

## **ANRPB held Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Meeting Opened 18:30 EST.

Meeting chaired by Stephen Shears

**Attendees:** Stephen Shears, Paul Gibbs, Gavin Harris, Leo Turley, Tony Price, Andrew Crothers

**Apologies:** Russell Somerville, Janine Johnston, Vince Pedavoli, Rod Simmons (Special Guest)

**Special Guest:**

**Correspondence In:** Leo Turley email – Land Transport of Livestock

**Correspondence out:**

**Previous Minutes Approved :** Moved Leo Turley                      Seconded by Paul Gibbs

**Business arising from Correspondence in: No action at this time.**

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Gavin Harris advised Term Deposit \$70,000, plus current balance as at 08/11/23 of \$13,026.90. Transactions since previous meeting :

Deposits \$3100 from David Gordon (NSW National)for NSW and SA National sponsorship

Deposits for SA entries \$1210

Payment to John Debrincat for ANRPB photos

Payment to Prestige Shirts and Caps \$4,757.03

Moved Gavin Harris, Treasurer. Seconded Paul Gibbs

Treasurer to update bank accounts with Westpac (To be organised)

- 1) Change Signatories
  - a. Remove Greg Kakoschke (retired President)
  - b. Add Stephen Shears (Vice President)
  - c. Remove any old position holders from Westpac records
  - d. Update Main contact as the current ANRPB Treasurer - Gavin Paull Harris who is already a signatory.

<b>Promotional Video</b>	<p>Promotional Video</p> <p>Rod Simmonds attended our meeting to offer his services in preparing promotional videos. Rod generously offered to donate a considerable amount of his time and use of his equipment to prepare the promotional videos.</p> <p>Some of the ideas discussed:</p> <p>Scene showing lofts, eggs, squabs, pigeon release and family, Pigeon(s) returning home to a back yard waiting for birds to arrive. Picture of a pigeon with price sold for. Show transporter and hampering at club. Show mixed racing age groups, advertising pigeon racing as a family sport. Show diversity of cultures, both genders.</p> <p>Rod suggested members forward him any video footage they may take or have, please do it in “landscape” mode when filming on a phone.</p> <p>1 x 60 second advert where clubs/federations/associations can have a tag to their contact details.</p> <p>1 x 5 minute informational.</p> <p>Advertising: If advertising on Facebook the board may have to pay to reach particular demographics.</p>	<p>Action: Rod to prepare some initial videos for review by ANRPB.</p>
<b>Victorian Legislation</b>	<p>No action at Sept Meeting, awaiting return of Colin Walker from overseas.</p> <p>Feedback was that Colin believes ANRPB should be the body that provide feedback based on information provided by Dr. Colin Walker. Ideally racing pigeons should be classed as a separate topic rather than be grouped under Poultry in the legislation.</p> <p>Colin, Vince and Marc are in discussion with Grant Paterson.</p> <p>Code of Practice – future plan to check each states code of practice.</p>	<p>Code of Practice: Ongoing working document including future concepts to address feedback.</p> <p>Action : Each Rep to check their Fed’s code and consider updating revision date.</p>
<b>Code of Practice – Loading Density</b>	<p>Land Transport of Poultry and Pigeons, current guidelines state that the loading capacity for Adult Pigeons is 450cm<sup>2</sup>/bird which is 22 birds per m<sup>2</sup>. This guideline is based on Utility Pigeons such as Carneaus and Runts. Whereas Poultry up to 1.6kg is allowed 40 birds per m<sup>2</sup>. Leo Turley will liaise with Dr Colin Walker and Charles Hider to see if we can get a special ruling suitable for “race pigeons”.</p> <p>Now that Dr. Colin Walker is back in the country, Leo will contact Colin.</p>	<p>Action: Leo Turley</p> <p>Action : Gavin to ask Len Vanderlinde to update website to reflect latest version of Code of Practice.</p>
<b>FCI</b>	<p>Stephen awaiting annual International meeting outcome.</p> <p>Vince asked Stephen to follow up that our overseas contacts that are going to support our application are ready.</p>	<p>Action: Stephen Shears,</p>

<p><b>Government recognition / Sports Australia.</b></p>	<p>Vince Pedavoli advised he is collating information. Vince Pedavoli to amend letter to forward to state parliament members combining information from Greg Kakoschke and Stephen Shears to be incorporated for a response.</p> <p>Vince Pedavoli received email from Tony Davis Bird Keepers Association of Australia.</p>	<p>Action: Vince Pedavoli to compose Letter Action: Paul Gibbs to send Frank Depasquale an email to put together a letter regarding human involvement in pigeon racing.</p> <p>Action : Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Emmdale Grand National</b></p>	<p>The board had agreed for the race to be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. QLD - Peter Flack has resigned and indicated that there is not much interest being shown for the QLD leg.</p> <p>NSW – Race was held from Port Welshpool 23/09/2023, 38 flyers and 310 birds. Stephen Shears indicated that they will pay out 10 prizes.</p> <p>SA – SAHPA held the race from Emmdale on 30/09/23, Russell made arrangements for flyers from Port Pirie and Port Augusta to meet the SAHPA transporter enroute to Emmdale. We paid \$100 of the \$1000 sponsorship provided by ANRPB to the best out of boundary result which was won by a Port Piries flyer. The full \$10/bird nomination went towards prizemoney as the freight component is already prepaid in SAHPA and they agreed to provide free freight for all flyers including the out of boundary flyers.</p> <p>VIC – The National was held from Cobar on 14/10/2023. The ANRPB sponsorship is to pay \$250 to each of the 4 federation winners (VHA, VRPU, WPF and GMPF). We will have cheques made up and pay them out the Dinner Presentation being held at the Victorian convention.</p> <p>WA - ANRPB sponsorship of \$1000 was paid to Leo Turley and was shared on a per capita basis between both federations at the rate of \$275 to W/Coast and PRF \$725.</p> <p>2024 – At previous meeting Russell Somerville suggested that the ANRPB approach Victoria to release from Cobar to create a national race point for 2024 to include all states QLD, NSW, VICT, SA. However further discussion to follow. Tony Price indicated that the Vic National in 2024 is planned for Dubbo.</p>	<p>Thank you to Vince Pedavoli for the sponsorship through with his company Landmark Square Development and San Remo Lofts. \$1000 to be allocated to each state, WA, SA, NSW and VIC.</p> <p>Action: Gavin to organize 4 cheques</p>

## General Business

<b>National Ace Bird Awards using Coefficient</b>	Information has been distributed by Paul	Action: Ongoing. Paul awaiting nominations which will be expected at end of the race season.
<b>Victorian Country Delegate</b>	Victorian Racing Pigeon Body – Still sourcing a country representative.	Action: Ongoing.
<b>Queensland Delegates</b>	We are now needing both a Metro and Regional representative from Queensland. Gavin has asked Len Vanderlinde to make some enquiries on our behalf. Gavin sent email to QRPF Secretary. Andrew contacted John Frost (Townsville) and asked him to consider a position.	Action: Ongoing
<b>Tasmania Delegates</b>	Ongoing at this time. Gavin has joined a facebook group “Tasmania Racing Pigeon Federation” and will see who are active participants before making an approach.	Action: Ongoing
<b>Merchandise</b>	Further planning at our next meeting about our stand at the National Convention. Stephen to order more shirts and caps.  August meeting minutes reflect : In preparation for next conference 26 shirts left in stock. The ANRPB agreed to order another 100 shirts and 50 caps. \$500 for sponsorships on sleeves -Anpario and LPM stud. Are any members able to source other sponsors – No extra sponsors found.	Actions: Stephen to raise order  Gavin did raise Invoices for Anpario and LPM sponsorship of sleeves \$500 each
<b>ANRPB Life Ring</b>	No action at Sept/Oct meeting Further discussion with Alex regarding arrangements Vince Pedavoli advised in discussion for the board to take over life rings with either a monetary offer and a percentage over X years or to sell rings and profit be divided with half to go to the board and half to go to Alex. Rings are to have a generic board phone number (Peter had offered to hold phone for first year if the board promotes ring as available to all Australian fliers, but we will need to make other plans)	Action: Vince to follow up Alex in the new year (2024)

<b>PMV Vaccine.</b>	Vaccine – Stephen Shears had meeting with Dr Mark White 17 <sup>th</sup> July regarding PMV vaccine. Met again with Dr. Mark White 11 <sup>th</sup> October, he is in discussions with (APVM Group).	Action; Ongoing. Stephen Shears advised in ongoing discussion as it will be an expensive process. Dr White will seek further information and notify Stephen of outcome.
<b>Avian Flu Protocol</b>	Increase in the number of cases overseas.	Action: Stephen Shears to check the FCI protocol.
<b>New members.</b>	Paul Gibbs moved that Vince Pedavoli approach Loui Piculouski from Hopigeon auction to join the board as publicity / marketing officer, seconded by Peter Flack.	Action: Vince to approach Loui
<b>Patron</b>	Paul Gibbs proposed to approach Ray Hadley to become a Patron of the ANRPB.	Vince Pedavoli to discuss with Gary Honan regarding contact details for Ray Hadley.
<b>Agenda item. – Protection of pigeons.</b>	Paul Gibb tabled the following recommendation As we are trying to have Pigeon Racing recognized as a sport with little success at the present time, I would like to recommend that a formal application be made to the Federal Government to have Racing Pigeons protected by a Federal Government Law as it was during the period up to the end of WW2. Such a law would offer fanciers protection from State and Local Government laws and regulations. For those that subscribe to the ARPJ magazine there is an interesting article in this month's issue that I wrote that I thought may be of use if we were to make an approach to the Federal Government, albeit that changes would have to be made.	Action: Paul to check that Vince has received the information.
<b>State Round Up</b>	Vic Convention donations – Gavin Harris, Greg Kakoschke, Stephen Shears, Tony Price, Stephen Eggleton, Paul Gibbs, Vince Pedavoli, Stephen to check others that might be willing to donate. Steve Gazola 0431247548  Vic – Clubs have been debating temperature, 30C in NSW, Note : Adiabatic – 1km height temperature drops by 6C  Andrew – Suggested we publish our minutes to each state's body  Stephen – To liaise with Vince about whether we publish our minutes on anrpb.org  Paul – Book Tim Fawcett next year for ANRPB Online Auction	Action : Stephen Shears

**Meeting closed** 20:00hrs EST Time. Next meeting to be held Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 1830 EST.