

THE PIGEON RACING FEDERATION of WA [Inc.]
BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES of MEETING
Wednesday 11 September 2024
WHATLEY RPC.

Meeting Opened: 1930 hrs.

Present: B Brennan [President], B Scott, M Creemers, K Wilson [Vice President], B Phillips, G Wilson & K Damon.

Apologies: W Deverneuil [Secretary]

Absent: Nil

Visitors: Leo Turley [Trustee]

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: K Wilson: That moved the minutes of the previous meeting as read are true and correct.

Seconded: G Wilson

Carried

Business Arising:

Leo Turley, PRF delegate on the ANRPB, advised that all Galena National place getters have been sighted and particulars verified. All pigeons home to their designated lofts.

Did the Board Purchase a New Satellite Phone.

President answered the query. Satellite phone not purchased. The phone that was quoted by Ethan Sciascia, Sales Consultant, Satellite Phones, Subiaco, was approx. \$1500.00, however that particular phone was linked to one satellite only. The other model **IRIDIUM** 9555 – The Iridium have 66 globally orbiting satellites, which means if one satellite fails, you have numerous others to provide you connectivity. Price quoted \$2101.00. Unfortunately, there was a minimum service contract of three months, we needed the phone for three weeks only. While the rationale for needing a satellite phone is sound, we will need to pursue the matter in season 2025.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Report tabled. The report covered the whole of the 2023/2024 financial year up to and including 31 August, 2024. Members perused the report for several minutes. One significant query raised by Keith Damon relative an amount of \$1000.00 recorded under Truck Licensing. President undertook to follow up. It appeared to be for towing but needs confirmation and amendment.

Moved K Damon: That the Treasurers report be accepted.

Seconded: G Wilson

Carried

Correspondence In:

Quote received from insurance brokers Daniel Scala of Nexus Advisernet re Volunteer Insurance Policy, Insurance Quotation: 683-C600242037-P603555585 Voluntary Workers Personal Accident \$1,356.30

Correspondence Out:

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Western Australia

Dear Doctor Rodan,

AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES – RACING PIGEONS

Late last year we wrote to Ms Heather Brayford, Director General, The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development regarding her department's instruction to insert into our published Code of Practice new provisions within the AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES, Edition One Version 1.1 of 21 September 2012. This referring specifically to Regulation 6(2) Land Transport of Livestock and in particular, the reference to Section B10, page 97 wherein it stipulates Adult Pigeons are to be allocated a floor space area of 450cm² per bird whilst in transit. Essentially, this provision is counter to our Code-defined 200 to 220cm² per bird for overnight travel and 250 to 320cm² per bird for extended travel. These allowances conform to a world-wide standard for racing pigeon transit to their release destination and has relevance to all pigeon racing throughout Australia.

Moved: B Scott That Inward and Outward Correspondence be accepted

Seconded: M Creemers

Carried

General Business:

Pigeon Rung with Foreign Life Ring

GT Lofts, Wannoo 24 August, 2024
First Federation Velocity 1194 mpm
Pigeon Description: BBH NL 22 237214

Clubs and Members in Particular PLEASE NOTE

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.

8.5. Upon any change in ownership of Life rings, they must be registered with the Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A. Inc. Secretary prior to the 1st May in any such calendar year.

(a) Upon change of ownership other than PRF Life rings, a fee of \$2.00 for a single application of registration will apply.

(b) In the event where there is more than one Life ring proposed for transfer, a 10c transfer fee per Life ring will apply.

(c) Any applications for registration received after the 1st May will incur a fee of \$10.00 per Life ring. **(d)** Any pigeon rung with an unregistered Life ring will be ineligible to compete in any Federation, or club race with the Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A. Inc.

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Any pigeon fitted with a “Foreign Ring” is not eligible to be raced in races conducted by the PRF.

Federation YBD – Saturday 31 August, 2024

Most Top 5 pigeons in the Federation YBD have had particulars checked and pigeons tossed. All particulars are correct, for those checked, and all pigeons homed to their designated loft.

One exception, Robby Sheehy's Fed YBD winning pigeon, BCC PRF 2023 28098, was not available to be tossed and verified within the prescribed time because, as he told the Clock Foreman, Garry Wilson, that he doubled it back to Barradale.

Birds Must Home to a Members Loft

Rule 21.1.

All birds must fly to a member's loft and be the absolute property of members in whose names they are raced. **All winning pigeons must be inspected and liberated outside the members loft by 2 (two) P.R.F. members approved by the Board, within 48 (forty-eight) hours of the result being announced.** Those birds so inspected and liberated must return to the members loft in their presence. Any infraction of this rule shall annul all rights to prizes and to future competition in Federation races. The Board shall also be at liberty to send a representative to investigate the legitimate ownership of any pigeon, the expense of such investigations, as fixed by the board to be borne by the defaulting member, and to be recoverable as and for liquidated damages. The Board shall have the power to impound a bird and keep it impounded at its discretion if a bird should be unfit to fly on inspection.

Results for the 2024 Federation YBD were known by midday Sunday 1 September, 2024. There was ample opportunity to inspect Rob Sheehy's pigeon before it was basketed for Barradale, Wednesday 4 September, 2024. The pigeon was not inspected by a member, tasked for that purpose by the Board, within 48 hours of the results being known,.

Moved K Damon: That due to the PRF Board not following the Rules as laid down in Rule 21.1, i.e. to inspect the winning pigeons within 48 hours of the results being announced, the result stands. Subject to confirmation that the pigeon did in fact go to Barradale or Gascoyne north.

Seconded: B Scott

Monthly Invoices to Clubs 2024

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

Tony McPherson Donated a Pair of Squeakers

Tony McPherson is noted for his generosity in assisting clubs and Federations raise funds by donating absolutely top-class pigeons.

The raffle was drawn at the Board Meeting Wednesday 11 September 2024. The winner is Russell RUBCICH of Busselton Club. Congratulations Russell.

Stray Pigeons

Members are reminded of their obligation under the Race Rules 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 July meeting of the ANRPB are available on the PRF

Federation Truck PRF 001

Main Roads Western Australia Heavy Vehicle Service randomly inspected the PRF Truck PRF 001 on 29 August, 2024. The inspection included, front and rear brakes, front and rear suspension, steering, front and rear tyres. Fortunately, we as a responsible organization maintain our truck in good order and repair. PRF 001 was given a glowing safety report.

2025 Race Program

Club Presidents and Secretaries to meet at Whatley RPC Clubrooms 1930 hrs. Tuesday 15 October, 2024 to finalize the 2025 Race Program. Clubs are requested to submit their preferred race Program to the Federation Secretary Warren Deverneuil w.dev@hotmail.com no later than 30 September 2024. CC to brianbrennan8@bigpond.com **No late submissions will be entertained.**

State Administration Tribunal – PRF V Legacy –

Brian Brennan, President of PRF, represented the PRF in the State Administrative Tribunal on Friday 30 August, 2024 before SAT Senior member Mr. J O'sullivan. Mr Geroge Azar attended on behalf of Legacy. After a brief discussion Senior Member O'Sullivan referred both parties to mediation before SAT Senior Member Mr. Cade. The purpose of the exercise was to identify a resolution to the dispute without having to have the matter listed for a full hearing.

It was resolved by the Board at their 11 September, 2024 meeting that after the next meeting of the parties at the SAT, on a date to be set, the President shall make known to the Senior Member presiding over the matter, the intentions of the PRF Board, then embark on the next steps as adjudicated by SAT.

ANRPB and Australian Racing Pigeon Journal - Champion Pigeon Awards

Time for club Secretaries to turn their mind to identifying potential champion pigeons in their club for the 2024 season. The ANRPB have a revised criteria this year for the various categories and will make the revised criteria known soon. No doubt the ARPJ will make their criteria available in the near future.

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. K Wilson has kindly offered to get ‘Out of Service”, cards to be placed on these baskets as a clear indicator.

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: 2050 hrs.

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 2 October, 2024.