



Board of Management (BOM) Meeting Minutes

Date: 11 May 2021
Meeting opened: 7.30pm
Location: WPF Federation Rooms
(19 Carrieton Drive ALBION VIC 3020)
Meeting Chaired by: Ray Russell - President

Present: R. Russell, M. Portelli, J. Farrugia, C. Abela, D. Tenaglia, F. Lia, M. Tenaglia, J. Pulis, S. Mifsud.

Apologies: Nil

Guests: Nil

1. Review BOM minutes from previous meeting – 13 April 2021

- 1.1. Minutes from the BOM meeting were read by M. Portelli.
- 1.2. Moved that the minutes have been read.

Moved: J. Farrugia. Second: J. Pulis.

1.3. Business Arising from previous meeting minutes.

- 1.3.1. As per BOM meeting dated 13 April 2021 item 3. Correction to Finance Report date should read 1 April 2021 (not 1 March 2021).
- 1.3.2. No other business raised from the previous meeting minutes.
- 1.3.3. Moved that the minutes be accepted.

Moved: D. Tenaglia. Seconded: J. Pulis.

2. Correspondence

- 2.1. Letter 1 – Chris Cachia regarding racing two teams under one entry sheet.
- 2.2. Letter 2 – Renni Vella & Simon Grech regarding racing two teams.
- 2.3. Minutes from Victorian Racing Pigeon Board dated 11 April 2021.

Moved that all correspondence be moved to General Business.



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Moved: F. Lia.

Seconded: S. Mifsud.

3. Financial Report

3.1. Financial report as of 11 May 2021 was read by Treasurer C. Abela.

Moved: F. Lia.

Seconded: J. Farrugia.

4. General Business

4.1. Letter 1 – Chris Cachia regarding racing two teams under one entry sheet.

The BOM reviewed the Western Pigeon Federations Constitution and Racing-by-Laws Interpretations, Management & Definitions.

Clause 1.1

“The Board shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the Constitution and Racings By-Laws and Regulations made there under. The decision of the Board upon question, interpretation or upon any matters affecting the WPF and not provided for in the Constitution or Racing By-Laws and Regulations shall be final and binding on all parties”.

Reference: Rule 2.3 & Rule 4.1 of the Racing-by-laws Interpretations, Management & Definitions.

The BOM acknowledges that clearer guidelines are required around the currently accepted processes regarding the implementation and management of racing more than one team from the one loft.

The BOM agreed to introduce a new sub-clause 4.1.1. pertaining to the flying of more than one team from the one loft to provide clear guidance to its members.

Clause 4.1.1. MULTIPLE TEAMS

If more than one team of pigeons is being raced from the one loft. They must be registered under different flying names. Each team must have its own separately registered, ring registration form which must be provided to the ring secretary prior to the commencement of the racing season to clearly indicate which birds will be raced in each team.



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4.2. Letter 2 – Renni Vella & Simon Grech regarding racing two teams.

Renni Vella and Simon Grech to race two teams in the Main Race Series.

1. C. Grech & Son & Vella
2. Vella Family & Grech Family

Renni Vella and Simon Grech to race one team in the Sprint Series.

1. C. Grech & Son & Vella.

4.3. Minutes from Victorian Racing Pigeon Board dated 11 April 2021.

4.3.1. The minutes from the VRPB were read by Ray Russel.

4.3.2. Letter of response to the VRPB dated 10 May 2021 from Marc Tenaglia on behalf of the Western Pigeon Federation was also read out at the BOM meeting.

4.4. Brimbank Council requested that the Western Pigeon Federation update their six-year Business Plan.

4.4.1. BoM reviewed the previous version of the Business Plan and discussed alternatives presentation points.

4.4.2. Ray Russell to update and forward to Brimbank Council.

4.5. Brimbank Council lease review.

4.5.1. BoM reviewed the current lease agreement with Brimbank Council.

4.5.2. A discussion was had around some of the terms of the lease.

4.5.2.1. Lease Term 3 years with Two options for an additional 3 years.

It is important to note that we are in the second year of our final 3-year term (ending 31/12/2023) and a discussion will soon be required with the Brimbank Council.

4.5.2.2. Other clauses discussed.

4.5.2.2.1. 2.23 – page 5. Not to assign.

4.5.2.2.2. 4.0 – page 7. Community Use.

4.5.2.2.3. 9.0. – page 10. Access to Premises by Council.



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4.6. The executives of the WPF BOM are currently in discussion with the VRPU regarding transporting their birds from the 300 miles races onwards. They will provide feedback on conclusion of the discussions.

4.7. Sprint Series.

4.7.1. Production of clocks as per current protocols. 2 hours from clocking.

4.7.2. Liberation will be between 9-10am subject to weather conditions.

4.7.3. The truck will leave the WPF rooms Friday night once all units are loaded.

4.7.4. Consideration was given to the potential for members to join the sprint series as once of race at a cost. Not supported by BoM.

4.8. Benzing Live

4.8.1. The unlimited use of Benzing live was approved at the commencement of the 2019 Racing season.

4.8.2. The BOM will update the Racing-by-Laws Interpretations, Management & Definitions.

4.8.3. It is anticipated that there will be around 20 members flying using Benzing Live.

4.8.4. Members using Benzing live will have to sign a privacy declaration confirming they understand they must not communicate flyers clock times as is visible on the WPF Benzing Live Federation results page (live clocking).

4.8.5. Members using Benzing Live will have the option to "opt Out" of having their clock times visible to other flyers within Benzing Live WPF Federation results.

4.8.5.1. These members will be responsible for their own setup.

4.9. 50th Anniversary of the WPF – Jubilee Race Rings

4.9.1. WPF will order 400 special life rings. (assigned Marc Tenaglia).

4.9.1.1. 001 - 400 WPF 50th 2021.

4.9.1.2. Every paid-up flying member will received 4 special life rings.

4.9.1.3. Ring color will be White with Black writing.

4.9.1.4. These rings are not replaceable or transferable.

4.10. WPF Future Fund.

4.10.1. Concern was raised that the WPF should start putting funds aside for the future of the WPF in case of unforeseen circumstance or future rent/building purchase.

4.10.1.1. General discussion was held around.



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- 4.10.1.1.1. Retaining the interest invested in the investment account and not rebate it back to the members.
- 4.10.1.1.2. Increase the life rings to \$1.
- 4.10.1.1.3. Future sponsorship.
- 4.10.1.1.4. Possibility of collecting convoyer fees upfront at the start of the season like Transport as it is a fixed cost.
- 4.10.1.2. Whilst the WPF does not have its own building it and its members are vulnerable to possible future building changes.

- 4.11. Member Survey.
 - 4.11.1. Shane Mifsud agreed to put together a 5 Question Survey which can be sent out to members to gather information on topical items.
 - 4.11.1.1. Ray Russell to review and the forward to all members for feedback.

- 4.12. A club Secretary & Presidents meeting will be held on the 15 June 2021 at 7.30pm with the location to confirmed shortly.

Meeting closed:	Time:	10.30 pm
Next meeting:	Date:	8 June 2021
	Time:	7.30 pm
	Location:	TBC