



WESTERN PIGEON FEDERATION

of Victoria Inc. A0008663A

Board of Management (BOM) Meeting Minutes

Date: 1 March 2022
Meeting opened: 7.30pm
Location: WPF Federation Rooms
Yarraville-Footscray Bowling Club
(339A Francis Street YARRAVILLE VIC 3013)
Meeting Chaired by: Ray Russell - President

Present: R. Russell, C. Cachia, J. Farrugia, I. Fonti, D. Tenaglia, F. Lia, M. Tenaglia, J. Pulis, S. Mifsud.
Apologies: Nil.
Guests: Nil.

1. Review of previous BOM minutes.

- Minutes from last month's BOM meeting 8 February 2022 were read by M. Tenaglia.
- Minutes from the AGM 25 February 2022 were read by M. Tenaglia and to be retained for next year's AGM to be ratified.
- All minutes take as read.

Moved: J. Pulis Seconded: J. Farrugia Carried: All

- **Business arising from previous meeting minutes.**

Nil

2. Correspondence

- Letter 1 – VRPB donation towards Herpes testing.
- Letter 2 – Brimbank Council - new club contact.
- Letter 3 – Brimbank Council – Free Sports Community Webinars & Research Project for young people.
- Letter 4 – Werribee club re: WPF annual membership fee.
- Letter 5 – Mark & Michael Saggars – fly two teams.

All correspondence moved to General Business.

Moved: J. Pulis Seconded: F. Lia Carried: All.



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3. Financial Report

- No financial report available at this stage due to new incoming Treasurer still arrange access and review of all banking and reporting items.
- As per the AGM dated 25 February 2022.
 - Christopher Cachia was elected Treasure to replace Charley Abela.
 - Marc Tenaglia was elected Secretary to replace Michael Portelli.

It was agreed that.

- Charley Abela and Michael Portelli be removed as joint (2) signatories on all Western Pigeon Federation Inc. bank and investment accounts.
- Christopher Cachia & Marc Tenaglia be added as new joint (2) signatories on all Western Pigeon Federation Inc bank and investment accounts.
- Anthony Abraham (administration access) & Michael Portelli (member access) be removed from all Westpac online banking access.
- Christopher Cachia & Marc Tenaglia be granted online administration access to the Western Pigeon Federation Inc bank accounts as joint (2) signatories.

Moved: J. Pulis

Seconded: S. Mifsud

Carried: All

4. General Business

- Letter 1 – VRPB have requested donation from organisations across Australia to assist in the test if Herpes virus is becoming more prevalent in pigeons and lofts.

WPF BOM agreed to support the investigation and will provide fund of \$500.00 to the cause.

WPF BOM will look at all revenue raising options to recoup the funds at a later date.

- Letter 2 – Brimbank Council - new club contact.

Brimbank Council have advised that the WPF will have a new contact moving forward.

Daniel Trevillian. E: danielt@brimbank.vic.gov.au M: 0427595793

M. Tenaglia to send a welcome email.

- Letter 3 – Brimbank Council – Free Sports Community Webinars & Research Project for young people.



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Brimbank Council running free webinar training sessions for clubs. Refer to flyer. The WPF BOM encourage all members to participate to further enhance their level of understanding in running and growing both the WPF and their own clubs.

- Letter 4 – Werribee club re: WPF annual membership fee.

The Werribee club have submitted a letter requesting more information around why the WPF Annual Membership fee was not again waived as it was in 2020 for 2021 calendar year.

M. Tenaglia to provide a letter of explanation.

- Letter 5 – Mark & Michael Saggars – fly two teams.

Team 1: M&M Saggars, Team 2: Saggars Lofts.

Other General Business.

1. Transport

- a. The executive is currently working with the transport company of a cost to transport the birds to the race points.
 - i. It is expected to be higher than previous years due to the current increase in fuel prices, the including of GST and a fuel levy.
- b. Expressions of interest have been called for anyone interested in taking on the Convoyer role for the 2022 season.

2. Website.

- a. C. Cachia is working on a new website for the WPF as an all-inclusive reference point for members and public interest.

3. Allocation of Board Member duties.

- a. Maintenance – J. Farrugia & F. Lia
 - i. Cleaning and maintaining rooms inside & out, units, general repairs & trailer maintenance.
 - ii. Water, Food & Battery charging in preparation for the weekends race.
 - iii. Fix the springs on the roll back latches of the tail gate – priority.**
 - iv. Explore options to get A/C to sleeper working (may require an auto electrician).
- b. Room Steward – J. Pulis
 - i. Arrange club roster for loading and unloading of units on the trailer.



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- ii. Ensure all electrical items up to standard including power points, extension leads, etc.
 - iii. GPS co-ordinates for new or recently relocated flyers prior to the commencement of the race season.
 - iv. Liaise with outside clubs on the number of units required.
 - v. Stock-take on current units. Where are they?
 - vi. New labels for tailgate remote control.
 - c. Trailor loading – D. Tenaglia & S. Mifsud
 - i. Operation of tailgate and safety rails.
 - ii. Ensure enough straps available for tying down units.
 - iii. Fluro vests to be worn.
 - iv. Additional operational volunteers with experience to be explored.
 - v. Investigation into safety equipment for loading, unloading and convoy process. Low binder straps, safety harness, platform enhancements.
4. Public Officer.
 - a. As per the Consumer Affairs guidelines the Secretary will resume the role of Public Officer and address any future correspondence requests.
5. 50th Jubilee Race scheduled for 3 September 2022
 - a. Presentation day for the winner.
 - i. Suggested Barefoot Bowls with BBQ for the whole Family.
 - ii. Last weekend in September between 2-5pm.
 - iii. Further discussion and preparation required.
 - iv. We welcome any company who wishes to sponsor our sport. Sponsors will present the winners with their certificates at Yarraville-Footscray Bowling Club.
 - v. Sponsors to date are – CCA Financial Planners \$1,000.00
6. WPF open race in lieu of the 2022 Breeders Plate to be held on Sunday 11 September 2022.
 - a. Nomination of the number of entries required by the 11 August 2022.
 - b. \$50.00 per entry.
 - c. Selection of any bird in your loft.
 - d. Further details to be provided.
7. Liberation.
 - a. Advertise expression of interest to be sent to all members.
 - b. Consideration also to be given to.
 - i. D. Tenaglia



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- ii. S. Mifsud
 - c. Split decision if required referred to President Ray Russell.
8. Velocity officer
 - a. Cross check all basketing and race evaluation sheet.
 - b. Melton and Bacchus Marsh clubs to deliver reports to I. Fonti residence for verification.
9. President/Secretary meeting to include training time on how to correctly verify and validate clock bird with basketing entry.
10. Tassie race. Felix Lia to investigate the use of the TRPF units as a more cost-effective way to race across the water.
 - a. Previously the WPF would fund the cost of the transport for the Tassie race for the members at an approx. cost of \$3,500pa.
 - b. May require a change to schedule for mid-week racing.
11. Minutes from BOM meeting 14 December 2022 were still in draft format. These will be reviewed and ratified at the next BOM meeting.
12. Point score. Consideration to reviewing the point score system to provide greater recognition for all members. C. Cachia to review alternate process 1-100 score and compare to previous years.
13. C. Cachia discussed future long-term planning of the WPF. "Fail to Plan... Plan to Fail".
14. I. Fonti suggest the opportunity to advertise on Community Radio as a non-for-profit volunteer organization to approx. 80,000 listeners. BOM to consider ideas.
15. Letters 2 to 7 moved from BOM meeting 8 February 2022 accepted.
16. M. Tenaglia asked all BOM members to think about future joint transport ideas due to the anticipated increase in fuel costs. To be discussed at the next BOM meeting.

Moved: M. Tenaglia Seconded: J. Pulis Carried: J. Farrugia.



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Important Dates:

1. Reminder BOM meeting are normally held on the second (2nd) Tuesday of every month.

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| Meeting closed: | Time: | 10.30pm |
| Next meeting: | Date: | 12 April 2022 |
| | Time: | 7.30pm |
| | Location: | 19 Carrington Drive ALBION VIC 3020 |