

# **Annual General Meeting at the QRPF Fed shed at 7.00 pm on 4th March 2022**

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

The President opened the meeting at 7.09 PM and welcomed everyone to the AGM.

### **1. Present:**

As per attendance book (37 present plus 1 guests)

### **2. Apologies**

B Bennett, P Ketchell, C McDonald, M Ciolko

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

Minutes from the AGM held on 28 February 2021 was read by the president. Moved and accepted as true by M Roosmalen , Seconded by K Jorgensen . **Carried**

### **4 Correspondences**

1. Office of Fair Trading – Annual Return if Association for 2022
2. AIS certification of Inspection
3. Letter from Highfields for 2022 transport
4. Qld Transport – truck & trailer rego

### **5. Presidents report:**

The president W Reese read his written report. I am pleased to deliver the presidents annual report to the member for 2021 season. Congratulations to the management committee for their time and efforts throughout the year.

Special thanks to Barry for his role as secretary and outgoing Ring secretary Jan Spragg and Mick Reynolds our capable Treasurer, their contribution of time and expertise put into their roles is appreciated by all members and belies the fondness shown to them.

Thanks to our transport /liberator team Steve and Helen field. The transporter had some issues that Steve & Helen had to deal with on the road. The transporter has had an extensive maintenance overhaul as preparation for the upcoming season to hope fully limiting unwanted disruption this year.

A review of our flying rules has been done for consideration of the members so the rules are more current.

All the best to everyone for the 2022 season.

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

M Reynolds presented the financial report for 2021 and explained some of the points in the report. (See emailed report).

Moved and accepted by M Reynolds second C Redpath. **Carried**

## **7. Honorariums**

M Roosmalen moved second by W Garner that the honorariums stay the same for 2022 **Carried.**

Admin Secretary \$1,800

Treasurer \$ 900

Race secretary \$900

Ring Secretary \$1,200

## **8. Election of office bearers for 2022**

W Reese vacated the chair and the vice president R Walker took the chair. Ray thanks everyone for their contribution throughout the 2021 season. Ray then called for nominations for the position of president for 2022.

### **President:**

W Reese nominated by J Caruana , second R Larson ,

W Reese accepted the nomination and was elected president for 2022 unopposed. **Carried**

W Reese took the chair and called for vice president.

### **Vice president:**

R Walker nominated by A Kitching , second C Redpath **Carried**

R Walker accepted and was elected vice president for 2022 unopposed.

### **Admin Secretary:**

B Snyman nominated by C Porter, second R Walker **Carried**

B Snyman accepted and was elected admin secretary for 2022 unopposed

### **Race Secretary:**

C Redpath nominated by B Snyman , second A Karas **Carried**

C Redpath accepted and was elected race secretary for 2022 unopposed

**Treasurer:**

Received no nominations

Management committee will review the vacancy of QRPF Treasurer for 2022

**Ring Secretary:**

F Bryan nominated by J Profke , second W Garner

L Turner nominated by L Turner, second B Larson

J Rowe nominated by G Spragg, second B Snyman

C Redpath nominated by C Redpath, second B Snyman

C Redpath accepted and was elected Ring Secretary for 2022 **Carried.**

**Web Master/Publicity Office:**

J Rowe nominated by M Roosmalen, second G Spragg

B Snyman nominated by J Caruana , second C Redpath

B Snyman accepted and was elected web master/publicity office for 2022

**QRPF Management Committee**

CHPC - C Porter

WMPC – W Garner

PIC – J Profke

LCPC - M McCarthy

MIRPC – D Nester

NCPC – B Holloway

RRPC- B Larson

PATH – TBA

Moved B Snyman , second C Redpath that the above members be elected to the management committee for 2022 **Carried.**

## **Liberation Committee 2022**

R Hatherly nominated by K Jorgensen, second B Mair

J Caruana nominated by A Kitching, second S Hodgson

J Rowe nominated by G Spragg, second B Snyman

B Midgley nominated by D Nester, second B Larson

B Midgley , R Hatherly , J Rowe accepted and were elected as Liberation committee for 2022  
**Carried.**

B Midgley is elected by most votes as Chairman of the Liberation committee. **Carried**

## **9. Flying Rules**

During the 2021 race season rules were not adhered by some clubs as some of these rules were outdated. The management committee of 2021 decided to let all clubs review the Current flying rules and come up with suggestion. In Sept 2021 the QRPF secretary sent out rules for clubs to review. In October 2021 the management committee went through all recommendations from clubs and drafted a new Flying rules. The Draft rules were sent out in December 2021 for clubs to ratify and provide feedback for the AGM agenda. After the members ratify the rules at AGM the revised rules will take effect. The QRPF year book will be published with the updated rules.

### **9.1 Accept Life rings with phone Numbers or email**

This was discussed at length and the members voted that telephone number and emails will be accepted as long as the contact details are that of the clubs ring secretary. The updated rule as follow:

#### **I) OWNERSHIP (2022)**

- 1) All birds must be rung with max of one approved Federation or Club seamless life ring, and be the registered property of the competitor, and trained to the recognized loft location of that competitor at the time of entry into any QRPF race.
- 2) Any competitor with birds bearing life rings in current year not registered in their name must supply a full ring list of the unregistered birds to Ring Secretary before the entry of those birds in QRPF Federation races.
- 3) The ring secretary shall account for all QPF life rings and keep a register of all life rings sold.
- 4) Life rings shall not be issued by the QRPF ring secretary or any affiliated club before the 1st May each year. The life ring colours will in the following sequence per year with black writing with Pink, Light Green, White , Yellow or Light Blue back round.eg 2021 Pink, 2022 Light green. This will depend what colours are available.
- 5) Life Rings may not be more than 8mm in Diameter, contain no more than 5 numerical digits, have correct year, letters and they may have phone or email details of the clubs Ring

Secretary at the time of entry into any QRPF race. All life rings that were not verified will need to get approval from the QRPF management committee before entry to any QRPF race.

6) QRPF clubs that wish to sell their own Life rings will need to register/verify with the QRPF Ring Secretary on the 1 May or after.

7) Any competitor that wishes to join and race with the QRPF that is not using verify/registered Life rings with the QRPF (Interstate race teams ) will need to get clearance from their Club of all race birds prior to competing any QRPF races. These birds' rings will need to be visually checked and verified to QRPF specification outlined in Ownership rule (5). Clearance for these birds must be obtained from the Club Ring secretary in writing.

8) Any competitor with birds bearing life rings not registered in their name must supply a full ring list of the unregistered birds to Ring Secretary before the entry of those birds in QRPF races.

## **9.2 Liberation Committee**

This was discussed at length and the members voted to have a three man liberation committee. The updated rule as follow:

### **4). RACE BIRDS**

#### **a) LIBERATION COMMITTEE (2002)**

1) The Liberation Committee, consisting of three (3) members will be nominated and elected from the floor at the AGM.

2) Where possible the liberation committee will be representative of the various areas within the QRPF boundaries.

#### **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

### **9.3 ELECTRONIC BAND SCANNING SYSTEMS**

This was discussed at length and the members voted to adjust the current rule to the following:

#### **7). ELECTRONIC BAND SCANNING SYSTEMS (2022)**

- a) Electronic Band Scanning Systems, hereafter called EBS Systems are permitted for use in all QRPF Inc Federation races.
- b) The use of EBS Systems is not mandatory for QRPF races.
- c) Brands of EBS Systems that are currently available on the market and that have been proven to provide adequate security are approved for use in QRPF races, these include Benzing, Unicon, TIPES, Tauris, Mega, Top Pigeon and Bricon. Alternate brands will require the approval of the management committee before use. All EBS systems will be required to have the latest available software installed. This software will be tested every three years with the cloning process.
- d) Members wishing to use EBS System in Federation races must make written application to the management committee, stating full details of the proposed system including the serial numbers of the EBS System and the antenna before using the system.
- e) Provision of club control systems, security keys and compatibility of the EBS System is the responsibility of the member choosing to use that system.
- f) EBS Systems must use re-programmable (read/write) electronic bands.
- g) A competitor may use an officially set spare clock if the EBS system should become faulty during a race (Junior T3 recommended). See 'Faulty Race Clocks' section for details
- h) System antennas single or multiple may be placed anywhere on the loft and must be sealed.
- i) A committee member or delegate (e.g. Club Committee) must inspect and seal. A digital photograph of the antenna sealed in place.
- j) A signed and dated written form from the person carrying out the inspection must be forwarded to the QRPF Secretary before the system is approved for use.
- k) A committee member or delegate may request an inspection of a member's loft and antenna location at any time.
- L) Members who break the antenna seals or add to or move the antenna to another location without approval will be disqualified from the race and may face further action from the committee. The antenna's should be re-sealed by Club Committee and submit form to QRPF Secretary.
- M) Should the EBS Clock become faulty and needs to be replaced. The member is required to report this to QRPF secretary and provide replacement clock details before being approved for use.

## **9.4 MULTIPLE MEMBERS ON THE SAME PROPERTY**

This was discussed at length and the members voted to adjust the current rule to the following:

### **d) MULTIPLE MEMBERS AT SAME PROPERTY (2022)**

1) Members may make an application to the Management Committee for approval for multiple members to race independently to the one property. The application must clearly state the reasons for the proposed arrangement and include the approximate number of birds to be raced by each member. The Management Committee may approve or reject such applications based on merit.

2) Where multiple members race independently to one property, the following conditions must be adhered to:

- The conditions of the QRPF Code of Practice for Keeping and Racing Pigeons must be observed.
- Each member shall pay separate membership fees and racing fees.
- A full list of each member's birds is to be provided to the Club Secretary, the Federation Secretary before the season's first basketing night;
- Each member may race only those birds nominated by them.
- Transfer of nominated birds between such members shall only be permitted after that flying season.
- Multiple members flying to the same property may use the one race clock for the timing of their birds from a race.
- Each member must advise the committee of the clock receptacle in which they have clocked their pigeon, e.g. Joe Blow in hole 2 and Jill Blow in hole 1 etc.

### **3) Where one members race multiple teams to one property, the following conditions must be adhered to:**

- The conditions of the QRPF Code of Practice for Keeping and Racing Pigeons must be observed.
- The member will pay one membership fee and each teams separate racing fees.
- A full list of each teams birds is to be provided to the Club Secretary, the Federation Secretary before the season's first basketing night;
- Each team may race only those birds nominated by them.
- Transfer of nominated birds between such teams shall only be permitted after that flying season.
- Multiple teams flying to the same property may use the one race clock for the timing of their birds from a race.

•Each team must advise the committee of the clock receptacle in which they have clocked their pigeon, e.g. Joe Blow in hole 2 and Jill Blow in hole 1 etc.

## **9.5 PAYG**

This was discussed at length and the members voted to keep the current rule.

### **e) LIMITED BIRD FLYER (2021) PAYG**

1) Limited to 40 registered birds with the QRPF race secretary before the start of **that** race season.

2) At the start of the second series a PAYG flyer may replace lost pigeons with additional birds up to a maximum of 20 new birds at a cost of \$5 per bird. The PAYG flyer must indicate to the QRPF race secretary which birds are missing and register the new birds in place of missing birds. At no stage is the PAYG flyer to have more than 40 registered birds.

3) Entry fee of \$1 per bird per race to a maximum limit of 30.

4) A PAYG member that wants to participate in special races must pay the additional entry fee.

## **9.6 QRPF Champion Point system**

This was discussed at length and the members voted to keep the current point system and add a Middle distance points system. The race points for the short, middle and long distance races will be determined by the management committee.

### **e) QRPF & CLUB POINTS (2022)**

a) Points towards Overall champion of the QRPF will be awarded to the top 20 places in all races only except any novelty races (e.g. ring race, futurity, breeder's plate etc.) which shall not carry any points.

b) Points towards Open Fed champion of the QRPF will be awarded to the top 20 places in all Federation races only except any novelty races (e.g. ring race, futurity, breeder's plate etc.) which shall not carry any points.

c) Points towards Short ,Middle & Long distance champion of the QRPF will be awarded to the top 20 places in all Federation races only except any novelty races (e.g. ring race, futurity, breeder's plate etc.) which shall not carry any points.

d) Points towards 5 Birder champion of the QRPF will be awarded to the top 20 places in all 5 bird races only except any novelty races (e.g. ring race, futurity, breeder's plate etc.) which shall not carry any points.

e) Points towards the champion club will be awarded to the top 20 flyers (maximum of 3 members per club per race) in all Federation races except any novelty races (e.g. Ring race).

f) Points are not considered as prizes for these rules.



### **c) WINNING PRIZES/POINTS (2022)**

- 1) All competitors shall be entitled to one position and allocated points in federation races except for the last race where two birds may be clocked but only the first bird will count towards winning prizes or points.
- 2) A provisional result for each Federation race will be provided after clock reading is completed. The result will remain provisional until the committee has completed the necessary checks and declared the official place getters.
- 3) Any competitor shall have the right to question the result of any Federation race within 7 days of the clock reading night.
- 4) The management committee shall have the right to question the result of any Federation race within 60 days of the clock reading night.
- 5) Any Competitor making any charges regarding the genuineness of a race after such race has been declared won, and prizes paid, will be called upon to explain, and failing same will be dealt with by the Management Committee.
- 6) Clubs are required to forward all evaluation sheets with basket list for verification to QRPF race secretary within 14 days.

### **9.7 Flying Fees**

The president outlined the increasing of fuel cost at the present moment and explained how this will impact the future transport costs for a season. The current flying members should be able to cover the cost for 2022 season, but might have to look in future on how we can keep costs down. R Walker moved second B Snyman flying fees stay the same for 2022. **Carried**

#### **Schedule of Fees 2022**

Full Membership fees      \$125.00 per member or partnership

Associate Membership (non racing, non voting member)      \$62.50

Club affiliation Fees      \$100.80 per club (Due before the Oct 2021).

In addition to membership fees, Flying Fees are also payable by each member wishing to race pigeons with the QRPF, this is a once per year up-front fee to transport each member's pigeons to each race point on the race schedule.

Members have the choice of racing either a maximum team of 30 birds or 15 birds or Pay As You Go each week.

30 bird team \$475 (Total fees of \$600 due before the April 2022)

15 bird team \$375 (Total fees of \$500 due before the April 2022)

PAYG flyer \$175,00 ( \$1 per entry to a max of 30 birds)

All members that paid \$125, 00 deposits before the end of October 2021 will get a \$50, 00 discount.

30 bird team \$425 (Total fees of \$550 due before the April 2022)

15 bird team \$325 (Total fees of \$450 due before the April 2022)

PAYG flyer \$125,00 ( \$1 per entry to a max of 30 birds)

People who were not a paid-up financial member in 2022 MUST make application to join or re-join the QRPF.

Application forms must be signed and seconded by two existing members and submitted to the QRPF Secretary for approval by the Management Committee

## **9.8 Sections**

This was discussed at length with many ideas out there. The members voted in favour to no longer have sections.

### **h) CLUB PAYMENTS (2022)**

- 1) Each affiliated club shall pay an annual affiliation fee equal to the QRPF membership fee set at the AGM.
- 2) Club affiliation fees are due and payable at the Special General meeting held on the last Saturday of October every year.
- 3) All member Fees will need to be paid to affiliated club treasurer.
- 4)The QRPF treasurer will not accept any direct bank transfers from members, only club treasurer/secretary can do direct payment on behalf of the their club. After payments made a detailed statement outlining the payments must be sent to QRPF treasurer. Any fees paid by members directly into QRPF account will be charged \$50.00 handling fee with reimbursement.
- 5) Clubs that fail to pay affiliation fees by the date determined by the Management Committee must reapply to the committee for affiliation with the QRPF.

### **g) AFFILIATED CLUBS (2022)**

- 1) Competitors must be financial members of the QRPF Inc to compete in Federation races.
- 2) All new members have to be affiliated with a QRPF club in order to proceed with application for QRPF membership. This application need to be signed by two representatives of that affiliated club.
- 3) Competitors who have issues during the year with an affiliated club and are financial members of QRPF will be allocated to basketing and clock reading in all Federation races at the QRPF headquarters 1485 Old Cleveland rd Belmont.
- 4) 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.

- 5) The secretary will forward a copy of the new club's application to the relevant Management committee for their comments prior to considering the application.
- 6) The management committee will make the final decision whether to accept the new club.
- 7) Competitors who wish to change their affiliated club must obtain a clearance from their previous club. If clearance cannot be obtained they may appeal to the management committee who shall consider the case and if necessary issue a clearance.
- 8) Each Club shall hold their AGM prior to the QRPF AGM
- 9) All correspondence from any QRPF members will need to go through their affiliated club Secretary in writing before clubs can submitted the correspondence to the QRPF secretary.
- 10) Clubs are responsible for the provision of their own basketing and clock reading facilities.
- 11) Race Rubbers, seals, string, master sheets, envelopes, pins, chalk etc are the responsibility of each Club for all races basketed in their club centre.
- 12) Club Secretaries are to balance their Master Sheet, attach their cheque and submit to Federation treasurer.
- 13) Clubs should ensure they pass their members entry sheets and tapes to the Club Race secretary as soon as possible to ensure the Club result/Federation is calculated quickly. Clubs are to use the PIGEONRACENET calculation program to calculate all QRPF races. This will ensure the Open Federation result can be produced quickly.
- 14) All QRPF life rings will need to be purchased through their clubs. The clubs will place an order with QRPF ring secretary.

## **9.9 Transport release platform**

This was discussed at length with many ideas out there. The members voted in favour to lower the door of transport unit so birds do not hit the platform upon release. The management committee will look further into this matter and get pricing to install hydraulic lifting arms.

## **9.10 Transport feed ratio**

This was discussed at length with many ideas out there. The members voted in favour to change the feed on the transporter to JENCO Race mix.

## **10. General Business**

### **10.1 ROMA BASKET FRIDAY**

W Garner requested if the QRPF would consider basketing Roma on Friday as its only 80km from Jackson. The management committee will look into this matter and provide feedback.

### **10.2 BASKET NUMBERS ON THURSDAY BASKET**

P Hawkins raised concerns that NCPC had paid for 30 bird limit but due to the crate allocation could not basket on Thursday night full limit. The QRPF Secretary will collect data from 2021 season and provide feedback to management committee to resolve this issue.

### **10.3 FAREWELL**

The W Reese took the moment to say farewell to Jan Spragg and M Reynolds who will stepping down from their QRPF roles. Wayne thanked Jan and Mick for their long service and that we will always remember their dedication to the QRPF. Thanks you Jan & Mick we wish you all the best!!!

### **11. Date of next AGM**

The next meeting will be 24 February 2023 at the Rod Hatherly Building 7.00pm.

### **12. Close**

The meeting was closed at 9.37 pm.

B Snyman

Honorary Secretary

QRPF Inc.