

## **ANRPB held Monday 14th October 2024**

Meeting Opened 18:30 EST.

Meeting chaired by Vince Pedavoli

**Attendees:** Paul Gibbs, Stephen Shears, Gavin Harris, Russell Somerville, Andrew Crothers, Leo Turley, Tony Price (joined later)

**Apologies:** Philip Almond, Louie Piculovski (having a break)

**Special Guest:**

**Previous Minutes Approved:** Correction to September minutes, Andrew was an apology, new minutes to be issued

Moved by Paul Gibbs      Seconded by Leo Turley

**Correspondence In:** New Sponsor – Barry’s Petfood and Wire paid \$500 sponsorship

Email from Office of NSW Fair Trading – Requesting last 3 years of ANRPB financial

Russell Somerville – Letter advising us of his visit to Laucke Mills

Leo Turley – Animal Welfare correspondence with WA

Ace Bird Nomination – South Coast Fed, SAHPA – Middle & Distance

**Correspondence out:**

**Treasurers Report.**

Current balance in everyday working account \$20,221.61

Term Deposit \$72,839.70, 4.6%, matures 13/5/2025.

Transactions since last meeting : Payments to NSW and SA National Prize Winners, Payment of \$1000 to QLD National organizer.

Tony Price to forward bank details of the 4 Vic Fed National winners, so Gavin can make payments of \$250 each.

**Moved** Leo Turley, **Seconded** Andrew Crothers

## General Business

<p><b>Promotional Video</b></p>	<p>Youtube link to be put up on ANRPB website and other pigeon websites</p> <p>Stephen Shears has liaised with Adam Archer and our video is now on his site.</p> <p>Vince to review options for Val Morgan advertising, check with Rod Simmonds to see if he still feels we need a higher quality version.</p> <p>Paul is seeking a copy of video that we could put on a Memory stick, so it is easy to plug into a computer or TV screen to show the video.</p>	<p>Action : Gavin to ask Len to put on website <b>(done)</b></p> <p>Action : All please forward link to your local federations to put on their websites.</p> <p>Action : Vince</p> <p>Action : Tony to ask Rod if he could provide a copy suitable for copying on to Memory Stick</p>
<p><b>Victorian Legislation</b></p>	<p>VCAT hearing completed, aim is to have pigeons listed with councils under the same “Racing Category” as Greyhound Racing. Tony Price to keep ANRPB updated on progress. Draft to be prepared in common language. Tony to schedule meeting with Council.</p>	<p>Tony Price</p>
<p><b>FCI</b></p>	<p>Stephen has emailed Mr. Matteo Grappa about the FCI logo and Mobile phone numbers on Life Rings, Stephen is waiting on response.</p> <p>Previous Notes : 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.</p> <p>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. Stephen to consider option of attending conference.</p> <p>FCI logo To be included on all correspondence / website where able to show support. Gavin has updated Letterhead and Ace Award forms to include FCI logo.</p>	<p>Stephen Shears to confirm whether rings must have FCI on ring and whether we can have our own codes like PRF, SA, etc plus mobile number for found pigeons. Stephen to try to obtain samples / photos of rings for the next meeting.</p> <p>Action : Stephen to consider attending</p> <p>Action : Stephen to see if he can get a better quality logo from FCI.</p>

	<p>Once we get a better quality FCI logo we will get Len to update website.</p> <p>Henk De Weerd – FCI Doping Commissioner requested information from Stephen about testing in Australia, statistics on negatives and positives. Gavin explained that SAHPA conduct drug tests, all tests have been negative,</p>	<p>Action : Gavin to get Len to update website once better quality FCI logo is available</p> <p>Gavin – To forward code of practice used by SAHPA to Stephen <b>(done)</b></p>
<b>Loading Density / Code of Practice</b>	<p>Carried Forward /- 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. PRF have also written to Dr. Michelle Rodan Chief Vet Officer. Leo has updated Grant Patterson. PRF are waiting on response from Dr. Rodan. Leo to update ANRPB once it is further progressed.</p> <p>Vince thanked Leo for the work he is doing on this topic ad the animal welfare discussions.</p>	Leo
<b>Government recognition / Sports Australia.</b>	<p>Vince to draft letter in regards to treating pigeon racing as a sport similar to how Horse Racing and Greyhound Racing is considered a sport, the animal and bird welfare conditions are also recognized by Councils.</p>	Vince
<b>Donation to ANRPB by Vince Pedavoli, Legacy Australia Donation</b>	<p>Bank Cheque for \$6500 now ready for Vince who will then arrange handover to Legacy Australia</p>	Action : Vince
<b>2024 Grand National.</b>	<p>NSW Stephen advised the NSW ANRPB grand national race for 2025 will be Hatfield (650kms). John Debrincat to be reimbursed for photo.</p> <p>QLD - Philip Almond emailed the ANRPB Board members a copy of his promotional form branded as the Queensland Cup, advertising the 2024 St Lawrence 580km, invite everyone. Next year 2025 planning on Charleville 680 to 780km race.</p> <p>Victoria’s National Sponsorship from ANRPB which will be divided \$250 to each Victorian Federation winner was most welcome be the participants.</p> <p>Certificates – Leo showed the certificates he had printed. He used Snap Print \$2 each for 10 certificates 350gsm rather than plain paper 80gsm. Examples to be provided to Vince by Leo to see if FCI logo can be added</p>	

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<b>National Ace Bird Awards</b>	Paul Gibbs has started receiving nominations.  Notes from Previous Meeting - Paul Gibbs and Stephen Shears have organized the Photos, Frames, Glass Etched Trophies and Certificates. San Remo Lofts will donate \$500 for 2024,	
<b>Victorian Country Delegate</b>	Ongoing search for regional candidate.	Tony Price
<b>Queensland Delegates</b>	Ongoing search for regional candidate.	Philip Almond
<b>Tasmania Delegates</b>	Ongoing search for regional candidate.	
<b>ANRPB Secretary</b>	Minutes Secretary - Andrew has recruited a club member Nick Mitchell to start taking minutes at the November meeting.	
<b>Merchandise</b>	No plans for any new merchandise purchases.	Paul Gibbs
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Russell has visited offices 1519 Sturt Highway, Daveyston SA 5360.	
<b>ANRPB Life Ring</b>	Ongoing: Re-visit this in the future should the Board take over the life rings when current sellers Alex and Ted are ready to retire.	
<b>Patron</b>	Ongoing. Approach has been made by Gary Honan to Ray Hadley.	Vince
<b>National Convention March 2025</b>	CCF have appointed a subcommittee to plan the convention, Loft tour 28 <sup>th</sup> March (Steve Eggleton & Pat Arcella, lunch at local pub) 29 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> March – at Arena Greyhound Centre - Yagoona Stephen has arranged for ANRPB to have 10 lots at the Auction. Russell suggested we advertise the pedigree's a month before auction at convention.	Stephen to report.
<b>Pigeon Pictorial UK Magazine</b>	Paul Gibbs has provided an article from ANRPB has been published in Sept Issue Thank you Paul.	
<b>Kempsey Council Issue</b>	Paul provided an update, Leo Turley had provided material to the flyer that was having trouble with the council.	

	<p>Previous Meeting - Stephen Shears advised of a fancier in Kempsey to join Australian Bird Keepers Association, (Life member \$200 per individual), Fancier is in an area of zoning that advises he is 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.</p> <p>ANRPB Board has agreed that Paul and Tony should forward information to Charles Hider for his legal opinion, ANRPB could consider spending \$500 for legal opinion if Charles recommends further action.</p>	Action : Paul and Tony
<b>State Round Up / Discussion</b>	<p>QLD – National was successful</p> <p>NSW – Stephen Shears has been appointed CCF President.</p> <p>VIC – All Feds carted on same truck which was very positive, 600 hits on Facebook with birds being looked after at race point, all positive. Dr. Colin Walker to keep VRPB informed on Bird Flu. Victorian Melbourne Cup 800km on weekend NE line, following fortnight 960km NE.</p> <p>SA – racing two lines next year, N/NW and East line. Russell to work on Country clubs competing in National race next year</p> <p>WA – Racing season finished, Next year NE line, working WA DPIRD on welfare standards to become law, guidelines to be optional.</p> <p>Russell suggested a map for each state showing race points</p>	
<b>ANRPB – List of Contacts for each state.</b>	<p>Federation details for states being collated. Gavin is waiting on responses from each state’s delegate so he can collate the list. Received from WA and VIC.</p> <p>Board Job Description to be put up on website.</p>	<p>All delegates</p> <p>Action : Gavin &amp; Len</p>
<b>FCI website article from ANRPB</b>	<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 desert for pigeons, Launceston to Newcastle. Tony Price to seek interest for a Tasmania to Victoria race across the Bass Strait.</p>	<p>Paul to prepare draft, Russell has provided history of Alice Springs race.</p> <p>Tony – information about Bass Strait races</p>

<b>Protocols for Advertising on ANRPB</b>	Protocols for advertising – Agreed that advertisers need to seek Board permission prior to releasing any documentation or advertisement of the Board.	Action : Len and Gavin
<b>Business Plan for the Board</b>	Paul suggested we need to schedule some time to prepare a Business Plan. A draft to be prepared and then have a meeting of Board to add more detail. Paul has made a start on the draft	Action : Paul

**Meeting closed** 20:10hrs EST Time. AGM and Next meeting to be held Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 at 18:30pm NSW, VIC, 18:00pm CST, 15:30pm WA, QLD 17:30pm