



WESTERN PIGEON FEDERATION

of Victoria Inc. A0008663A

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President & Secretary Meeting Minutes.

Date: 15 May 2022
Meeting opened: 3.00pm
Location: WPF Federation Rooms
19 Carrington Drive ALBION VIC 3020
Meeting Chaired by: Ray Russell - President

Present: BOM - R. Russell (Sunshine), C. Cachia (Willi/Newport),
M. Tenaglia (Deer Park).
Yarraville – M. Ciancio & J. Saggars.
Melton – A. Turner & J. Frost.
Alton City – C. Abela & J. Farrugia.
Green Gully - F. Lia & Des Vatzakis.
Williamstown/Newport – T. Holwell.
Melton Inv – C. Camilleri & I. Fonti
Werribee – C. Montebello & F. Briffa

Apologies: Nil.

Absent Bacchus Marsh.

1. The following forms can be accessed via the website <https://wpf.org.au/forms>

- Membership flying for 2022.
- Disposal form.
- Acquired form.
- Ring Registration form.
- Statutory Declaration form.

All forms due by 1 June 2022 to all time for review and signoff.

2. Sections.

a. Motion.

i. Introduction of a new section to cater for the Sunbury, Gisborne, Diggers Rest, Riddles Creeks flyers.

Moved C. Cachia seconded J. Pulis carried all

b. Renaming of Sections. Refer to attached image.

i. Metro 1, 2 & 3



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- ii. NW (Sunbury), W (Melton) & SW (Werribee, Little River, Lara).
 - c. All other sections remain unchanged as per the AGM 25 February 2022.
<https://wpf.org.au/board-of-management-meeting-minutes-may-2022>
3. Loft Measurements – Club Secretary's to make contact with Joe Pulis to arrange all new flyers loft co-ordinates to be measured.
4. WPF Rooms will open from 5.30pm on basketing night.
5. Canteen and sitting area will be open for all members.
6. Tasmania Racing. The BOM is currently speaking to the TRPA regarding using the same system as in 2021 to race from Tassie. Discussion with Presidents & Secretaries indicates they would be happy to consider it but with a preference of it being its own series. It would involve basketing Sunday for a Wednesday mid-week series. The BOM to discuss at the next meeting.
7. Allocation of units and bird numbers per unit.
Friday basketing 35
Thursday basketing 30
Wednesday basketing 25.
Outside clubs are reminder that units will be allocated based on
(e.g., # of flyers x bird limit / 35 per tier / 8 tiers).
(e.g., 8 x 40 / 35 / 8 = 1 unit plus 1 or 2 baskets).
Some outside clubs may only be allocated one (1) unit and may need to utilize baskets to carry surplus birds.
8. Basketing & evaluation sheets to be stapled with the clock bird highlight & initialed on both sheets. It was suggested that the Melton & Bacchus Marsh Centers could drop the reports off at I. Fonti's place as he is a Board Member.
9. It was confirmed that the basketing for the National and any Tassie races would be at the WPF rooms.
10. Presidents & Secretaries are reminded that no member allowed to setup their own clocks.
11. Race results to be read out at the Federation room the next basketing night "**Closing Bell**". Read out top 5-10 Fed positions and each Section winner. Attempts will be made to set up live announcement via Team for outside clubs to view.



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12. WPF costs for the 2022 season.

- Transport \$350.00 per member/team (less any carry forward discounts).
- Convoyer \$50.00 per member/team. (In the past this has been charged at \$4.50 per week costing members between \$72-\$90).
- Room levy will remain at \$3.00 per race.
- WPF Fed levy will remain at \$2.00 per race.
- Trailor levy will remain at \$0.05 per bird.
- Unit cleaning will remain at \$2.00 per flyer.
- Life rings will increase to \$1.00 per ring as per BOM minutes 14 December 2021.

Members who cannot afford to pay the transport cost in a lump sum can arrange to pay in two (2) equal payments (\$175) or an alternative arrangement with the treasures (C. Cachia).

In the interest of providing easier administration in 2022.

Payment of racing fees etc.

The WPF preferred position to accept payments is by electronic transfer directly into WPF's bank account, which removes the need to put any members at unnecessary risk of losing cash funds or wasting time in bank queues. Cash or payment by cheque is unnecessary in today's robust electronic banking world.

The WPF executive committee have moved to 100% banking online which provides more robust security for members' funds. In the past when bills were paid both the secretary and treasurer were required to mutually sign cheques. It was common to practise for cheques to be signed early by the secretary, and the treasurer would countersign only on approved board payments.

This risk is no longer required to be borne by the WPF. We have embraced electronic banking, where the treasurer set's up an electronic payment backed up by two-way authentication as an SMS to the treasurer mobile, which sets up the payment for approval by the secretary.

The secretary subsequently receives a notification from the bank that has a payment request. The secretary would be aware of the required transaction and approve or disapprove the payment for the protection of immediate payment to all our suppliers.

For any clubs or secretaries who need assistance in establishing electronic banking, Marc and Chris are available to help you. To date, we are encouraged by the secretaries trying to make



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an attempt to make electronic banking part of their improved security for the individual members.

Prize money – Collection of Bank details.

On my appointment to the treasurer role, I found numerous unrepresented cheques, some dating back many years. This is undoubtedly a reflection that the whole world has moved on from cheques and that people can't even be bothered banking these, remarkable really.

It is quite a considerable task to draft a cheque for all members who have been fortunate enough to be awarded and receive a prize. Given the record number of fliers racing in the WPF in 2022, it is envisaged over 80 cheques will need to be drafted and posted; creating extra cost in stamps and envelopes, which is all highly unnecessary given the electronic age that is upon us, and the time wasted by members who are then required to bank these cheques.

My preference is to pay prize money directly into members' bank accounts or their clubs. If each club secretary could ask their members for their bank details to allow this direct deposit, it would be greatly appreciated. For members who do not want a direct credit, we also offer prize money to be carried forward and used to pay for future annual fees, rings, and race costs.

Some members have asked the following questions?

Does prize money affect my pension or do I have to pay tax? Good question, and fortunately for cases, given the irregular nature and hobby activity, the case is NO for both. 😊

Confirmation Prize Money does not affect or reduce a Commonwealth government pension or is part of the income test. <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/lump-sums-while-income-support?context=22526Here>

Here is an extract:

What doesn't count in the income test

Lump sums may be exempt from the income test if they meet all of these:

- unlikely to happen again
- hard to predict
- not for a service or work provided.

They include any of these:

- a one-off gift, prize, reward, lottery win, or amount of superannuation



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- an inheritance
- a payout from a property settlement, or for damages to property or personal effects
- flood, bushfire and drought assistance
- some redress payments, such as for negligence
- a gambling win unless this happens often or you gamble for a living
- compensation from an Australian trust.

Furthermore, to provide clarification, prizemoney is not taxable either.

Here is the link:

<https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/income-and-deductions/income-you-must-declare/amounts-you-do-not-include-as-income/>

Other amounts that are not taxable

Generally, you don't declare amounts you receive for:

- rewards or gifts on special occasions, such as cash birthday presents and gifts from relatives given out of love (however, gifts may be taxable if you receive them as part of a business-like activity or for your income-earning activities as an employee or contractor)
- prizes you won in ordinary lotteries, such as lotto draws and raffles
- prizes you won in game shows unless you receive regular appearance fees or game-show winnings
- child support and spouse maintenance payments you receive.

Yearly one-off prize money is not deemed a regular business like event, and pigeon racing prize money is exempt from income tax.

In the future, our annual membership application will include this request and be an online form.

Here is a link: <https://wpf.org.au/memberships/membership-form/>

Again our preference will be for members to complete the online form, and for any members who do not have access to a computer, secretaries can help their members complete these forms online. Alternatively, Marc and I are happy to help individual members with this feature. As a last resort, we will, of course, accept a paper application.



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I am also building an administration platform to reduce the requirement of manual processing across the WPF, which will offer an online account of the various purchases the member has made from the WPF. Members' accounts will include how many rings they've purchased and how many races they've participated in, providing a complete record and history in our new online store. Exciting!

Ring Purchases:

I've included the following links where members may purchase rings online and renew their annual subscription directly with the WPF by depositing into the WPF's bank account.

Here is the link: <https://wpf.org.au/memberships/membership-form-with-life-rings/>

Weekly Racing

We will be offering members the ability to nominate their birds throughout the week to allow the race secretary to better plan and manage the distribution of birds on our truck in conjunction with other federations.

This feature also provides the creation of an invoice for the payment of both club and western pigeon federation racing fees. The option for each club to provide their racing fees is optional and free of charge. I have negotiated this feature into the development of our online store. So, I strongly encourage each secretary to provide their club and race fees, including any credit provided by the club.

I will build your fees into our / your club's online store, where each club will have their online account with access to only the members you administer and or part of your club. It will work as our current racing programme pigeonet.com.au.

Hers is the link: <https://wpf.org.au/online-basketing-entries/>

I will be offering training throughout the year for all members.



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Communication Service Standard.

I hope you all had the opportunity to review our new website at length, and we look forward to your feedback on any way we can improve. Please note both Marc and I are in full time positions and taking calls throughout the workday is not our preferred format and we encourage all members to communicate using this portal.

Please ensure to use our contact us form, we would love to hear from you online.

Your comments and questions will be kept private, of course.

With any news or board reports, the service standard we are committed to being delivered within two weeks of the event for all members. Future emails of all messages, including board reports, are to be found online, and it's superfluous to send an email first.

I understand change may be difficult for some, but I want you all to know the executive committee and board members have the best interest of the western pigeon federation. We all would like to see our federation grow and flourish in the years ahead. By providing open online communication for all, we genuinely believe we will see our federation be a leader in pigeon racing across Australia, where members in Victoria will want to race with the WPF.



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Important Dates:

50th Jubilee Presentation.

Race Date:	2 September 2022 - Saturday
Date:	2 October 2022 - Sunday
Time:	3.00 – 5.00 pm
Location:	Yarraville-Footscray Bowling Club 339A Francis St, Yarraville VIC 3013

WPF Open Nomination Race – refer to flyer at

<https://wpf.org.au/open-age-nomination-race-2022>

Race Date:	11 September 2022 - Saturday
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Sales.

27 November 2022 Sunday	Breeders Plate Sale #1	Penning from 8am	Auction start 12pm
11 December 2022 Sunday	Breeders Plate Sale #2	Penning from 8am	Auction start 12pm
8 January 2023 Sunday	Breeders Plate Sale #3	Penning from 8am	Auction start 12pm
15 January 2023 Sunday	Transport Sale	Penning from 8am	Auction start 12pm
5 February 2023 Sunday	Breeders Plate Sale #4	Penning from 8am	Auction start 12pm

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

Meeting closed:	Time:	5.00pm
Next BOM meeting.	Date:	8th June 2022 - Wednesday
	Time:	7.30pm
	Location:	19 Carrington Drive ALBION VIC 3020