



WESTERN PIGEON FEDERATION

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President & Secretary Meeting Minutes.

Date: 28 May 2023 [Sunday]
Meeting opened: 3.00pm
Location: WPF Federation Rooms
27B 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.
Altona City – C. Abela & J. Farrugia.
Green Gully - F. Lia.
Williamstown/Newport – T. Holwell.
Werribee – C. Montebello, A. Dalli & B. Mizzi.
Deer Park – John Pulis.

Apologies: Nil.

Absent Bacchus Marsh.

1. Membership [need final numbers].

- We only have 54 paid up so far. 50 to the Fed, 4 to clubs, we also have yes replies both verbal and with forms but no payment of 24. Totaling 78
- All clubs are asked to finalise and confirm to the BOM before the next BOM meeting [13 June 2023] all flying members so final pricing can be announced.
- Discussion points.
 - 2024 Membership Day to link with a Sale or Auction to encourage members to pay.
 - 2024 discount to those who pay on or before the Financial Membership date.

2. Costs [estimate only]

- Convoyer approx. \$70.00 per flyer [to be finalised].



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- Fixed weekly race fee \$15.00 to replace all levy's, cover unit and drinker cleaning, and all other Federation costs [we have 20 weeks of income collecting but have expense for 52 weeks of the year].
 - At the request of Adam Turner from the Melton club.
 - The BOM at the next meeting [13 June 2023] will discuss a possible reduction in the fixed Fed cost for outside clubs.
- Transport is estimated to be between \$500 - \$550 [to be finalised].
- Ring sale discount to be confirmed once final ring sales are confirmed by the ring secretary but is estimated to be between [\$4,500 - \$5,000] total.
- Transport Sale raised \$4,800. The final discount to those who participated will be between \$180 - \$200 once final costs have been deducted [to be confirmed].
- All members are reminded that the increased transport cost is due to the inclusion of 3 new extra short races and the traditional Tasmania race which will be paid for by the members. This race will be as per the schedule subject to weather conditions across Bass Straight. The cost of the National will be covered by the Yarraville Racing Pigeon Club [THANKYOU 🙏🙏]. This was traditionally covered by the WPF.
- Note: All numbers subject to final members numbers.

3. Sections.

- Due to the lateness of accurate flying member numbers the sections may be delayed by between 2-3 weeks. All clubs are asked to try and confirm and finalise numbers with the BOM by 13 June 2023 [next BOM meeting].

4. Bird registrations.

- All flying member lists, especially transfers of birds acquired must be submitted prior to the race season commencing [commencement date 17 June 2023]. Failure to do so may result in bird disqualification if the bird is clocked.
- Acquired, Disposal, Transfer & Statutory Declaration can either be downloaded and handed in or submitted online.
- Web link to all forms: <https://wpf.org.au/forms>
Note: We are collecting the Statutory Declaration in case they are required for the Tasmanian race. Please complete it and hand it in on or before the first race.

5. Loft Measurements

- Joe Pulis has been given a list of flyers names and contact details to arrange loft measurements. Please work with him to have this completed as simply as possible.



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6. Rooms open from 5.30pm.
 - To ensure we continually improve our basketing for the welfare of our birds and members alike, the following procedures will now be in place:
 - No basketing will commence until enough members are present to ensure the birds wellbeing in the basketing center is able to be evidenced and WPF Rules can be ensured.
 - No basketing will commence until water has been put into the drinkers on unit. Safety step or small ladder can be used with watering to help fill and empty drinkers.
 - Hens & Cocks
 - Friday - 35, Thursday – 30 & Wednesday - 25 per tier
 - Basketing sheets with hens & cocks will be signed and dated and stores as evidence for future reference in case of RSPCA request / inspection.
 - The RSPCA can complete a spot visit to our basketing centre at any time. It is important all members adhere to the WPF's Code of Practice.
<https://wpf.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/WESTERN-PIGEON-FEDERATION-Code-of-Practice.pdf>
including the Fair Play Code of Conduct.
<https://wpf.org.au/fair-play-code-of-conduct>
7. Basketing stations - Vision & Benzing
 - Those present at the meeting agreed that basketing should continue in the same manner it did in 2022.
 - Separate basketing stations for Vision, Benzing and other clocks [try bringing them closer].
 - All birds to be baskets across all units no separation.
 - All clubs are to provide numbers on who has what clocks to assist in planning the basketing stations.
8. Online basketing
 - Members can pay for their race directly to the WPF via the online basketing entry form or via their clubs.
 - Club Secretaries must submit their club entry form online on the night of basketing once they have confirmed the number of flyers in their club flying and the total number of birds participating. This will serve as a self-generating invoice along with providing more accurate flyer numbers and bird entries for www.pigeonrace.net report.



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- Payment should be made direct to the WPF bank account by electronic funds transfer providing a notation of your club and race. Alternatively, secretaries requiring deposit books will be provided on the first race. After lodgement, if you notice you have made an incorrect bird number or flying number error, submit a new form, and the federation will accept your last form submitted.
9. Entering Race Results online.
- All club secretaries are required to enter their own club race results to ensure results are published in a timely manner. Please ensure you enter the data correctly, double-checking your work. Training will be provided to the secretaries that need support.
 - For any secretaries requiring training on using our system on their mobile phone or computer, please reach out to Marc or Chris.
10. Still no canteen.
- We are still looking for someone to run the canteen. If anyone is interested, please let us know. Until then the canteen will only have tea, coffee, and soft drinks.
11. Squeaker squadron program [sponsored by Yarraville]
- Race selection will be issued after the next BOM meeting.
 - All Members wishing to have a junior participate should complete an online Junior Membership form or a hard copy Junior membership form.
<https://wpf.org.au/2023-inaugural-wpf-squeaker-squadron-series>
12. Reporting and collection of lost pigeons.
- BOM to update guidelines and re-issue to all members.
 - Include penalties for members who deliberately ignore their responsibility and duty of care to their birds.
13. Schedule
- National & Tassie to be basketed in the Fed rooms.
<https://wpf.org.au/race-schedule>
14. Volunteers
- Unloading unit's roster. Will be based on a sharing between two clubs.
 - A roster to be provided before the first race.



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- All clubs are responsible for ensuring they follow the unloading roster and have their members present to help unload the truck on the day of the race when it returns.
- Clubs for 2023.
 - Melton, Werribee, Altona City, Williamstown/Newport, Green Gully, Sunshine, Yarraville & Deer Park.

15. Life ring registration in clocks.

- On basketing night.
- All bird ring allocations not correctly entered or coupled to chip rings into clocks will not be allowed to enter the races.
- Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure all birds are correctly entered and coupled to chip rings.
- Members will be asked to take the bird home and correct the issue before next week.
- Those with "VO" [Victorian Open] 700M rings using Vision clocks can put an 'x' or another character in front or behind the "VO" as the vision clock can not accept less than 3 characters. Verification of these will be complete on the first night when a ring allocation list is printed. WPF BOM to verify.
- All clocks must have WPF cup rings loaded as "WPFC" to ensure no clash between normal WPF ring numbers and WPFC ring numbers between 001 – 500.

16. Tuesday 13 June 2023

- 6.30-7.30pm Defibrillator installation and training at the WPF rooms. All members are welcome to attend.

17. Yarraville Racing Pigeon Club [YRPC] financial support letter.

- The YRPC has offered to sponsor the 2023 National Race by paying for the transport & convoyer costs for those participating on the WPF transport.
- The YRPC have offered to sponsor the WPF Squeaker Squadron juniors' series with trophies, T-shirts, etc up to \$2000.
- The YRPC have offered to pay for the cost to purchase and install including training of a defibrillator for the WPF basketing center rooms.
- We collectively thank the Yarraville Racing Pigeon Club for their support and generosity to the WPF and the Sport.



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

Meeting closed:	Time:	5.30pm
Next BOM meeting.	Date:	13 June 2022 - Tuesday
	Time:	7.30pm
	Location:	27A Carrington Drive ALBION VIC 3020