

ANRPB held Wednesday 18 March 2024

Meeting Opened 18:30 EST.

Meeting chaired by Stephen Shears

Attendees: Stephen Shears, Gavin Harris, Janine Johnston, Russell Somerville, Louie Piculovski, Philip Almond, Andrew Crothers, Leo Turley, Tony Price.

Apologies: Vince Pedavoli, Paul Gibbs

Special Guest:

Correspondence In:

Correspondence out:

Previous Minutes Approved: Moved by Seconded by

Treasurers Report.

Current balance in everyday working account \$19,829.61c Term deposit \$70,000.

Moved Philip Almond, **Seconded** Russell Somerville.

QLD Delegate welcomed.

Stephen Shears welcomed Philip Almond to the board as the QLD metro representative.

Philip gave a brief introduction and advised he is currently president of the North Road Combine in Queensland.

Promotional Video	Louie Piculovski advised he has spoken with Kurt Maney who would like to see the video before posting any segments on his social media. Louie is happy to post on his social media and has been searching other fanciers with an intention to approach Eugene Tamayo and San Louie happy to look at video and take a clip out for social media.	Ongoing
Victorian Legislation	Ongoing. Kings Council represents fanciers against the Darebin Council. Ongoing as to where pigeon racing is currently situated in current state planning laws.	
FCI	Stephen has forwarded email to Atilla Petho from Benzing. New vice president has been in contact with Stephen (Mr Grappa based in Italy) He has asked for resending of application with a recent date on application. Mr Matteo Grappa will be presenting the application at the end of March 2024 at the FCI conference and hopefully the board will receive a favorable response.	
Loading Density / Code of Practice	Leo advised ongoing. Representative of WA has successfully presented to the Western Australia Department of primary industry and development with a positive response who recommended to present the case at the National body meeting when reviewed later this year.	
Government recognition / Sports Australia.	Ongoing.	
2024 Grand National.	Stephen advised Central Cumberland to accept the ANRPB grand national for NSW and will transport other fliers who are prepared to fly from Bendigo to Sydney. This will include multiple federations and clubs. Stephen advised details for basketing will be sent out closer to the date. The race will be held in September. Perth ANRPB 27 th July 2024 - 500klms. Galena shorter race to allow all clubs to receive a bird on the day. Nonaffiliated clubs to PRB will be charged \$2 per bird for freight and to provide 2 weeks' notice for transport. \$10 per bird entry for the National. Philip Almond advised the Grand National may be able to be held in QLD this year as clubs are flying north. Louie Piculoski advised this would be a good opportunity to interview and place on social media by interviewing a board member on how to sign up / nominate.	

	<p>Victoria's National is held in October. Victoria federations are unwilling to pay \$10 race fee. Sponsorship for transport is already provided. \$10 per bird may stay within federation.</p> <p>Vince Pedavoli is wanting to have a fundraising auction again this year with Louie hosting an auction, this may raise funds for state sponsorship.</p> <p>SA has the AGM this Sunday with voting to be held on lines of flight. Depending on the results Emmdale may be the liberation site for race.</p>	
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General Business

National Ace Bird Awards	<p>Paul Gibbs has collated information and lists for sprints and distance winners. Trophies to be purchased with funds donated by San Remo lofts. Photos have been taken, certificates to be populated. Glass etching trophies to be sourced for 2023 winners however a discussion for subsequent years to be discussed moving forward.</p>	Stephen Shears to organize completion of certificates.
Victorian Country Delegate	<p>Update from VRPB meeting. No Victorian country delegates were present to the meeting. Victoria is kept up to date with mailing lists on factors affecting Victoria. Victoria country clubs are quite small and scattered across state with fractions between areas. It discussed if a suitable metro candidate may be able to disseminate information to country clubs.</p>	Tony Price – Ongoing.
Queensland Delegates	Ongoing for regional candidate.	
Tasmania Delegates	Ongoing.	
Merchandise	Ongoing.	
ANRPB Life Ring	<p>Ongoing – Vince would like a volunteer from the board to become a ring secretary for the AUST rings. Leo advised AUST rings are not eligible to race in WA. Rings are to be from any eligible racing pigeon club in Australia. Unable to race pigeons with an AUST ring or ANRPB ring.</p>	Ongoing. – to discuss with Vince and Paul if they know of someone prepared to take on position.

	<p>SA does not recognize AUST rings for the derbies. SA makes money from selling its own rings and AUST rings may not be recognized in SAHPA races. Fanciers must prove rings have not been sourced prior to August.</p> <p>Vic do not allow AUST rings in some races.</p> <p>It's a lot of work to monitor rings and ring secretary phone, with an uncertainty of what need there will be for AUST rings. No members at the meeting are interested in this position currently.</p> <p>Moving forward selling Benzing chips may be an alternative way to fundraise.</p>	
Patron	Ongoing.	Ongoing.
State Round Up / Discussion	<p>SA – SAHPA built a loft on their property next to the Admin Office. In 2023 we had a small team of birds and had 4 schools competing, the school children named each of the birds and were sent videos of the birds returning from races and we had a premiership table and showed what position each bird came. The SAHPA donated some monies to the schools. In 2024 we have expanded the loft and now have 13 Flyers who had stopped racing but have returned and they each have 10 birds that they bred or got from friends now in the loft to race this year. We have formed a club called “Golden Mile Club” and these 13 returned members have paid full SAHPA membership and will compete in the Association races. They will have a BBQ and watch their birds come home at the SAHPA Hall and we have an outside TV mounted for them. Good way to keep some “old-timers’ interested in the sport.</p> <p>We have also got some airtime on a very popular horse racing.com podcast called “Get On”. The Four Panelists will have 2 pigeons each to race in a one loft race out of the Golden Mile Loft, the SAHPA has guaranteed \$2500 in prizes for these 8 birds which will be donated to charities decided by the 4 panelists. They plan to send out a film crew to capture some more information about pigeon racing. Tony Perkins is the SAHPA Secretary and is the loft manager.</p> <p>Pigeon Convention: Nil interest from QLD currently. Sydney would be happy for 2025. Previous years has had a ANRPB auction with half funds raised going to charity. The last few years have seen the board hold a stand at the convention. Loft tours and dinner.</p> <p>Louie Piculovski – his role is to promote and bring attention to the board. Louie will have a list of projects on ways to promote from talking to other influencers. Including 10 second tips from board members.</p>	

SA

Gavin Harris -awaiting AGM this Sunday. 1st race last weekend of May 2024.
Compulsory in SA to vaccinate for POX, ROTA and PMV.

Russell Somerville – Has forwarded SAHPA contact details to Janine for collation.

VIC

Tony Price – Colin Walker has just completed a major study on PMV following the Meadows One loft having a loss of over 200 pigeons. The report shows vaccination is not successful vaccinating pigeons at 3weeks. At 6 weeks there is an appropriate 70% take. A copy of the report is in the March 2024 Pigeon Journal. A fancier got a case of fat eye from his loft. Fat eye is caused by mycoplasma. Colin is able to get testing done at universities for a cheaper rate.

The funds donated for the herpes study has been utilized for the 3 week PMV trial as a greater priority.

Discussion was held on use of disease management fund and that the ANRPB hold the funds in case another virus breaks out.

WA

Leo Turley – PRF has made Rota and PMV vaccinations compulsory.

Victoria

Tony Price – Vaccinations are under way.

NSW

Paul Gibbs has updated SQUILLS 2024 with Stephens details for contact details. Previous chairman of the board has asked for the website to be updated. Mark Jeffries was the NSW delegate for over 3 years and is no longer visible on the website. Stephen to contact Len to add as past previous board member and to include inaugural chairman on the website.

QLD

Philip Almond – To forward a photograph to Gavin Harris.

PMV has been voiced of being in QLD. PMV is mandatory for NRC flyers. Philip advised he has been in contact with QPF who are not wanting to mandate vaccinations of any kind. Pox vaccine is highly recommended for all fanciers within NRC.

NRC will be setting up a race program in the next few weeks prior to meeting with QPF to set mass liberation race points.

	Gavin Harris to send documents from Grand National race previous years to Philip Almond to seek interest for QLD fanciers to participate in the 2024 Grand National.	
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Meeting closed 2015hrs EDT Time. Next meeting to be held Monday 15 April 2024 at 1830 EST, 1800hrs CST, 1630hrs WA.