

**Management Meeting to be held in the QRPF Fed shed  
at 7.00pm on 15 March 2021**

Queensland Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

## **1. President's opening remarks**

The President opened the meeting at 7.12 PM and welcomed everyone to the committee meeting.

**Present:** W Reese, B Snyman, M Reynolds, C Porter, R Walker, B. Mair, M McCarthy, H Graham, & F Bryan

## **2. Apologies**

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## **3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes from the Special General Meeting held on 31 Oct 2020 was read by the President. Moved and accepted as true by R Walker, Seconded by C Porter. **Carried**

## **4. Inward Correspondence**

1. S Parkyn - Application for membership **Not Accepted**
2. C Brannon – Application for membership **Not Accepted**
1. C Brannon & S Parkyn request for refund of membership fee **Refunded - Membership not accepted**
2. K Swan LCPC - Application for membership **Accepted**
3. K Swan LCPC - Application to use ETS **Accepted subjected to photos**
4. D Cork LCPC - Application for membership **Accepted**
5. MJC Loft M Ciolko LCPC - Application for membership **Accepted**
6. C Butters MIRPC - Application for membership **Accepted**
7. A Sagana - Application for membership **Accepted**
8. A Reyes CHPC - Application to use Live ETS **Accepted**
9. J Toomey RRPC - Application for membership **Accepted**
10. Origin Racing T Powley LCPC - Application for membership **Accepted**
11. Beechmont Mountain Lofts C Hill LCPC - Application for membership **Accepted**
12. Jim Smith Gympie – seeking transport with QRPF last races **See General Business**
13. Highfield Toowoomba – seeking transport with QRPF from 28 August **See General Business**

## **5. Outward Correspondence**

Emailed minutes of the special General meeting held 31 Oct 2020 and 5 March 2021 AGM minutes to members and clubs.

Moved to accept Correspondence by H Graham, Seconded by F Bryan. **Carried**

## **6. Treasurer's report**

The financial statement was presented by M Reynolds for Feb 2021. The account balance is \$ 65530.94 M Reynold requested clubs and section to please pay up all outstanding invoices, Moved to be accepted by M Reynolds Second by B Mair .**Carried**

## 7. Business Arising from the Minutes

### 7.1. Life Rings

L Vanderlinde raised the issue about fake/counterfeit life rings at the AGM. The committee is to discuss and resolve which life rings will be acceptable for use in QRPF races. This was discussed at length and the following rules will apply to all QRPF Races.

#### **OWNERSHIP (2002)**

- 1) All birds must be rung with an approved Federation or Club seamless life ring, and be the registered property of the competitor, and trained to the recognised loft location of that competitor at the time of entry into any QRPF race.
- 2) Any competitor with birds bearing life rings not registered in their name must supply a full ring list of the unregistered birds along with a clearance from the original owner to Ring Secretary prior to entry of those birds in QRPF races.
- 3) The ring secretary shall account for all QRPF life rings and keep a register of all QRPF life rings sold. The QRPF ring secretary will only report lost QRPF birds.
- 4) Life rings shall not be issued by the QRPF ring secretary or any affiliated club before the 1<sup>st</sup> May each year.
- 5) Life Rings may not be more than 8mm in Diameter, contain no more than 5 numerical digits at the time of entry into any QRPF race. All life rings that do not comply will need to get approval from the QRPF management committee before entry to any QRPF race.
- 6) QRPF clubs/Sections that wish to sell their own Life rings will need to register the with the QRPF Ring Secretary on the 1 May or after. These lists will be published on the QRPF web page with the relevant contact details of that Club/section Ring secretary.

### 7.2. Sections/Clubs of QRPF

A discussion took place at the AGM on the makeup of the management committee due to the lack of proper sections. Moved B Snyman seconded J Profke that we keep 2 per members per section and the management committee look into the makeup and/or changes/additions to the committee.

R Walker requested the Management committee representatives get senses from the club/Section about having Section according to the QRPF rules. M McCarthy raised the issue with point system used for sections. This was discussed at length. R Walker moved that QRPF points system stay the same, second B Snyman. **Carried.**

#### **AFFILIATED CLUBS (2011)**

- 1) Competitors must be financial members of the QRPF Inc and should be a member of a QRPF affiliated club to compete in Federation races.
- 2) Competitors who are unable to obtain membership of an affiliated club will be allocated a club who will assist that competitor on basketing and clock reading in all Federation races, participation in the club events is at the discretion of the club.
- 3) New clubs may apply in writing to the QRPF secretary for affiliation with the QRPF Inc. Applications must provide full particulars of financial members and elected club officials including names and addresses and previous club membership if applicable.
- 4) The secretary will forward a copy of the new club's application to the relevant section for their comments prior to considering the application.
- 5) The management committee will make the final decision whether to accept the new club and into which section it will be located.
- 6) A minimum of financial and flying members are required to form a new affiliated club.
- 7) If at the start of the racing season a club's membership drops below 4 flying members that club will go into recess and the remaining members will be allocated to another affiliated club within

the same section for all races. Participation in the allocated club events will be at the discretion of the allocated club.

- 8) Competitors who wish to change their affiliated club must obtain a clearance from their previous club. If a clearance cannot be obtained they may appeal to the management committee who shall consider the case and if necessary issue a clearance.

### **SECTIONS (2016)**

- 1) QRPF affiliated clubs will be divided into appropriate sections known as the South, West, North, South East and North Coast Sections.
- 2) Section committees are duly appointed sub committees of the QRPF Inc and shall have the power to administer the flying rules in all races conducted in their section center.
- 3) Each Section shall hold their AGM prior to the QRPF AGM.
- 4) Each section shall annually elect a Committee and the composition of such Committees shall be provided to the Management Committee for its endorsement
- 5) Affiliated clubs must basket and clock read in their respective section for all scheduled Federation races.
- 6) Sections are responsible for the provision of their own basketing and clock reading facilities.

### **7.3 Liberation Check list**

The management committee was requested to draw a check list for the liberation committee to follow. This will be carried over to the next management committee meeting when the Liberation chairman Rod Hathely has been requested to provide input.

### **DUTIES OF THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE (2002)**

- 1) The Liberation Committee are to obtain weather conditions on route from the race point to Brisbane; reach a decision in consultation with the Liberator at the race point regarding the suitability for releasing the race birds at the scheduled time, and to authorize the liberator to release the birds.
- 2) The liberation committee may authorize a release time other than the scheduled release time to avoid adverse conditions.
- 3) A majority vote of the liberation committee is needed to release the birds. The opinion of the QRPF president will also be sought in doubtful conditions.
- 4) Only the liberation committee or authorized representative may communicate with the liberator while in control of the race birds.
- 5) Birds will not be released in adverse conditions that are likely to result in leading bird velocities of 900 mpm or less. In the long races the birds will be brought back to a shorter release point between 400 & 500 miles if adverse conditions such as strong head winds are forecast to persist

## **8. General Business**

### **8.1. Jim Smith & Highfields Toowoomba Seeking Transport with QRPF 2021.**

The management committee has agreed to provide transport to J Smith (Gympie) and Highfields Racing Pigeon Association provided the list conditions are met that the QRPF secretary will correspond with these parties.

### **8.2 Queensland Open National Race**

H Graham enquired why the QRPF we are having a combine release with NRC if both organisations have different clocking rules. This was discussed at length with J Profke & P Ketchell that are in communications with NRC. B Snyman would like to know how the results will be worked out as Pigeon race net program only caters for individual organisations. M McCarthy indicated that we need to contact Jeff & Patrick to get feedback with regards to this National race.

### **8.3 Honour Board & Year book**

B Mair requested if we could get the honour board updated as it is part of the QRPF history. B Mair also requested if club/Sections are interested in getting the year book printed each year. QRPF Secretary will find out costings for both and report back to the committee.

### **8.4 QRPF Race Secretary**

B Snyman was elected Race & Admin secretary but feels that these roles need to be separate individuals in order to protect the QRPF. Two Candidates (C Redpath QHS & C McDonald LCPC) had come forward after the secretary emailed the request. C Porter nominated C Redpath, second H Graham and M McCarthy Nominated C McDonald, second F Bryan. Vote took place with C Redpath elected as the QRPF race secretary for 2021.

### **8.5 Liberation Team for 2021**

This was discussed at length and B Snyman will consult with Steve Field if he is available and who could assist with the duties.

### **8.6 QRPF Crate Load team**

C Porter will continue with Crate loading duties on basket night. Craig will be granted two free training crates per weekend for his efforts. If anyone would like to assist with crate duties please contact the QRPF race secretary.

### **8.7 Brisbane Bird Deaths**

B Snyman was contacted by DR Colin Walker and provided some feedback from the recent test done by the Qld DPI. The 5 Young birds that were tested all came back positive for Circo Virus. DR Colin Walker is not really satisfied with those results and is proceeding to get the samples sent down to Melbourne for further diagnostic evaluation. This will take about 4-5 weeks and will provide update once the results become available.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

The next management meeting will be held at the Rod Hatherly Building Monday 12 April 2021 at 7 pm.

## **10. Close**

The meeting was closed at 9.23pm.

B Snyman  
Honorary Secretary  
QRPF Inc.