



# WESTERN PIGEON FEDERATION

of Victoria Inc. A0008336A

## Board of Management (BOM) Meeting Minutes

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Date: 16 January 2024, Tuesday

Meeting opened: 7.30pm

Location: 2/242-244 Caroline Springs Boulevard, CAROLINE SPRINGS VIC  
2023

Meeting Chaired by: Ray Russell – President

Present: R. Russell, J. Farrugia, M. Tenaglia, D. Tenaglia, J. Saggars, J. Pulis, C. Cachia, S. Mifsud.

Apologies: S. Cutajar.

Guests: Nil.

### 1. Review of previous BOM minutes.

Minutes from last month's BOM meeting 12 December 2023 were taken as read.

All business arising from the previous meeting minutes moved to General Business.

Moved: J. Farrugia      Second: J. Pulis      Carried: all

### 2. Correspondence.

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- 07/12/2023, Brimbank Council 2024 renewal approved.
- 16/01/2024, J. McPherson if not to late add to AGM agenda, prize money.
- 15/01/2024, Letter from Werribee club.
- 15/01/2024, Letter from Green Gully club.
- 15/01/2024, letter from Altona City club.
- 25/12/2023, letter from GMPF requesting a price to transport with the WPF for 500M, 600M and possibly 400M.
- Application for Frank Velluto & Peter Huang to join the WPF via the Deer Park Racing Pigeon Club. Financial clearance received from the VRPU.

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- 08/01/2024, WPF response to GMPF re: transport quote.

All correspondence moved to General Business.

Moved: S. Mifsud    Seconded: J. Saggars    Carried: All

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## 2. Financial Report

Financial reports for 31 December 2023 presented by treasurer C. Cachia.

- a. Westpac balance \$15,553.45.
- b. La Trobe Investments Balance \$168,910.40
- c. \$10,000 was transferred from La Trobe Financial to WPF transaction account to ensure positive transactional cash flow.

*Reminder: Moving forward the WPF will no longer make cash or cheque payments. All payments need to be made via EFT to the members' bank account effective 14 November 2023.*

Moved all outstanding accounts be paid.

Moved: J. Saggars                  Seconded: D. Tenaglia                  Carried: All

## 3. General Business

### 4.1. Business arising from previous minutes dated 12 December 2023.

1. All items of the previous meeting minutes to be address once transport resolved.

### 4.2. Correspondence [details].

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1. 07/12/2023, Brimbank Council 2024 renewal approved.
  - a. The WPF has received renewal approval to use the rooms for the 2024 season.
2. 16/01/2024, J. McPherson if not to late add to AGM agenda, prize money.
  - a. Unfortunately, no new items will be able to be added to the AGM Agenda.  
Close off is by the December BOM meeting.
3. 15/01/2024, Letter from Werribee club.
  - a. Werribee club are in support of the purchase of a truck and trailer.
4. 15/01/2024, Letter from Green Gully club.
  - a. Green Gully club in favour of purchasing a truck.
5. 15/01/2024, letter from Altona City club.
  - a. Altona City club in favour of purchasing a truck as outlined by J. Saggars.
6. 25/12/2023, letter from GMPF requesting a price to transport with the WPF for 500M, 600M and possibly 400M.
  - a. WPF have responded advising as soon as the WPF transport is resolved they will be in a better position to provide a quote.
7. Application for Frank Velluto & Peter Huang to join the WPF via the Deer Park Racing Pigeon Club. Financial clearance received from the VRPU.
  - a. Noted.

OC.

1. WPF have responded advising as soon as the WPF transport is resolved they will be in a better position to provide a quote.

### 4.3. New Business.

1. Vale, Ross Hocking SA flyer passed away 15/01/2024.
2. Transport.
  - a. The WPF held a Special General Meeting [SGM] with the members to discuss future transportation options and provide clarity in the increased costs.
  - b. The members were very positive regarding the WPF purchasing a transporter.
  - c. Some of the options put to the members were.
    - i. Continue to outsource.
      1. Quotes were between \$96,000 and \$120,000 for the full season.
    - ii. Purchase a tray truck and trailer.
      1. Cost to purchase were upwards of \$80-\$100K including the trailer.
      2. Bird numbers may have to be reduced due to room on the truck and restrictions may apply to transporting other organization.
      3. Item of concern was if the truck breaks down, then what?
  - d. Alternative option raised at the BOM meeting tonight was to purchase a prime mover for b/w \$100-\$150K.
    - i. Securing the long term future of the WPF.
    - ii. Allowing 2-5 years to purchase a replacement trailer.
    - iii. If a breakdown a replacement switch can be sourced more easily.
  - e. Detailed costing to be provided but is estimated the annual transport to members would be around \$600 before any discounts are applied.

Motion. Transport for 2024.

Motion. "Establish a sub-committee of 5 people to investigate the purchase of a truck [Prime Mover] to be answerable to the WPF BOM.

Moved C. Cachia, Seconded D. Tenaglia, Carried all.

1. Transport committee to be made up of.
  1. J. Saggars [BOM member].
  2. D. Tenaglia [BOM member].
  3. 3 other racing members of the WPF.
    1. Mark Bennett, Robert Ziaja & Robert Saggars.
2. Some Objective [detailed objectives list to follow].
  1. Purchase a prime mover [between \$100K – \$150K] using current WPF invested funds.
  2. Establish protocols for.
    1. Drivers.
    2. Sleeper alternatives [motel/caravan park] in the earlier races so the trailer can house 24-25 units
    3. Detailed travelling schedule for the 240M races to be delivered by Friday basketing for Saturday racing.

As a result of the above decision and motion the BOM have agreed to.

3. Amend the race schedule as follows.
  - a. C&J Morris & Alison Portelli 10 bird races to be added back into the schedule.
  - b. 240M races to be moved back to Friday unless the transport committee deems it is not possible to reach the scheduled race point in a safe and timely manner.
  - c. 500M & 600M races to revert to the last two races with flexibility to be given for moving them to mid-week due to weather [heat] heat issues.
4. Provide a price to transport with the WPF to.
  - a. VRPU
    - i. Start to finish.
    - ii. 350M onwards.
    - iii. Arrange sit down meeting to discuss.
  - b. GMPF
    - i. Provide price for 500M & 600M.
    - ii. Provide alternate price to include 400M also.
5. Suggestions.
  - a. 2024 – retain 25% of all prize money to be allocated to a trailer replacement fund.
  - b. Stock bird sales [ b/w June-September] all proceeds to go towards trailer replacement fund.
  - c. Other fund-raising options to be considered.
6. Revised schedule. <https://wpf.org.au/race-schedule>
7. Advertise for a convoyer as per the WPF protocols. Night rate expected to increase from previous years.

Moved: J. Pulis

Seconded: J. Farrugia

Carried. All.

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

Meeting closed:	Time:	10.00pm
Next meeting:	Date:	13 February 2024.
	Time:	7.30pm
	Location:	WPF rooms

**Important Dates:**

check out the events calendar. <https://wpf.org.au/events>

**Sales.****2024 Breeders Plate Sale dates.**

~~Sunday 19 November 2023~~

~~Friday 8 December 2023~~

~~Sunday 7 January 2024~~

Friday 16 February 2024

**2024 Transport Squeaker Sale date.**

Saturday 3 February 2024 from 6.30pm until completed.

To be held in conjunction with the WPF Annual registration day [night].

**2024 Melton Classic Sale [Melton Rooms]**

Friday 26 January 2024.