive to nominate and fly.</p> <p>Vince Pedavoli is wanting to have a fundraising auction again this year with Louie hosting an auction, this may raise funds for state sponsorship. Louie Piculoski advised this would be a good opportunity to interview and place on social media by interviewing a board member on how to sign up / nominate.</p>	
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General Business

National Ace Bird Awards	<p>Paul Gibbs has collated information and lists for sprints and distance winners. Trophies to be purchased with funds donated by San Remo lofts. Photos have been taken, certificates to be populated. Glass etching trophies to be sourced for 2023 winners however a discussion for subsequent years to be discussed moving forward. Comments received from VHA – do we need to look for an overall winner and how to apply to future races.</p>	<p>Paul – Changes to distances have been made regarding distances with only 2 results required.</p> <p>Current criteria is clear. However, Paul to draft additional changes to criteria.</p>
Victorian Country Delegate	Ongoing for regional candidate	Tony Price – Ongoing. NO change.
Queensland Delegates	Ongoing for regional candidate.	Gavin sent an email to QPF secretary advising metro position filled. No reply.
Tasmania Delegates	Ongoing.	
Merchandise	Ongoing.	
ANRPB Life Ring	<p>Ongoing: A lengthy discussion was held on the discussion of life rings. The board members currently agree to redress in the future. Although a good fundraiser, there may be an option of the Board taking over the life rings when current sellers Alex and Ted are ready to retire.</p>	Ongoing.

	<p>Paul Gibbs made a valid mention of the work of ring secretaries. If the board agrees to take over the AUST rings all records would be required as it would involve trying to report and find owners of pigeons previously sold.</p> <p>A brief discussion was held on whether the National Board would be interested in selling a ANRPB national ring with a minimum purchase of 5000 rings for 2025. A further discussion was held on what is the standard size ring ?8mm. Many rings are having to be cut off pigeons due to smaller sizing and quality of rings sourced - Clips have are known to break off life rings that hold the chip. What prefix would the ANRPB use e.g. ARB, ANRB.</p> <p>Ring Secretary – no members currently interested in becoming a ring secretary. Can the board place a QR code or email address on the ring. The secretary would need to be advised from each federation when rings are dispensed.</p> <p>Discussion from Leo to advise WA has banned sale of foreign manufactured non-aligned electronic rings since their last AGM. Electronic rings need to be those produced only by the respective clock manufacturer.</p> <p>Discussion from Gavin to advise SA life rings are only issued on or after their Derby in August to ensure quality control.</p>	
Patron	Ongoing.	Ongoing.
State Round Up / Discussion	<p>SA – To amend April 2024 meeting minutes. SAHPA has developed a junior development program through several schools and is also running a Golden mile loft were retired fliers can race up to 10 pigeons bred by either themselves or another fancier. The club has TV on the outside hall to watch results. Currently 13 fanciers are participating. The Board was shown the SAHPA website available at Clubs (sahpa.asn.au).</p> <p>Pigeon Convention: March 2025 Central Cumberland.</p> <p>Promotional - Louie Piculovski Louie asked for a PDF of the ANRPB logo to use for branding. Louie advised he can integrate the logos. Stephen Shears and Russell Somerville were nominated for a 10 second clip with board members. To create awareness and encourage interaction online fanciers with the members of the board. Paul and Louie to team up for promotional ideas.</p>	<p>Stephen to source PDF board and FCI logo. Stephen to check with the FCI regarding any rules regarding standards and sizes of the FCI logos to be used.</p>

Victoria: Tony Price advised that Colin Walker provided a full report of PMV trial with results in the 2024 Journal. Key point from the article is that the PMV vaccination is ineffective at 3week old immunization mark for young birds. Vince to forward Colin Walker report. Article link to be placed on the website.

In the May issue of the pigeon journal a Victorian flier reported Rotavirus then contracted Fat Eye. Colin's findings include what the treatments are.

Tony Price advised that Colin has requested assistance with funding for a business proposal for research into disease in one loft races – approx. \$10,000. Fatalities in one loft races, findings and recommendations. Gavin advised Colin Walkers proposal may not meet criteria for allocation of funds from the Disease Management Fund which is tabled on ANRPB website. The money donated for Herpes trial came from the Boards general funds not from the Disease Management Fund. Tony Price to refer Colin Walker to guidelines on ANRPB website. Federations may be happy to donate funds for research if asked. Gavin advised the interest made from the trust account may be able to be put towards the trial as a donation.

Stephen advised Avian flu in America has been transmitted to Dairy cattle. There has been no current reporting of same in Australia.

NSW

Points tabled for discussion.

- 1) FCI congress in China 2026 – Due to new membership it is important for a representative to attend from the Board to promote Australia. Paul motioned that the Board should support and pay travel and accommodation costs for a member to attend the congress.
- 2) No representation for pigeons at the Sydney Royal Easter Show – members should look to have a board member and volunteers to promote sport at all major shows. SA has a poultry and pigeon area at the show. SAHPA donate to the Royal Adelaide show. Congratulations to Kevin Gamble who won best in show, 1st 2nd and 3rd Central Cumberland for his Pigeons.
- 3) National Ace Bird of the Year requires a 2024 sponsor. Vince to approach Pat Arcella.
- 4) Management of FCI logo – To include on all correspondence / website where able to show support.
- 5) Business plan for the board – Long term. The Boards charter requires review in 2025.

	<p>6) Protocols for advertising – To seek Board permission prior to releasing any documentation or advertisement of the Board.</p> <p>7) Anpario donation to the Board – the Board to place Anpario logo on the website.</p> <p>8) Sponsorship: Ongoing sponsorship – seek sponsorship from veterinarians such as Knox Veterinary clinic, Dr Rob Marshall.</p> <p>9) One Lofts: With Pattaya One Loft race sanctioned by the FCI, is the board able to seek FCI sanction for Australian One lofts if they (Australian One Lofts) are happy to sponsor the Board.</p> <p>Stephen Shears advised the FCI are currently redesigning their website to include continents with Australia to have a box seat to promote pigeon racing. Ideas include on the site include Paul’s article regarding the Board and purpose, contact details for all the States and Federations, graphically interesting races highlighting distances including Alice Springs race of 1300klms of dessert for pigeons, Launceston to Newcastle. Tony Price to seek interest for a Tasmania to Victoria race across the Bass Strait.</p> <p>Stephen Shears advised of a fancier in Kempsey, who is in an area of zoning that advises unable to keep animals. Currently in disagreement with a neighbor who has hired a barrister to force local council to force the fancier to rehome pigeons. Current council legislation in that area states no animals at all allowed. Leo to forward WA information that may assist fancier. Paul to contact Fancier to discuss case and assist if able. Fancier requires legal support in NSW who understands local laws.</p> <p>Federation details for states being collated.</p>	
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Meeting closed 2030hrs EDT Time. Next meeting to be held Monday 27th May 2024 at 1830 EST, 1800hrs CST, 1630hrs WA.