

**THE PIGEON RACING FEDERATION of WA [Inc.]  
BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES of MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 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, G Wilson.

**Apologies:** Nil

**Absent:**

**Visitors:** David Chaffer, Leo Turley, Joe Fenech

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

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

**Moved:** Brad Scott

**Seconded:** Kevin Wilson

**Carried**

**Business Arising:**

- AUST rings as raised by Graeme Tarrant have been verified and qualify for old bird races but not for young birds due to date of commencement of rings being issued (1<sup>st</sup> June).
- Leo Turley advised that going back in time it was accepted if evidence was provided that the birds were born after the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. However, if evidence can be produced that the pigeon was rung after 1 August 2023, for example Legacy pigeons, then the Board may approve the pigeon/s may be raced in young bird races. The onus of proof remains with the member seeking to fly the pigeon as a young pigeon.
- **Race Rules:** 8.4. Any pigeon, rung with an intact life ring registered with any pigeon racing Federation in Australia and owned by a financial Member of any other competing Clubs affiliated with the PRF shall be eligible to compete in any Federation or Club race,

subject to meeting Rule 8.4 & Rule 8.5: (a) Production of proof of ownership on demand. This may be proof of original purchase of the life ring or documentary proof of transfer of the bird. (b) When a bird is entered in a restricted age race, the owner must if required, be able to prove that the ring was not issued by the Club concerned prior to the first (1st) of August in the year shown on ring

### **Treasurer's Report:**

No Financial Report tabled; this remains a work in progress. The Board via an out of session meeting has appointment Terry Humphreys as PRF accountant for the season.

### **Correspondence In:**

- Approval received from Australian Superannuation to remove John Wintle and appoint Brian Brennan as the person authorized to pay Doug Colman's superannuation and otherwise deal with Australian Superannuation.
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- Email complaint received and forwarded by Jeff Schofield regarding bird number PRF 2023 21437 that was reported trapped by another flyer. The owner collected the bird, he had however never raced, nor electronically tagged this bird, so it is evident someone else was flying his bird without permission. This being against Federation Race Rules.
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- Letter from D Chaffer regarding pigeons being thirsty. Could The PRF ensure that video of watering and feeding is uploaded to the PRF Website. B Brennan was under impression this was via U
- Tube. Members advised that this could be done effectively via use of the PRF Facebook page.
- **Moved** B Phillips: That the driver video watering of the birds at liberation site prior to liberation then send footage to Brian, Brian will then send it to M Creemers who will upload same to PRF Facebook site.
- **Seconded** M Creemers;
- **Carried**
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- Email from Terry Tobey inquiring as the audit of the Legacy funds? Auditing the Legacy funds was not an undertaking by anyone. The matter at hand being; the removal of a PRF asset from the PRF books without the incumbered Boards knowledge and further implications thereof. The matter is a matter in progress.
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### **Correspondence Out:**

Letter to Australia Superannuation seeking authority to remove John Wintle as the PRF's authorized person and appoint Brian Brennan as the authorized person to administer Doug Colman's Superannuation in terms of payment.

Letter received from Single Touch authorizing the removal of John Wintle from their records and appointing Brian Brennan as the PRF's authorized person.

Letter to Cash Flow requesting the removal of John Wintle as the person authorized to use their accounting package and to appoint Terry Humphreys as the authorized person.

Letter to Telstra regarding change of contact person.

Correspondence in and out accepted as true and correct.

Moved: M Creemers

Seconded: B Phillips

Carried

### **General Business:**

#### **Monthly Invoices to Cubs 2024**

Club Treasurers to ensure invoices received from PRF Treasurer are paid promptly, please.

#### **Fund Raising 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.

#### **Australian Taxation Office – Newly Appointed Accountant**

Our Former Treasurer John Wintle of 106 Talbot Drive Kingsley WA 6026 resigned, effective May 5, 2024.

On 22 May 2024 Terry Humphreys, of 12 Island Close Heathridge 6027, was appointed as accountant to the Pigeon Racing Federation of Western Australia [Inc.] for season 2024 (The process to appoint a person other than a member of the PRF is authorized under the provisions of clause 3.1[i] of the Constitution). As such his approval is required by the Board of the Pigeon Racing Federation of Western Australia [Inc.] [PRF] for Terry

Humphreys to be the appointed person to deal with the Australian Taxation Office on behalf of the PRF. Terry Humphreys will be required to submit quarterly BAS statements, pay GST, pay PAYG tax on behalf of our truck driver and any meet any other legal requirement placed on the PRF by the ATO.

**Moved** by M Heedes that T Humphreys be appointed the person to deal with the Australian Taxation Office on behalf of the PRF.

**Seconded:** M Creemers.

**Carried**

#### **Clock Foreman for Season 2024**

Garry Wilson has nominated to be PRF Clock Foreman for season 2024. The Board thank Garry for his nomination.

Garry advised chronometer checks currently would be between 12 - 2pm and as of Thursdays 1700 – 1900. Garry provided his number 0417 959 152.

#### **Tony McPherson has Donated a Pair of Squeakers**

Tony McPherson is noted for his generosity in assisting clubs and Federations fund raise by donating absolutely top-class pigeons. Tony has donated a pair of young birds to assist the PRF fund raise. Matt Creemers Shipped these over at his own cost (Nil cost to the Federation). Matt suggested a raffle at \$50 per ticket on a lottery system. It was further suggested that it be 50 tickets made available. The draw will be done at a Board meeting. M Creemers to proceed with the management / advertising of same.

#### **Federation Race Clock Out for Season 2024**

It was decided that a Federation clock out will only be held for the Young Bird Derby.

**Moved:** B Phillips;

**Seconded** G Wilson;

**Carried**

#### **Tabled for membership consideration**

Submitted by Wanneroo Club  
Country Membership  
Jerome Mallari

- As regards the Country Membership of Jerome Mallari at Wanneroo Club. M Creemers was asked if he was going to move to accept . M Creemers replied as it is a gain for Wanneroo Club he felt it was a Conflict of Interest for him to move.

Moved: by G Wilson; that Jerome Mallari be accepted.

Seconded: M Heedes

Carried

### **Other General Business**

- B Phillips asked were the Truck fills up and at what cost per litre. He advised that those filling stations down Allison road may be cheaper. He was advised that the truck current fills up at Gingers and utilizes a Wex card. Happy for Brad to enquire and as to the use of a Wex card then advise the board of the outcome.
- G Wilson advised that the driver should look for any leaking drinkers and put these to one side. Gary has kindly offered to fix these.
- K Damon raised a point that he objected to voting by text/SMS. Matter under debate was carried 6 for; 2 against, one abstained, matter resolved in the affirmative. K Damon also raised an issue with the way B Brennan replied to him.

### **Benefits of an Outside Accountant / Conflicts of Interest**

We as volunteers need to realize, we do not have all the skill sets required, especially when it comes to tax matters, legal matters, etc. and we are not all equally versed in all of these matters. The landscape relative to these matters changes rapidly and we need to keep abreast of these as Board members (We cannot conduct this “Business as usual” as we did even 5 years ago as we need to stay up to date with the changes).

An accountant: (As delivered by Joe Fenech)

- Understands the latest tax laws and updates
- GST matters
- Accounting fundamentals
- Lightens the burden on Board members (Volunteers)
- Ensures that the members investment in the PRF is well managed per current accounting and tax laws.

Board members have previously (Not at this meeting) been advised by the secretary to be well across the Associations Incorporations Act 2015.

The board members together are the management and all need to pull their weight, this is not managed by one person / one person must not do all the work. They need to understand what they have voluntarily been voted onto the Board of the PRF and are required as such to comply with the Associations Incorporation ACT. This includes the conduct expected of a Board member and to be accountable for subsequent consequences.

The secretary provided some examples of “Conflicts of Interest” something we need to be very aware of especially when serving on the PRF board and possibly also on your club committee or other Boards. Board members and all members are strongly encouraged to be fully across Conflicts of Interest. The following website will provide very good insight <http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/associations> just search conflicts of interest.

### **Thursday Night Basketing**

As previously discussed, / mulled over by board members at previous meetings the President asked “Are we going to adopt Centralised Basketing ? If so, this should be considered for implementation at the commencement of Thursday night Basketing”. Driver hours / law change being a factor.

Kevin Wilson said it was a necessity regarding not only the Driver but for the welfare of the Birds travelling around six hours club to club before departing for the overnight race point.

Considered approach would essentially be 3 “Hubs”.

Brad Phillips opposed this, in a nutshell; he being concerned of the effect on members and added that these things should be agreed and set upfront so that we are all aware of what we are signing up for prior to season commencement. We should not introduce major changes midway through the season.

Warren Deverneuil agreed with Brad Phillips. Stating that if anything was mooted to be changed then it would be advisable for all Presidents to approach their members in the first instance and get an understanding / feel for the support for such a change. The concept makes sense, however the dynamics, logistics and the human factors need further consideration and agreement by a greater audience.

Other board members like Brad Scott raised concerns regarding club room/space for all baskets, accommodation for other clubs equipment for

basketing nights, etc. Some healthy debate took place as to the pros and cons.

G Wilson submitted that, Armadale have sufficient space, basket racks to accommodate several additional clubs.

It was agreed that the Presidents meet and discuss after canvassing their members prior to any Board decision being made. B Brennan to follow up with Presidents.

### **Stray Pigeons**

Members are reminded of their obligation under the Constitution to report stray pigeons to the Lost Bird Officer as soon as possible. Any member found disposing of a stray pigeon fitted with a PRF life ring, a Fancy Bird Association or Country Member's life ring, will have their membership reviewed by the Board of Control.

### **Australian National Pigeon Racing Board [ANPRB]**

Minutes of the April meeting of the ANRPB are available on the PRF website.

### **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.

### **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:** 21hours

**Next Meeting:** Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 3 July, 2024.