

ANRPB held Wednesday 13th September 2023

Meeting Opened 18:30 EST.

Meeting chaired by Vince Pedavoli

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

Apologies: Russell Somerville, Janine Johnston

Special Guest: Rod Simmons

Correspondence In: Resignation of Peter Flack

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 13/9/23 of \$13,763.93. Transactions since previous meeting :

10/8 Donation to VRPB for Vic Convention \$500

11/8 Donation by Vince Pedavoli for WA Leg of National \$1000

11/8/ Donation by Vince Pedavoli from HOP Auction \$12,500

15/8 Withdrawal for Bank Cheque for ANRPB Donation to Legacy \$6,250

12/9 Payment to S Shears to reimbursement for Blue Hosting fees for Website \$307.95

Moved Gavin Harris, Treasurer. Seconded Tony Price

Resignation: Peter Flack tabled via email to the Secretary, his resignation from the ANRPB. The ANRPB Board members thank Peter for many years of service to the ANRPB and his donation for when we procured the ANRPB Logo.

Promotional Video	Promotional Video 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. Some of the ideas discussed: 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. Rod suggested members forward him any video footage they may take or have, please do it in “landscape” mode when filming on a phone. 1 x 60 second advert where clubs/federations/associations can have a tag to their contact details. 1 x 5 minute informational. Advertising: If advertising on Facebook the board may have to pay to reach particular demographics.	Action: Rod to prepare some initial videos for review by ANRPB.
Victorian Legislation	No action at Sept Meeting, awaiting return of Colin Walker from overseas. 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. Colin, Vince and Marc are in discussion with Grant Paterson. Code of Practice – future plan to check each states code of practice.	Code of Practice: Ongoing working document including future concepts to address feedback. Colin Walker currently overseas.
Code of Practice – Loading Density	Land Transport of Poultry and Pigeons, current guidelines state that the loading capacity for Adult Pigeons is 450cm²/bird which is 22 birds per m². This guideline is based on Utility Pigeons such as Carneaus and Runts. Whereas Poultry up to 1.6kg is allowed 40 birds per m². Leo Turley will liaise with Dr Colin Walker and Charles Hider to see if we can get a special ruling suitable for “race pigeons”.	Action: Leo Turley
FCI	Stephen awaiting annual International meeting outcome. Vince asked Stephen to follow up that our overseas contacts that are going to support our application are ready.	Action: Stephen Shears,
Government recognition / Sports Australia.	Vince Pedavoli advised collation of 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.	Action: Vince Pedavoli to compose Letter Action: Paul Gibbs to send Frank Depasquale an email to put together a

	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.	
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General Business

National Ace Bird Awards using Coefficient	Information has been distributed by Paul	Action: Ongoing. Paul awaiting nominations which will be expected at end of the race season.
Victorian Country Delegate	Victorian Racing Pigeon Body – Still sourcing a country representative.	Action: Ongoing.
Tasmanian Delegates	Ongoing at this time.	Action: Ongoing
Queensland Delegates	We are now needing both a Metro and Regional representative from Queensland. Gavin has asked Len Vanderlinde to make some enquiries on our behalf.	Action: Ongoing
Tasmania Delegates	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
Merchandise	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.	Actions: Stephen to raise order Gavin to raise Invoices for Anpario and LPM sponsorship of sleeves \$500 each

ANRPB Life Ring	No action at Sept 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)
PMV Vaccine.	Vaccine – Stephen Shears meeting with Dr Mark White 17 th July regarding PMV vaccine.	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.
Website Auction	Aug Meeting: Vince Pedavoli auctioned 11 pigeons sold for just over \$25,000 on HOP auction website. Vince has donated \$12,500 to ANRPB, in turn the ANRPB have donated \$6,250 to Legacy which has now been presented. The ANRPB Board members were most grateful for Vince's generosity. A special thank you to Loui Piculouski for waivering his normal 20% fee for running the auction.	
Avian Flu Protocol	Increase in the number of cases overseas.	Action: Stephen Shears to check the FCI protocol.
New members.	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
Patron	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.
Website - Board Member details.	Gavin has sent a request to Len Vanderlinde to update the website, add some photos for new Board Members, add Link to Victorian Convention. Update website to reflect donations made to Legacy, latest National Race Flyer. Note: Gavin to also ask Len to update website to reflect contact details for each of the Board members.	Action: Gavin to get contact details updated.

Agenda item. – Protection of pigeons.	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 source more information on the previous law protecting pigeons.
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Other

Meeting closed 20:00hrs EST Time. Next meeting to be held Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 1830 EST.