



WESTERN PIGEON FEDERATION

of Victoria Inc. A0008336A

Board of Management (BOM) Meeting Minutes

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Date: 7 May 2024, Tuesday

Meeting opened: 6.30pm

Location: 27B Carrington Drive ALBION VIC 2020.

Meeting Chaired by: John Saggars – President

Present: Altona City – C. Abela & J. Farrugia
Deer Park – John. Pulis & M. Tenaglia
Green Gully – D. Vatzakis & F. Lia
Sunshine – R. Russell
Will/New – T. Holwell & C. Cachia
Yarraville – J. Saggars & M. Ciancio
Melton – A. Turner & J. Frost
Werribee – A. Dalli

Apologies: C. Montebello

Guests: M. Bennett

Discussion points.

1. Race schedule is set excluding Yolla which may be subject to change.
[2024 Race Schedule](#)
2. Basketing.
 - a. Opening of rooms.
 - b. Setup.
 - i. BOM are looking for volunteers to open the rooms earlier for the older members whose health impacts their ability to arrive or stay later.
 - ii. Felix Lia has volunteered to open the room early to help those who need to commence basket earlier.
 - iii. The time will be confirmed but it will be between around 5.30pm.
 - iv. Antoine Dalli to arrive at 5.30pm to assist.
 - v. A key to be provided.
 - vi. Training to be provided regarding setting up the rooms with units & clocks.

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3. Unit unloading.
 - a. Two clubs of one club roster.
 - b. It was agreed that any club with >12 members to unload in their own wright.
 - c. Any club with less than 12 members to grouped with another club to ensure adequate numbers for unloading. Estimated numbers and groups below.
Clubs to co-ordinate with each other.
 - d. M. Tenaglia to provide a roster prior to the commencement of racing.

Altona City (8) / Green Gully (9) [total 17]

Deer Park (17)

Yarraville (17)

Melton (16)

Werribee (8) / Willi/ Newport (7) / Sunshine (11) [total 26]

4. Clocks.
 - a. Members must ensure they have entre all birds and check the registration of each bird. No birds will be fixed up during basketing. Members have plenty of time to check and correct any errors.
5. Payments.
 - a. Membership.
 - i. All clubs to collect and pay membership for 2024 before the commencement of the season so flying members can be finalised.
 - b. Races.
 - i. All clubs must pay their race bill within 7 days of race completion.
 - c. Rings.
 - i. All clubs to finalise payment of 2023 rings.
6. Concern raised by the members present regarding the registration and payment of GST.
7. Suggests made were.
 - a. Consideration be given to cancelling the Breeders Plate to reduce income to the WPF.
 - b. Reduce the bird limit to 40 birds from 50 for the earlier race.
 - c. Concern raised regarding taking a percentage of the prize money for the trailer fund.
 - d. Suggestions.
 - i. We run more sales such as Stock Bird Sale, Race team sales. All Club Secretaries and presidents confirmed they would support this.
 - ii. Include GST in the entry price but not Take any other fund. Ie. \$1.00 inclusive of GST [prize money \$0.90, GST = \$0.10.
 - iii. Add GST to the entry price but not take any other funds. Ie. \$1.00 plus GST [\$1.00 + \$0.10 = \$1.10].

- e. Research in response.
 - i. Note the removal one type of sale only to be replaced by a different type of sale i.e. cancel Breeders' Plate but then have "race team" and "stock bird" sales would most likely negate the reduction in income to the WPF which defeats the purpose and GST will still apply.
 - ii. Based on 2023 number the excess bird age would have been 2157. This would have minimal impact of the reduction of income to not register for GST.

2023 excess birds over 40			
ROC 1	229	\$ 1.00	\$ 229.00
ROC 2	316	\$ 1.00	\$ 316.00
ROC 3	325	\$ 1.00	\$ 325.00
DEN 1	252	\$ 1.00	\$ 252.00
DEN 2	266	\$ 1.00	\$ 266.00
DEN 3	290	\$ 1.00	\$ 290.00
HAY 1	278	\$ 1.00	\$ 278.00
HAY 2	201	\$ 1.00	\$ 201.00
2157			\$ 2,157.00

Note. HAY 3 / C&J Morris was a 40 / 10 bird limit.

- f. Final decision on prize entry and GST to be decided at the next BOM meeting.
 - g. GST is likely to remain for the foreseeable future.
8. Production Results.
- a. Options. Roster for clubs similar to unit unloading or each club enters their own results.
 - b. Members agreed that all clubs will be responsible for entering their own results in www.pigeonrace.net
 - c. M. Tenaglia to provide new logins.
 - d. Benzing live results will be emailed to club secretary/president or nominated user.
 - e. WPF to run a trial of Benzing Race Cal, which will provide more result options and reduce manual entry as all members on Benzing Live will have their data automatically allocated.
9. Brimbank Council is promoting the Victorian Government Fair Access Policy. It is envisaged all clubs will support the initiative.
- a.
10. VRPB.
- a. [VRPB AGM minutes-17-march-2024](#)
 - b. VRPB currently working on a VCAT case regarding the changed to Victorian State Government Town Planning Act regarding the keeping of any and all animals [racing pigeons to be excluded].

11. Loft co-ordinates new flyers.
 - a. A. Dalli & J. Pulis to complete loft co0ordinate visits for new flyers or flyers who have moved their trapping systems.

12. Clocks.
 - a. Currently.
 - Benzing 59 users, most are on live.
 - Vizion 26 users
 - Taurus 2 users
 - STB 4 users

13. Updated contact details – database.
 - a. Members are asked to send updated contact information via their 2024 Membership form so electronic communication can be used more efficiently.

14. Documents & Forms.

Members are expected to have read and understood the following documents.

[WPF Constitution](#)

[WPF Racing-By-laws-v01012024](#)

[VRPB-Code-of-Practice-2024-AD-170324](#)

[WPF FairPlayCodeofConductv12102022](#)

15. End of Year presentation.
 - a. Felix Lia advised he would be happy to run a committee to facilitate the end of year presentation.

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

Meeting closed:	Time:	7.45pm
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