

ANRPB Meeting held 17th May 2023

Meeting Opened 18:35 EST.

Meeting chaired by Vince Pedavoli

Attendees: Paul Gibbs, Gavin Harris, Leo Turley, Peter Flack, Kevin Wilson, Janine Johnston, Tony Price, Andrew Crowthers, Vince Pedavoli, Tony Price, Stephen Shears.

Apologies: Russell Somerville

Correspondence In: Westpac Term Deposit letter.

Correspondence out: FCI application to four supporting countries for nomination.

Minutes of previous meeting approved: Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

Andrew Crowthers welcomed to the board as Western Australia Regional Delegate.

Treasurers Report: Gavin Harris advised current balance in bank as of 14 June 2023,

Account	Amount
Working Account	\$ 8,046.48c
Term Deposit (Inc \$63,293.73c Disease Management Fund)	\$70,000.00c
	\$78,046.48c

Gavin

communication with the Westpac bank who advised ANRPB's signatories require updating. Stephen Shears and Gavin Harris to follow up. **Moved** Gavin Harris, **Seconded** Vince Pedavoli

advised he has been in

Business arising from previous general minutes.

Victorian Legislation	Ongoing: Colin Walker currently overseas.	Ongoing
FCI	Supporting documentation required from 4 other FCI countries. Stephen Shears has been in contact and awaiting further feedback.	Action: Ongoing
Government recognition / Sports Australia.	Ongoing at this time. Vince Pedavoli collating ministerial contact details for relevant states. Vince Pedavoli advised he has received an email from Russell Somerville requesting information. Russell is wanting to collate supporting documentation of the benefit of pigeon fliers to the Australian economy.	Action: Ongoing at this time. Action – No further action required from board. Russell to contact relevant board members for further information.
Emmdale Grand National	Vince Pedavoli advised he has sourced 2 sponsors at \$2500 each with acknowledgement and thanks to Landmark Square Development and San Remo Lofts. A brief discussion was held regarding dispersal of sponsorship money. Gavin Harris moved each state (QLD, NSW, SA, Vic,WA) with fanciers participating in the Grand National Race (GNR), be provided with \$1000 sponsorship money, for states with no 2023 participants the money is to be held by the ANRPB towards sponsorship for the 2024 GNR. Seconded Vince Pedavoli.	Action: Ongoing.
WA National race	Change of WA National race schedule to August 12, 2023 – Nerren Nerren, WA 550klms. The previous date conflicts with the WA Legacy Race. Leo Turley advised he will continue to negotiate transport arrangements with PRF for all clubs to participate.	Action: Leo Turley.
Future National Conventions	To be held at <i>The Meadows</i> Greyhound racing track Victoria 24 th to 26 th November 2023. Tony Price advised the planning committee have organised Friday 24 th November loft visits with a meet and greet at the Meadows. Victorian committee currently in negotiations to organise Greyhound race naming rights for the Friday evening. The Victorian committee have agreed for ANRPB to auction 10 pigeons and to forward an application to hold a stall at the convention. Gavin Harris moved \$500 be donated to the Victorian national convention committee. Seconded Vince Pedavoli – Carried.	Action: Ongoing updates from Victorian Convention – Tony Price. ANRBP Auction – Ongoing Stall / merchandise – Ongoing. Donation of \$500 to be organized July.

General Business

National Ace Bird Awards using Coefficient	<p>Paul Gibbs advised following up on places re material received. Paul has discussed with Ivan Fonte and organized an interview spot on radio.</p> <p>Stephen Shears– advised a fancier raised concerns that federations not providing full details of number of birds and flyers in each race. Full disclosure required from all federations and clubs (a minimum of 20 members / 20 competing) The nomination form requires 3 signatures and dates.</p>	Action: Ongoing.
Victorian Country Delegate	Victorian Racing Pigeon Body – Still sourcing a country representative.	Action: Ongoing.
Tasmanian Delegates	Tasmanian Racing Pigeon Body – awaiting feedback.	Action: Ongoing.
WA Country Delegates	Welcome Andrew Crowthers to the ANRPB.	Action: No further action at this time. WA has a Metro and Country Delegate.
QLD Delegates	Peter Flack (Country Delegate) – Working to find a Metro Delegate. Gavin Harris forwarded Peter application form for interested fancier.	Action: Ongoing
Merchandise	<p>Gavin Harris to complete a stock take of items remaining at office in preparation for National Convention.</p> <p>A discussion was held regarding ordering of further shirts. Pigeon release shirts have been surprisingly popular.</p>	Action: Ongoing.
ANRPB Life Ring	<p>Vince has contacted Alex Azzopardi about Australian branded life rings who is happy to give the rights to sell the rings to the board.</p> <p>A general discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of AUST life rings with input received from various states.</p> <p>SA do not allow AUST ringed race birds to compete in derbies whilst in WA the PRF sell their own rings with money raised supporting the young bird derby. Gavin Harris suggested a separate bank account be organized for the purchase and sale of life rings.</p>	Ongoing – The board in principle agree to take over the Australian branded life rings pending further discussion. Peter Flack advised he was happy to take on role of life ring secretary. ANRPB to source mobile phone and number if the decision eventuates for the ring secretary to use.
Website Auction	Vince Pedavoli advised he is in discussion for auction to commence late July with HOP auctions – at this time collating pigeon details.	Action; Vince Pedavoli - Ongoing
Avian Flu Protocol	Stephen Shears has raised the issue on how rampant Avian Flu is overseas and believes we should be looking at documenting a protocol should the Flu reach Australia. It is	Action : Stephen Shears to check the FCI protocol. Ongoing.

	understood that Colin Walker is on a FCI working party. Vince Pedavoli to approach Dr. Colin Walker about assisting the board with developing a Protocol.	
Promotion	Promotional Video: Vince Pedavoli and or Gavin Harris to contact Rod Simmons regarding further information on preparing a promotional video. Stephen Shears also discussed for Vince to speak with Rod regarding Australian ring sales. Leo Turley advised correspondence received from Brian Bennett asking that the ANRPB consider advertising in ethnic communities, websites etc to promote the sport. Paul Gibbs discussed promoting pigeon auctions in Chinese.	Action: Ongoing.
PMV	Vince Pedavoli advised of discussion with Alex Azzaparti. Australia does not currently have a specific vaccine for PMV in Australia. Overseas countries currently have a specific pigeon vaccine (dead vaccine) that requires 1 annual dose. Stephen Shears advised currently undertaking a trial for a new Rota vaccine. Contact to be made with Dr Mark White Trevidia Bio to enquire if Dr White would be interested in investigating the opportunity to assist in importing and dispersing a PMV vaccine within Australia.	Ongoing – In discussion at this time. Vince edavoi to forward details to Stephen Shears.
Rota Virus WA	Leo Turley announced correspondence received from Brian Brennan PRF regarding symptoms of Rota Virus. Fanciers in WA are obliged to take sick / symptomatic pigeons to DPI for testing.	All states to be aware of DPI requirements for reporting.
Transportation guidelines.	Leo Turley drew attention to the October 2020 Australian Animal Guidelines for transporting animals. Legislation requires all states to take into consideration the maximum number of pigeons in crates per cm2 to comply with transportation guidelines.	Leo Turley to discuss with Colin Walker and Charles Heider.
ANRPB Patron	Paul Gibbs discussed securing another patron for the board. Current Patron is Bill Lawrie.	Ongoing.
Correspondence re injured pigeons NSW.	Stephen Shears advised correspondence was received from RSPCA regarding reports of several injured pigeons during a recent liberation. RSPCA were unable to attend the following liberation date however it was noted that an animal welfare group was present taking photos. No details of the injured pigeon ring numbers were provided.	Ongoing – to await further communication. All liberators to be mindful of the sensibility of liberation sites. Leo Turley advised WA transporter releases by rows.

Next meeting Wednesday 12th July 2023. 1830hrs AEST.

Meeting Closed 2005hrs.