

ANRPB held Monday 24th June 2024

Meeting Opened 18:30 EST.

Meeting chaired by Stephen Shears

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

Apologies: Vince Pedavoli, Janine Johnston, Philip Almond, Louie Piculovski (having a break)

Special Guest:

Correspondence In: Laucke Mills – Agreed to sponsor ANRPB \$500

Vince Pedavoli – San Remo agreed to once again sponsor Ace Bird series

Correspondence out: Paul Gibbs email to Dr. Rob Marshall and Laucke Mills

Previous Minutes Approved: Moved by Stephen Shears Seconded by Paul Gibbs

April Minutes amended and approved Moved : Leo Turley Seconded by Tony Price

Treasurers Report.

Current balance in everyday working account \$17,991.11

Term Deposit \$72,839.70, earned \$2839.70 interest, renewed for 12 months at 4.6%, matures 13/5/2025.

Moved Leo Turley, **Seconded** Tony Price

General Business

Promotional Video	Vince continues to liaise with Rod regarding promotional video. Rod has agreed to prepare 30 second video with a link at end of clip, Tony has spoken with Rod and he will provide something over the next fortnight. Stephen Shears to speak with Adam Archer about promoting on his You Tube site.	Rod to provide link. Stephen Contact Adam Archer
Victorian Legislation	VCAT hearing completed, aim is to have pigeons listed with councils under the same “Racing Category” as Greyhound Racing. Tony Price to keep ANRPB updated on progress. Draft to be prepared in common language.	Tony Price

FCI	Stephen has emailed Mr. Matteo Grappa about the FCI logo on Life Rings, Stephen to follow up. Previous Notes : Mr. Matteo Grappa, Vice president of the FCI has notified Stephen that the Boards FCI application to become a member has been accepted. FCI rings The Board can access FCI rings – currently cheaper than clubs are able to source in Australia. The FCI have approved suppliers with rings sun resistant and to world standard, no numbers are duplicated on rings. 5 euros from each sale will go to the FCI. Central Cumberland plan to access rings through FCI due to quality and price. Leo asked questions such as what details go on the ring, are we able to differentiate states, eg WA need PRF and SA need SA printed on Rings, other states as well Stephen to investigate whether FCI needs to printed on rings ?	Stephen Shears to obtain samples / photos of rings for the next meeting.
Loading Density / Code of Practice	Carried Forward /- 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.	Leo to discuss with Grant Patterson.
Government recognition / Sports Australia.	Ongoing.	
2024 Grand National.	Stephen advised Central Cumberland accepted the ANRPB grand national race for NSW and will transport other fliers. This year's grand national 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 Grand National to be held 27th July 2024 - 500klms. Galena is a shorter race distance however will allow all clubs to receive a bird home on the day. Non-affiliated clubs to the PRF will be charged \$2 per bird for freight and to provide 2 weeks' notice for transport. \$10 per bird entry for the Grand National. Philip Almond previously advised the Grand National may be able to be held in QLD this year as clubs are flying north. No date set at this time. SA Emmdale 14th September NSW Bendigo 7th September	Proposed Dates: WA – 27th July 2024 SA – 14th September 2024 NSW – 7th September 2024 VIC – 12th October 2024. QLD - Sponsorship: Sourcing sponsorship for race, Vince Pedavoli mentioned having an auction to support the race with proceeds also being donated to Legacy.

	Victoria's National is held in October from Dubbo. Tony advised that Victoria federations are unwilling to pay \$10/bird race fee. Sponsorship for transport is already provided. It was discussed that the \$10 per bird may stay within federation as an incentive to nominate and fly. Vince Pedavoli is wanting to have a fundraising auction again this year. Vince has confirm Hawa Auction site will be used, Bill Hawa has offered to undertake photos, marketing and hosting the auction for no commission. Stephen to contact Vince in regards confirming sponsorship of National State prizes and Vince to contact Pat Arcella.	
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General Business

National Ace Bird Awards	Notes from Previous Meeting - Paul Gibbs and Stephen Shears have organized the Photos, Frames, Glass Etched Trophies and Certificates. San Remo Lofts was our sponsor. Short to Middle awards have been handed out, Middle to Long Framed Photo has been presented Trophy and Certificate to be presented at SA Lines of Flight meeting. Agreed that In 2024, Short to Middle 80 to 500kms, clocked 3 times, Middle to Long is 501+kms and clocked twice. A new Overall Ace will be awarded, must be clocked 3 times and at least one in Short to Middle and least one in Middle to Long distance.	Gavin to edit 2024 Ace Bird forms as per instructions from Paul Gibbs.
Victorian Country Delegate	Ongoing search for regional candidate.	Tony Price
Queensland Delegates	Ongoing search for regional candidate.	
Tasmania Delegates	Ongoing search for regional candidate.	
Merchandise	No plans for any new merchandise purchases. Agreed to supply some promotional merchandise to Paul Gibbs to present. Source from Stephen or let Gavin know if he wants stock sent from Adelaide. Paul going to UK Doncaster Event, agreed that ANRPB present to Editor(s) of the Pigeon Racing Pictorial International, give them a ANRPB Mug each, Cap each and sew on badge.	Paul Gibbs

ANRPB Life Ring	Ongoing: Re-visit this in the future should the Board take over the life rings when current sellers Alex and Ted are ready to retire.	Ongoing.
Patron	Ongoing. Discussion with Gary Honan about possibly getting Ray Hadley.	Vince
National Convention March 2025	CCF have appointed a subcommittee to plan the convention	Stephen to report.
State Round Up / Discussion	SA – Golden Mile Loft Promotional - Louie Piculovski Gavin supplied Louie with a PDF of the ANRPB logo to use for branding. Previous Meeting - Louie advised he can integrate the logos. Stephen Shears and Russell Somerville were nominated for a 10 second clip with board members. To create awareness and encourage interaction online fanciers with the members of the board. Paul and Louie to team up for promotional ideas. FCI Logos – Stephen has sourced and forwarded the Logos. Victoria: Tony Price advised that Dr. Colin Walker provided a full report of PMV trial with results in the 2024 Journal. Key point from the article is that the PMV vaccination is ineffective at 3 week old immunization mark for young birds. Vince to forward Dr. Colin Walker report. Article link to be placed on the website. In the June issue of the pigeon journal a Victorian flier reported Rotavirus then contracted Fat Eye. Colin's findings include what the treatments are. Tony Price advised that Colin has requested assistance with funding for a business proposal for research into disease in one loft races – approx. \$10,000. Fatalities in one loft races, findings and recommendations. Last Meeting notation - Gavin advised Dr. Colin Walker's proposal may not meet criteria for allocation of funds from the Disease Management Fund which is tabled on ANRPB website. The money donated for Herpes trial came from the Boards general funds not from the Disease Management Fund, Tony Price reported that those Herpes Trials funds ended up being used for PPMV vaccination outcome. Tony to refer Dr. Colin Walker to guidelines on ANRPB website. Federations may be happy to donate	Louie Piculovski – on hold

	funds for research if asked. Gavin advised the interest made from the trust account may be able to be put towards the trial as a donation. Stephen advised Avian flu in Asia and Antarctica have had outbreaks. There has been no current reporting of same in Australia. Bird Flu reported in Victoria, Meredith and 500,000 poultry were euthanized. NSW Points tabled for discussion. 1) FCI congress in China 2026 – Due to new membership it is important for a representative to attend from the Board to promote Australia. Paul motioned that the Board should support and pay travel and accommodation costs for a member to attend the congress. 2) National Ace Bird of the Year x 3 awards requires a 2024 sponsor. Vince to approach Pat Arcella. Gavin to advise for 2023 costs of photos, trophies and certificates. 3) Management of FCI logo – To include on all correspondence / website where able to show support. Gavin to email Len about website and see if we can create a new letterhead to include FCI logo. Paul to forward article to Stephen which can then be sent on to FCI for them to include on their website when users click on the map of Australia. 4) Business plan for the board – Long term. The Boards charter requires review in 2025. 5) Protocols for advertising – To seek Board permission prior to releasing any documentation or advertisement of the Board. 6) Anpario donation to the Board – the Board to place Anpario logo on the website. Gavin to forward to Len. 7) Sponsorship: Ongoing sponsorship – seek sponsorship from veterinarians such as Knox Veterinary clinic, Dr Rob Marshall. Paul to draft a letter to request donation from Laucke Mills, Russell to visit offices 1519 Sturt Highway, Daveyston SA 5360. Stephen Shears advised the FCI are currently redesigning their website to include continents with Australia to have a box seat to promote pigeon racing.	Gavin to report on 2023 ace costs. Vince to contact Pat Arcella for sponsorship 2023 and 2024 Gavin to create new Letterhead to include FCI logo Gavin to provide logo to Len Vanderlinde so it can be added to our website Paul – article for FCI website Gavin and Len Paul to draft letters Paul to prepare draft,
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	Ideas include on the site include Paul's article regarding the Board and purpose, contact details for all the States and Federations, graphically interesting races highlighting distances including Alice Springs race of 1300klms of desert for pigeons, Launceston to Newcastle. Tony Price to seek interest for a Tasmania to Victoria race across the Bass Strait. Previous Meeting - Stephen Shears advised of a fancier in Kempsey to join Australian Bird Keepers Association, (Life member \$200 per individual), Fancier is in an area of zoning that advises he is unable to keep animals. Currently in disagreement with a neighbor who has hired a barrister to force local council to force the fancier to rehome pigeons. Current council legislation in that area states no animals at all allowed. Leo reported that NSW fancier has had a good response, we are awaiting any further feedback. Federation details for states being collated. Gavin is waiting on responses from each state's delegate so he can collate the list.	Russell to provide history of Alice Springs race. Tony – information about Bass Strait races All delegates (Andrew has responded)
New Business	NSW Mid coast start racing 1st June, CCF started 18th May, SAHPA starts 1st June, WA many falcon attacks, started racing Sunday 26th May. Victoria GMPF start 8th June, WPF VRPU start 29th June and VHA 6th July. Leo provided update on his research into Solar flares, having not any effect on pigeon returns.	

Meeting closed 20:15hrs EST Time. Next meeting to be held Monday 29th July 2024 at 18:30 EST, 18:00hrs CST, 16:30hrs WA.