

## ANRPB Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Meeting Opened 18:30 EST.

**Attendees:** Vince Pedavoli, Stephen Shears, Paul Gibbs, Gavin Harris, Marc Tenaglia, Leo Turley, Peter Flack, Kevin Wilson, Janine Johnston, Tony Price, Russell Somerville.

### Apologies:

**Correspondence In:** Leo Turley membership form – Leo Turley ANRPB representation position for Western Australia.

Tony Price Membership form - Tony Price ANRPB representation position for Victoria.

**Correspondence out:** Tony Price Membership form.

Stephen Shears and Vince Pedavoli - FCI application with signatures.

Paul Gibbs – National Race Board details have been shared.

**Minutes Approved :** Moved Gavin Harris      Seconded by Vince Pedavoli

### Business arising from Correspondence in:

**Treasurers Report:** Gavin Harris advised current balance in bank as at 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 \$77,836.88 of which \$63,293.73 is the Disease Management Fund held in Trust, meaning our General Funds are \$14,543.15c Treasurers report accepted

Victorian Legislation	Colin Walker meeting with Victorian Government on the new legislation Colin believes ANRPB should be the body that provide feedback based on information provided by Dr. Colin Walker. Ideally have racing pigeons as a separate topic rather than be grouped under Poultry. Colin, Vince, Marc discussion with Grant Paterson for background. Code of Practice – future plan to check each states code of practice.	Action: Vince forwarded documentation to Colin Walker. Code of Practice: Ongoing working document including future concepts to address feedback.
FCI	Stephen Shears had prepared a a draft submission for FCI application. All Documents are signed and Stephen to forward to FCI application.	Action: Vince to follow up with David Madeira regarding supporting the

		application with FCI. Copy to be sent to Tony Price.
<b>Government recognition / Sports Australia.</b>	<p>Ongoing:</p> <p>Discussion held with federal sports minister however, under legislation the minister is unable to approve. Correspondence to be forwarded to individual state ministers. Marc advised he has previously corresponded unsuccessfully with Victorias minister. Paul advised current national minister for sport acknowledged pigeon racing did not meet the criteria to be recognised as a sport – lack of human activity that is involved. However, fanciers noted that it is a physical activity for fanciers inclusive of disability. Peter advised past member Jeff Profke had organised a meeting with the new federal minister of sport however with change of government it has gone by the wayside – not as receptive to recognition attempts.</p> <p>Gavin stated the ATO regards animal racing as a sport using examples from the history of Greyhound racing. If each state recognises pigeon racing as a sport it may support an application for Federal recognition.</p> <p>A discussion was held rewording of a submission to include the physical aspect of the sport including.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the board seeking supporting documentation from a sports physiotherapist – itemizing or including a statement on human physical activity / involvement.</li> <li>2) Financial contribution to the economy inclusive of grain, transport, fuel, fanciers etc.</li> <li>3) Code of practice including use of specially built transport units, tracking of pigeons from racing to retirement.</li> </ol>	<p>Action</p> <p>Vince to send the application to be forwarded to Stephen Hepperra.</p> <p>Vince to draft application for members to review and provide feedback before distributing to each Australian state’s sports minister.</p>
<b>Emmdale Grand National</b>	<p>Agreed to hold it on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Vince advised he has potential sponsors – will advise further in May meeting.</p> <p>Tony to discuss in Victorias National meeting regarding and provide feedback re Victoria involvement in Emmdale race. Cobar race is currently scheduled. The National race will be the same weekend as Melbourne’s with the federation fanciers already paying \$10/bird. Transport to be organized by Victoria. Cobar is always 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in October. SAHPA are also flying Cobar on the same weekend.</p> <p>Tony asked for the chance to promote Emdale however may not be successful as the need to organize transporters etc.</p>	<p>Action : All</p> <p>Vince following up with sponsorship.</p>

	<p>Vince discussed promoting the race as a PR event with several liberations being held on the same day. All transport costs should be covered prior to prize money being dispersed.</p> <p>Peter enquired about organising a National race within the states (State National race) as at this stage North QLD are unable to participate.</p> <p>Leo to discuss with Kevin Wilson in regard to sponsorship in WA last year. WA released a few weeks before 2.9.22 Overlander 700+ klms.</p> <p>Stephen to provide feedback regarding Emdale race after federation meeting.</p>	
<b>WA National race</b>	Leo to follow up Kevin Wilson about proposed Race Point and potential sponsor	Action : Leo
<b>Future National Conventions</b>	Marc advised Victorias committee is aiming for the last weekend in November – currently organising dates and venues. Agenda is currently being discussed. Tony advised forming a partnership with the Meadows where fanciers can sponsor races on a Friday meet and greet.	Action : Marc / Tony further information to be advised.

### General Business

<b>National Ace Bird Awards using Coefficient</b>	Paul advised he has commenced forwarding nomination forms, terms and conditions, information to be uploaded on various boards websites, pigeon radio and the pigeon magazine. Paul advised there has been no feedback received at this time as awaiting racing season to commence.	<p>Action: Paul Gibbs &amp; Gavin to liaise with Len Vanderlinde and get forms uploaded onto website.</p> <p>Action: Leo to send contact information to Paul Gibbs for West Coast racing Federation.</p> <p>PRFWWA.org.au</p>
<b>Victorian Country Delegate</b>	Marc thanked for his contribution to the board. Tony welcomed to the board as member for Victorias Metro position.	Action: Country delegate to be sourced.
<b>Tasmanian Delegates</b>	Vince advised he has had a discussion with Tasmanian President Steve Lucas. Email sent to Les Mullen asking for EOI who would be interested in sitting on the board.	Action : Vince – awaiting further correspondence.
<b>WA Delegates</b>	Leo Turley has been in contact seeking EOI from fanciers.	Action : Leo – ongoing.

<b>SA Delegates</b>	Russell Somerville (Regional Delegate), Gavin Harris (Metro Delegate)	No action
<b>NSW Delegates</b>	Paul Gibbs (Country Delegate), Stephen Shears (Metro Delegate) Stephen AGM appointed Senior Vice President of CCF	No action
<b>QLD Delegates</b>	Stephen Flack (Country Delegate) – Working to find a Metro Delegate	Continuing to seek EOI for delegate.
<b>National Code of Practice 2022</b>	The NCP has been reviewed and updated.	Updated.
<b>Merchandise</b>	Decision made to sell existing stock – shirts before ordering any further.	
<b>ANRPB Life Ring</b>	No further action since Jan meeting. Paul raised the concept, Vince has contacted Alex Azzopardi about Australia Branded Rings. Alex currently has the franchise to sell Australian branded life rings. Vince proposed Alex relinquish rights to the board and that ANRPB life rings may be able to be sold as an ongoing fundraiser being purchased wholesale from Alex.	No action at this time.
<b>Website Auction</b>	Vince advised he is organizing an auction of 12 birds with HOPauctions.com.au. Vince advised proceeds from auction will be divided in half with donations made to Legacy and to the ANRPB.	Action; Vince Pedavoli.
<b>Avian Flu Protocol</b>	Stephen Shears has raised the issue on how rampant it is overseas and believes we should be looking at documenting a protocol should the Flu reach Australia. We understand that Colin Walker is on a FCI working party. Vince to approach Dr. Colin Walker about assisting us with developing a Protocol.	Action : Vince
<b>WA health issue</b>	WA having some problems with pigeon fatalities, being checked by Vet Labs. Leo advise DPI diagnosed a case. PPMV1. 1 fancier came forward and also had Circo virus. The underlying condition was increased due to circo virus. May be other lofts infected however, they have not come forward. There is a query the virus may of come from Eastern states – donated pigeon as one fancier lost 50 pigeons in his loft from taking home a passed up at auction pigeon. Stephen stated there have been some reports of fanciers in Sydney experiencing losses. With a trend noted that Rota virus outbreak usually occurs after the 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of racing.	Action: promote vaccination protocol.

<b>Promotion</b>	Peter enquired if the board would promote a video that can educate councils / people on what pigeon racing entails – Breeding, racing, training etc. Leo stated he has written an overview of what racing pigeons do and don't do in suburbia – this may assist in neighbourhood disputes and be incorporated into an information pack. Russell discussed video being inclusive of all ages to promote the sport retirees and children. Car bumper stickers are a free and easy way to advertise.	Vince to make contact with Greg Hamilton regarding video / developing a story board. Greg may also know of a media company who will be prepared to make 2 X 30 second adverts. 1 x 5 minute informational video. Gavin Harris to talk to Ray Hughings,, Peter to talk to blogger. Motion moved Peter, seconded Vince. All members agreed to follow up
<b>Certificates</b>	Janine to forward to Gavin and will forward to Peter	Action: Janine
<b>New members.</b>	Paul to draft a job description to assist in encouraging members to the board.	Moved Gavin, Seconded Gavin.

## Other

Gavin Harris – March Pigeon Journal has Victoria asking for donations for PMV rat tests. Marc advised article was written by Dr Colin Walker. Colin believed more testing should be done in Australia to aid research behind Rota and PMV.

Paul Gibbs \_ Central Cumberland secretary contacted to enquire about protocol for liberation points. Current liberation point is deemed as an emergency helipad. Liberation points have now been moved. What is the boards opinion on liberation points. Leo advised the Carnarvon Shire has added 2 lines into the local laws – unless you are a property owner of the district you are not allowed to release pigeons in the district. 250 feral pigeons were removed from population with assistance from fanciers however the minister for local government states the unable to change this decision due to the council legislation act 1995. WA are unable to release from race points in this district. Members believe there should be a 3km exclusion zone. Paul to provide feedback to the federation.

Paul Gibbs advised Ivan Fonte would like to interview Vince. Vince advised he will contact Ivan. Gary Portelli may be interested in providing sponsorship to the board.

**Meeting closed** 20:20 EST Time.

**Next meeting** : Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023. (1800 SA – 1830 QLD, NSW & VIC – 1630 WA) Daylight Saving will have finished by time of meeting.