



# WESTERN PIGEON FEDERATION

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## President & Secretary Meeting Minutes.

Date: 20 October 2022  
Meeting opened: 7.00pm  
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).  
Deer Park – J. Pulis  
Yarraville –J. Saggars.  
Melton – A. Turner & J. Frost.  
Alton City – C. Abela & J. Farrugia.  
Green Gully - Des Vatzakis.  
Williamstown/Newport – T. Holwell.  
Werribee – C. Montebello & F. Briffa  
Bacchus Marsh – Paul Lesko

Apologies: M. Ciancio.

### **Proposal for Consultation.**

Since its inception in 1972 the Western Pigeon Federation has promoted and run a very strong and competitive competition.

The Western Pigeon Federation has become a well-known brand name not only within Victoria but across Australia within the pigeon racing fraternity.

The Board of Management would like to consult with its clubs and their members on a proposal for the future focusing on the growth and development of both the Western Pigeon Federation and the sport of pigeon racing.

Currently there is only one competition known to most as the federation averages points series broken down into an overall, short, long and section averages.

The Board of Management is very keen to continue to protect and promote the current system by rebranding and promoting it as the Western Pigeon Federation Premier League "WPFPL" open to in-boundary members only.



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We are also keen to provide the opportunity for beginners, novice and out of boundary flyer who want to be part of the organization but cannot be, due to varying restrictions some of which include experience, cost, or location of their loft.

### **Goals and Objectives.**

1. Engage willingness & support from associated clubs for the future direction of the Western Pigeon Federation of Victoria (WPF).
  2. Continue to promote a strong and competitive competition for members within the current boundary.
  3. Provide an avenue for beginners to participate at a low-cost level while they learn the ropes as they aspire to join the WPFPL (hopefully with the help of an experienced mentor by their side).
  4. Provide an avenue for those who simply get a buzz out of watching their birds return home from a race without having to worry about the prize money or points score burden.
  5. Provide an avenue for flyers who enjoy the relationship and environment the WPF can offer without the burden of their loft location.
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1. Western Pigeon Federation of Victoria League structure.
    - a. Rebrand the current federation average points series "WPFPL" the Western Pigeon Federation Premier League (refer to table 1).
      - i. Open to.
        1. In-boundary members only.
        2. Nomination must be made on membership payment. Members are committed for the full season once nominated. New Membership form to be developed.
        3. Prize money and points apply.
      - b. Introduce a new League group "WPFRL" the Western Pigeon Federation Race League (refer to table 1).
        - i. Open to.
          1. Beginners (with a mentor or buddy system).
          2. Flyers wishing to participate in the sport without the added pressure of prize money costs or competition points (no prize money or points apply).
          3. Out of boundary flyers wishing to interact with fellow flyers within the WPF membership.



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4. Nomination must be made on membership payment. Members are committed for the full season once nominated. New Membership form to be developed.
  5. Juniors' competition.
    - a. No point scores.
  6. Women in the sport.
- c. Transport Combine.
- i. All participants will have a result published under this section. No prize money or points apply. Simply a result every week for the best bird on the truck.
2. Race schedule ideas 2023 (refer to tables 2-4).
- a. Race points to include 3 x 160km's
  - b. WPFPL Short, Middle & Long series to create fairness across the sport for boundary flyers and promote alternative competitions.
  - c. Bird limits.
    - i. Surrounding organisation have 50 & 60 bird limits for the earlier
    - ii. Early notification of bird numbers.
  - d. Clubs reminded to provide 2023 race schedule suggestions / feedback.
3. Co-operation b/w basketing centres main and outside if bird numbers increase.
- a. Outside clubs will be required to collect cleaned unit on a date to be set after the race as no clean units would be available due to 100% in use on race day.
  - b. Arrival times on basketing night.
  - c. Unit - cleaning, collection & unloading.
  - d. Units repair program (replace flooring).
4. Sales.
- a. Breeders Plate date reminders below. Looking for helps on the auction days.
  - b. Transport Sale date reminder below. Looking for helps on the day.
5. Points score.
- a. Fed 30 down to 1
  - b. Section 30 down to 1
  - c. Clubs 30 down to 1
  - d. Juniors (yes/no)
  - e. Majority were in favour of retaining the current system.
    - i. Possible reduce the points down for sections based on the allocated number of flyers in each section.
    - ii. Clubs can choose to make alterations.



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## 6. National

- a. Participate in the National vs 3<sup>rd</sup> 400mile race.
- b. Fed points vs no fed points.
- c. Feed back was strong to continue with the National but use our own transport in future.

## 7. Payment system.

- a. Chris Cachia to work on a simpler system to allow clubs and members to make payment for races.

Additional discussion points.

## 8. Membership definition changes to go to the AGM regarding

- a. Financial Membership (voting).
  - i. Boundary Members only participating in the WPFPL.
- b. Flying Member (non-voting)
  - i. In or out Boundary members participating in the WPFRL.

## 9. End of Year Presentation Function like the Jubilee function to present awards and winnings.

## 10. Can members race two team? One in WPFPL and the other in WPFRL.

- a. Currently members can race two teams which must be treated separately so two sets of fees must be paid and birds are not allowed to be transferred mid-season, so separate team allocation lists. Whilst it is possible one would think it may be at the detriment of the loft owner and their ability to be competitive in the WPFPL.

## 11. Competition series.

- a. With the introduction of the 3x 160km races there would be a total of 23 races.
- b. Options
  - i. Short Series 15 races, Long Series 8 races (Table 2).
  - ii. Move 300M to Long Series creating Short Series 11 races, Long Series 12 races (Table 3).
  - iii. Create a Middle Series. Short Series 6 races, Middle Series 9 races, Long Series 8 races (Table 4).
  - iv. Majority consensus that Table 4, Option 3 was preferred awaiting any final club submissions.



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12. Out of Boundary members will still need to follow the process as outline by the WPF but the process is made easier by allowing them to compete in the WPFRL.

- a. An alternative is to wait until membership definition changes are taken to the AGM and enacted.

13. Transport Combined results. How to position the results. All-inclusive or just WFPRL.

### 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

Meeting closed 9.15pm Thursday 20 October 2022.

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

Next BOM meeting.	Date:	8 November 2022 - Tuesday
	Time:	7.30pm
	Location:	Location TBA.



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**TABLE 1 - PROPOSAL**

## Western Pigeon Federation of Victoria League

**Membership to go to AGM**

Full	\$ 150
Pension	\$ 75
Transport Levy (example only as per 2022)	\$ 290
Voting financial membership	

**Membership to go to AGM**

Full	\$ 150
Pension	\$ 75
Juniors	\$ -
Transport Levy (example only as per 2022)	\$ 290
Non-voting flying membership	

**WPF Premier League (WPFPL)**

**Prize Money Competition**

**Points Score Competiton**

**WPFPL - Overall**

**WPFPL - Short**

**WPFPL - Middle**

**WPFPL - Long**

**WPFPL - 2ndBird REC**

**WPFPL Sections**

- WPFPL North West (Sunbury/Gisbourne)
- WPFPL West (Melton/Bacchus Marsh)
- WPFPL South West (Werribee / Lara)
- WPFPL Metro 1
- WPFPL Metro 2
- WPFPL Metro 3
- WPFPL Sponsors

**Clubs**

- Altona
- Bacchus Marsh
- Deer Park
- Green Gully
- Melton
- Sunshine
- Werribee
- Willi/Newport
- Yarraville

**WPF Race League (WPFRL)**

**No Prize Money**

**No Points Score**

**WPFRL Sections**

- WPFRL - Adult (in boundary)
- WPFRL - Juniors
- WPFRL - out of boundary

**Transport Combine - ALL**

- WPFPL flyers
- WPFRL flyers

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Table 2 Option 1

		ML	KM	NORTH				
1	Sat 17/06/2023	100	160	Rochester	Fri	50	FED/SEC	Short
2	Sat 24/06/2023	100	160	Rochester	Fri	50	FED/SEC	Short
3	Sat 1/07/2023	100	160	Rochester	Fri	50	FED/SEC	Short
4	Sat 8/07/2023	160	256	Deniliquin MTM	Fri	50	FED/SEC	Short
5	Sat 15/07/2023	160	256	Deniliquin	Fri	50	FED/SEC	Short
6	Sat 22/07/2023	160	256	Deniliquin	Fri	50	FED/SEC	Short
7	Sat 29/07/2023	230	368	Hay	Fri	50	FED/SEC	Short
8	Sat 5/08/2023	230	368	Hay	Fri	50	FED/SEC	Short
9	Sat 12/08/2023	230	368	Hay	Fri	40	FED/SEC	Short
	Sat 12/08/2023	230	368	Hay C&J10b	Fri	10	FED/SEC	Short
10	Sat 19/08/2023	300	480	Hillston	Thu	40	FED/SEC	Short
11	Sat 26/08/2023	300	480	Hillston POS	Thu	40	FED/SEC	Short
12	Sat 2/09/2023	300	480	Hillston	Thu	40	FED/SEC	Short
	Sat 2/09/2023	300	480	Hillston AP10b	Thu	10	FED/SEC	Short
13	Sat 9/09/2023	360	576	Mt Hope	Thu	40	FED/SEC	Long
	Sun 10/09/2023	360	576	BP	Fri	?		
14	Sat 16/09/2023	360	576	Mt Hope	Thu	40	FED/SEC	Long
	Sat 16/09/2023	241	386	Yolla	Wed	?	FED/SEC	Short
15	Sat 23/09/2023	360	576	Mt Hope HAM	Thu	40	FED/SEC	Long
16	Sat 30/09/2023	438	700	Cobar	Thu	40	FED/SEC	Long
17	Sat 7/10/2023	438	700	Cobar	Thu	40	FED/SEC	Long
18	Sat 14/10/2023	438	700	NATIONAL		10	FED/SEC	Long
19	Sat 21/10/2023	538	860	Bourke	Wed	40	FED/SEC	Long
20	Sat 28/10/2023							
21	Sat 4/11/2023	613	980	Barrington	Wed	40	FED/SEC	Long

Short 15  
Mid 0  
Long 8





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Table 3 Option 2

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Short 11  
Mid 0  
Long 12





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Majority consensus.

Table 4 Option 3

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Short 6  
Mid 9  
Long 8