

**THE PIGEON RACING FEDERATION of WA [Inc.]
BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES of MEETING
Wednesday 2 October, 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 & M Heedes

Apologies: W Deverneuil [Secretary]

Absent: Nil

Visitors: Leo Turley [Trustee] T Sluymers and Barry Yon

Minutes of the 11 September 2024 Meeting of the Board Read

Business Arising:

Query in September Financial Report addressed.

K Damon requested that the mover and seconder needs to be added to the following motion passed at the 11 September 2024 meeting of the Board relative to the next meeting at SAT.

Moved: K Damon 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.

Seconded G Wilson
Carried

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

Seconded: G Wilson
Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Report tabled. The report covered the period 1 September to 30 September, 2024. Keith Damon raised a similar query as last month re \$1000.00 appearing under "Truck license" This has been rectified, should come under Truck Maintenance. Questions raised re \$724 fee paid to SAT This amount was paid on 14 August, 2024 and was lumped in with another heading. It is now clearly a, Sundry items. There are limited headings to allocate funds to on any accounting program. A question was raised relative to Fund Raising. It was pointed out that while the year-to-date totals are mentioned, the Monthly Financial Statement only mentions monies raised that month, not the whole year, which can cause confusion.

Moved M Creemers: That the Treasurers report be accepted.

Seconded: M Heedes

Carried

Correspondence In:

State Administrative Tribunal Member Edward Cade issued an Order to the PRF to the effect that the matter of the PRF -V- Legacy is set down for mediation at 10.00 a.m. Friday 15 November, 2024 for a duration of three hours at 565 Hay Street, Perth. The parties are to attend in person.

ATO Business Activity Statement for April May June

ATO Business Activity Statement for July August September

Correspondence Out:

AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES – POULTRY
PRF President and Leo Turley will meet with Project Manager, Zoe Martin, at the offices of DPIRD Wednesday 9 October, 2024, for the purpose of discussing our concerns for certain elements of the Draft Guidelines. It appears the PRF's comprehensive submission has been overlooked particularly where the Guidelines impact the number of pigeons per crate [12 for sprint races] and our request that "racing pigeons" not be lumped in with poultry which are bred for meat production and egg production. See September minutes on this subject.

Moved: K Damon that inwards and outwards correspondence be accepted.

Seconded: M Creemers

Carried

General Business:

Australian Taxation Office

Overdue Notice ATO – April, May, June Business Activity Statement [BAS]

While we have kept our financial records in order and up to date, we have fallen behind with submission of our BAS to the ATO. It is critical that we bring this matter into order and submit our BAS to the ATO, now. The ATO gave the PRF a deadline to remedy the matter and submit our BAS statement for the April, May, June quarter by 24 September 2024. BAS on behalf of the PRF. Jatin Cholera of Nexia Corp Accounting & Tax 8/15 Bonner Drive, Malaga, WA 6090 [Tax Agent number 82294004] quoted the PRF \$350 a quarter which amounts to \$1400 per taxation year. We were paying John Wintle \$2,200 per year plus Superannuation in the amount of \$250. In addition to his honorarium the PRF were paying \$513.00 per year to access the accounting programme 'Cash Flow'. The whole accounting exercise is costing the PRF \$3,000.00 per year, plus cost of stationary, which has been considerable.

Moved: B Scott that the PRF engage a competent qualified tax agent, namely Nexia Corp, to attend to our tax obligations and attend to our quarterly BAS.

Seconded: M Creemers

Carried

Board to Appoint an Auditor Under the Provisions of 13[t] of the PRF Constitution

PART III DUTIES AND POWERS OF BOARD OF CONTROL, SECRETARY AND OTHERS

(a) To appoint an auditor who shall be a Chartered Accountant or Accountants.

Our existing Auditor does not comply with the above criteria.

Moved: G Wilson that the PRF engage an Auditor that complies with the requirement articulated in our Constitution.

Seconded: Brad Scott

Carried

Application for Membership to PRF

Application for membership to the PRF received from Ray Stibbs of Lot 1 Great Southern Hwy, WAGIN

Seconded: Matt Creemers of Wanneroo club.

It was pointed out that an applicant must first become a member of a club affiliated with the PRF before an application can be considered. It also became clear that Ray Stibbs was keen to be sold PRF rings. Wanneroo club have 400 rings surplus to their needs. The Board requested that due to a forecast shortage of life rings, Wanneroo sell 300 rings back to the PRF. Matt Creemers agreed.

Federation Presentation Luncheon

Time: 1200 hrs.

Date: 19 January, 2025

Venue: Tassels Bar and Bistro, 8 Tassels Place, Innaloo.

Moved: M Creemers That the above time date and venue suggested for the PRF presentation luncheon be approved.

Seconded: B Phillips

Carried

Annual General Meeting

Time: 0930 hrs.

Date: 9 February 2025

Venue: Riverton RSL 153 High Road Riverton

Moved: B Scott that the PRF AGM be conducted at the time date and place mentioned above.

Seconded: M Heedes

Carried

Nominations For Vacant Positions on the PRF Board of Control

The following positions will become vacant on the PRF Board of Control as at 9 February, 2025.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer
Committee Members X 3
Clock Foreman
Lost Bird Officer
Publicity Officer
FOY Coordinator
Distance Coordinator
Liberation Committee
PRF Website Manager

All nominations to fill vacant positions and any **Notices of Motion** or **Special Resolutions** are required to be lodged with the Federation Secretary, Warren Deverneuil, w.dev@hotmail.com by 30 November, 2024, cc to President, brianbrennan8@bigpond.com

Nomination Forms are available from your club secretary. A copy of the nomination form has been attached for ease of reference.

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
Only 6 clubs submitted their preferred race program for 2025.

ANRPB, the Australian Racing Pigeon Journal and PRF - 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.

To date we have received one nomination from Clint Sparrow of Whatley Club for PRF Champion Pigeon.

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6th Fed Gascoyne Nth 7/09/2024 59 Flyers 388 Pigeons

2nd Fed Gascoyne Nth Fed 100 21/09/2024 49 Flyers 345 Pigeons

Peter Dela Cruz for PRF Champion Pigeon 2024.

Date	Race Point	Club	Fed	Velocity	Distance	Bird Details
23 rd June 2024	Coorow	1 st	5 th	1283.750	251.016	PRF 22 13431 BC H
30 th June 2024	Morawa	1 st	8 th	1198.790	324.872	PRF 22 13431 BC H
20 th July 2024	Mullewa Single Bird	FED 1 st	6 th	1628.768	400.894	PRF 22 13431 BC H
27 th July 2024	Galena	2 nd	2 nd	1473.451	491.494	PRF 22 13431 BC H

Club Ring Lists to be Forwarded to Stray Bird Officer

It won't be long before 2024 rung young birds will be straying from their lofts, please ensure clubs forward up to date 2024 ring lists to Stray Bird Officer Matt Heedes, ASAP. email: mheedes@gmail.com

Australian National Pigeon Racing Board [ANPRB]

Minutes of the, August and September meetings of the ANRPB are available on the PRF website. No July meeting.

Gascoyne North Fed 100 Race

All pigeons placed in the top 5 in the last race of the season, Gascoyne North Fed 100, have had their particulars checked by 2 authorized members of the PRF within 48 hours of the results becoming known and the pigeons tossed. All 5 pigeons particulars are correct and all 5 pigeons homed to their respective designated lofts.

Kevin Wilson Appeal – Disqualification of Gascoyne Nth Fed 100 Pigeon

Kevin Wilson addressed the Board as to his grounds for appeal and reasons as to why his appeal should be upheld based on the fact that two PRF members, namely Barry Yon and Tony Sluymers, were present when K Wilson's pigeon homed from the Fed 100, Gascoyne North, they

checked particulars of the pigeon and witnessed the pigeon being recorded on "Training Mode" of his Benzing ETS clock.

Considerable discussion took place as to why K Wilson's appeal should fail based on the wording of Rule 23 of the EBSS rules, namely;

23. If race entry data is deleted (whether accidentally or deliberately) from the EBSS clock (either prior to basketing, **prior to the race**, after the race, **or at any time** prior to the basketing sheet **or** race result sheet being printed), the competitor shall be disqualified from the race of that week.

Board members were then invited to move a motion.

Moved: K Damon that due to the fact that Kevin Wilson produced witnesses, including PRF Clock Foreman Garry Wilson, to verify particulars of the pigeon and its time of arrival, K Wilson's appeal be upheld.

Seconded: B Phillips

Carried.

For the Information of Members

On Friday afternoon 4 October, 2024, Kevin Wilson emailed a comprehensive message to Board Members that requested, amongst other things, the disqualification of his Fed 100 pigeon stand.

Monthly Invoices to Clubs 2024

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

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.

The SKA [Square Kilometre Array] Project in Australia was discussed in general terms relative to the impact on our pigeon's ability to home. The Australian project is located 350 kms north east of Geraldton and 250 kms from the coast. For more information Google, "The SKA Project in Australia."

ANRPB - Champion Pigeon Awards

The Australian National Racing Pigeon Board (ANRPB) is pleased to announce that as from this year (2024) they are looking to award an Australian pigeon that achieves the best performance in an individual Federation and or Combine of Clubs that has a minimum membership 20 competing fanciers with the title of “National Ace Pigeon”.

In the “Short to Middle National Distance Ace Bird Award” (80km to 500km) category the nominated bird must be clocked three times within the nominated distance, this can be twice from the same race point/distance, but third clocking must be from a different race point/distance with the 80 to 500km distance.

In the “Middle to Long Distance National Ace Bird Award” (501 to 900+km) the nominated pigeon must be clocked twice from a race point/distance from any two races within this distance 501 to 900+km.

Additional/New Award

To be awarded the “National Overall Ace Bird Award” (80km to 900 + km) the nominated pigeon must be clocked at least three times, either once in the “Short to Middle Distance Category” (80km to 500km) and twice in the “Middle to Long Distance Category” (501 to 900+km) or vis-versa i.e. twice in the “Short to Middle Distance Category” and once in the “Middle to Long Distance Category”

All nominations need to be on the Official ANRPB Nomination Forms that can be downloaded from the ANRPB website, or from your own Federation or Club website and signed by the relevant officials as highlighted on the forms. All Nominations need to be received by the 31/1/25.

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.

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: 2145 hrs.

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 6 November, 2024.