

**THE PIGEON RACING FEDERATION of WA [Inc.]**  
**BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES of MEETING**  
**Wednesday 6 November, 2024**  
**WHATLEY RPC.**

**Meeting Opened: 1930 hrs.**

**Present:** B Brennan [President], B Scott, K Wilson [Vice President], B Phillips, G Wilson, K Damon, M Heedes, M Creemers & W Deverneuil [Secretary]

**Apologies:** Nil

**Absent:** Nil

**Visitors:** Neil Bailey and Merv Jupp

**Minutes of the 2 October 2024 Meeting**

The minutes of the 2 October, 2024 meeting of the Board were read.

**Business Arising:**

Query in September Financial Report addressed.

K Damon requested that his motion passed at the 11 September 2024 meeting of the Board be amended to reflect the actual motion put to the meeting, namely;

Moved: K Damon That the PRF Board of Control and the Legacy Committee should meet in an effort to resolve this issue regarding the disputed Legacy account. Should the Legacy Committee show documents confirming that the disputed monies were not misused then the PRF will accept the matter as resolved.

Seconded G Wilson

Carried

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

**Seconded:** G Wilson

**Carried**

**Financial Report:**

Financial Report tabled. The report covered the period 1 October to 31 October, 2024.

**Moved** M Creemers: That the Financial report be accepted.

**Seconded:** B Scott

Carried

**Correspondence In:**

**2025 Race Program**

Email received from Whatley RPC seeking a review the decision of the Presidents and Secretaries Meeting conducted on 15 October, 2024 to forbid any additional race to be conducted in conjunction with a YBD race, e.g. sires or Legacy etc.

Neil Bailey presented Whatley RPC's request to overturn the decision of the Presidents and Secretaries meeting of 15 October, 2024 that no other young bird races be permitted to be conducted in conjunction with either YBD races during the 2025 race season. Amongst other reasons presented, Whatley's main argument was that the decision made by the Presidents and Secretaries meeting was flawed in that it was in direct contravention of Clause 54.4 of the Rules, namely "All races are club races except for Federation races"

Moved Matt Creemers: That the decision of the Presidents and Secretaries meeting to disallow any other races to be conducted on YBD races be overturned on the basis of Clause 54.4 of the Rules.

Seconded: Brad Scott

Carried

Email received from Sound RPC re allocation of prize money for season 2024. The email sought clarification of how prize money was allocated for Federation races in 2024.

Email received from K Wilson seeking to withdraw his pigeon from the results of the Federation 100, 21 September 2024, Gascoyne North.

**Correspondence Out:**

Email to Sound Club re allocation of prize money for season 2024. The email in reply explained that the allocation of prize money is based on 100% of the total money received from members, in prize money, is

divided by the number of Federation races and paid in equal amounts for each Federation race. An additional contribution of \$300, from the sale of Life rings, is added to prize money for the Fed YBD.

Email to DPIRD Zoe Martin [ project manager] and Mark Stuart re **AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES – POULTRY** in response to their request for input into the drafting of Standards, in terms of “Definitions”, as they refer to racing pigeons in the Standards and Guidelines

It was also explained to the meeting that while racing pigeons come under **AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES – POULTRY** there is nothing in the Poultry Standards and Guidelines that impacts on Racing Pigeons.

Because the ANRPB has carriage of the project from a pigeon racing perspective, Nationally, a copy of abovementioned “Definitions” was also forwarded to the ANRPB as the **AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES – POULTRY** are proposed to be adopted by each State and Territory and be consistent Nationally.

Moved Matt Heedes: That all inward and outward correspondence be accepted.

Seconded: K Damon  
Carried

### **General Business:**

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

##### **Gilbert & McCleod Certified Practicing Accountants.**

Paul Gilbert has been approached on the recommendation of Nexia Corp. With the approval of the PRF Board, Paul Gilbert has agreed to be appointed Auditor for the financial year 1 Dec 2023 to 30 November 2024.

Moved Matt Creemers: That Paul Gilbert of Gilbert & McCleod be appointed PRF auditor for the financial year 1 December 2023 to 30 November, 2024.

Seconded B Scott:

Carried

### **Federation Presentation Luncheon**

**Time:** 1200 hrs.

**Date:** Sunday 19 January, 2025

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

**Please consult your members and forward numbers, intending to attend Presentation Luncheon, by 16 December, 2024. Email [brianbrennan8@bigpond.com](mailto:brianbrennan8@bigpond.com)**

### **Annual General Meeting**

**Time:** 0930 hrs.

**Date:** 9 February 2025

**Venue:** Riverton RSL 153 High Road Riverton

### **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](mailto:w.dev@hotmail.com) by 30 November, 2024, cc to President, [brianbrennan8@bigpond.com](mailto:brianbrennan8@bigpond.com)

**Proxy Voting: Please ensure you members are aware of the new Form and procedures for Proxy Voting**

**Members have approximately three weeks remaining to submit nominations for the Board including Special Resolutions and Notices of Motion**

**Nomination Forms are available from your club secretary. If any member has difficulty accessing a Nomination Form or a Proxy Voting form please email Brian Brennan for assistance.**

**ANRPB Ace Pigeon, 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.

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Coorow	1 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	1283.750	251.016	PRF 22 13431 BC H
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Morawa	1 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	1198.790	324.872	PRF 22 13431 BC H
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Mullewa Single Bird	FED 1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	1628.768	400.894	PRF 22 13431 BC H
27 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Galena	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1473.451	491.494	PRF 22 13431 BC H

**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.**

#### **Club Certificates**

For those clubs that nominated to participate in the program for Club Certificates to be produced by the PRF Results Program. The system is ready to produce Club Certificates. Please contact Neil Bailey on 0418 940 083.

#### **Truck Maintenance**

\$14,042.58 was spent on essential truck maintenance during season 2024. Our mechanic, Jason of JLD Mechanical and Fabrication suggest maintenance be carried out on wheel bearings and engine valve adjustment. Further maintenance is needed to the truck bird compartment before the commencement of season 2025 in terms of repairing all steel bolts that lock the gates/tracks that hold the roller shutters in place.

#### **Club Ring Lists to be Forwarded to Stray Bird Officer**

2024 rung young birds have already been reported as 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](mailto:mheedes@gmail.com)

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

Minutes of September and October meetings of the ANRPB are available on the PRF website.

### **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.

### **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."

### **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: 2100 hrs.

Next Meeting: Whatley RPC 1930 hrs. Wednesday 4 December, 2024.