

Annual General Meeting at the QRPF Fed shed at 7.00 pm on 24th February 2023

1. President's opening remarks

The President opened the meeting at 7.04 PM and welcomed everyone to the AGM.

1. Present:

As per attendance book (present 42 plus 1 guests)

2. Apologies

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes from the AGM held on 4 March 2022 was read by the president. Moved and accepted as true by C Porter, Seconded by R Walker. **Carried**

4 Correspondences

1. Office of Fair Trading – Annual Return if Association for 2022
2. AIS certification of Inspection
3. Qld Transport – truck & trailer rego
4. GDPC – Letter for amended Rules
5. LCPC – Letter for Life membership

5. President's report:

The president W Reese read his written report. I am pleased to deliver the presidents annual report to the member for 2022 season. Thanks to the Office bearers & management committee for their time, support and efforts throughout the year, I can assure members all issues get a robust & length discussion before decisions are made.

The number of flyers has remained stable for some time now allowing the flying fees to remain the same for about a decade. The federation ran at a loss in 2022 mainly because of rising fuel costs & a higher than normal maintenance costs on the transporter.

Thanks again to Steve and Helen for the job they do with the transporter.

Congratulations to Bob Holloway as overall flyer of the year and Craig Porter & Son for the Open Fed flyer of the year.

The weather had its say on how far our longest races with flooding meaning finishing with two Quilpie races.

Our Roma one & two birder race on the rest weekend was success and hopefully gets even more support this year.

We are flying the Broken Hill line again & hope it brings some enthusiasm and interest.

All the best to everyone for the 2023 season

6. Treasurer's report

A Owens presented the financial report for 2022 and explained some of the points in the report. (See emailed report).

Moved and accepted by A Owens, second B Midgley. **Carried**

7. Honorariums

B Midgley moved second by B Larson that the honorariums stay the same for 2023 **Carried.**

Admin Secretary \$1,800

Treasurer \$ 900

Race secretary \$900

Ring Secretary \$1,200

8. Election of office bearers for 2023

W Reese vacated the chair and the vice president R Walker took the chair. Ray thanked everyone for their contribution throughout the 2022 season. Ray then called for nominations for the position of president for 2023.

President:

W Reese was nominated by J Caruana, second B Midgley

W Reese accepted the nomination and was elected president for 2023 unopposed. **Carried**

W Reese took the chair and called for vice president.

Vice president:

R Walker was nominated by B Mair, second B Smith

P Ketchell was nominated by C Macdonald, second R Hatherly

P Ketchell accepted and was elected vice president for 2023. **Carried**

Admin Secretary:

B Snyman was nominated by C Porter, second C Macdonald

B Snyman accepted and was elected Admin Secretary for 2023 unopposed. **Carried**

Race Secretary:

C Macdonald was nominated by P Ketchell, second K Jorgenson

C Macdonald accepted and was elected Race Secretary for 2023 unopposed. **Carried**

Treasurer:

A Owens was nominated by C Redpath, second B Midgley

A Owens accepted and was elected Race Secretary for 2023 unopposed. **Carried**

Ring Secretary:

C Macdonald was nominated by P Ketchell , second R Walker

C Macdonald accepted and was elected Ring Secretary for 2023 unopposed. **Carried**

Web Master/Publicity Office:

B Snyman was nominated by C Macdonald, second R Walker

B Snyman accepted and was elected web master/publicity office for 2023 unopposed.
Carried

QRPF Management Committee

CHPC – C Porter

WMPC – A Karas

ARPU – J Profke

LCPC - P Ketchell & C Macdonald

MIRPC – K Butters

NCPC – Decline Representative

RRPC – Decline Representative

QHS - Decline Representative

IRPA – R Walker

PATH – B Mair

GDPC – W Reese, B Snyman & A Owens

Moved R Walker, second J Profke that the above members be elected to the management committee for 2023 **Carried.**

Liberation Committee 2023

B Snyman outline and moved a motion for a proposal that the Chairman of the Liberation team be the QRPF Race Secretary this should help to bridge the communication gap between Liberation Committee and Management committee, second S Wilson. **Carried**

B Midgley was nominated from the North area by K Butters, second P McShane and L Turner was nominated from the West area by R Walker & B Mair and Both members accepted and were elected unopposed as part of Liberation committee for 2023 **Carried.**

LIBERATION COMMITTEE (2023)

- 1) The Liberation Committee, consisting of three (3) members which will be nominated and elected from the floor at the AGM. The QRPF Race secretary will be one of the three members.
- 2) The Chairman of the Liberation Committee will be the QRPF Race secretary.
- 3) Where possible the liberation committee will be representative of the various areas of the QRPF boundaries.

9. Flying Rules

Agenda for 2023:

9.1 – LIBERATION OF RACE BIRDS

A Owen presented the feedback from GDPC with regards to liberation of birds should there be a situation where other organisation are liberating close by. The management committee have the options of altering the race point or release time. Moved by C Macdonald, second R Walker. **Carried.** There was also discussion about members conduct towards the Driver/Liberator accusing of them of misconduct and abusing them. This was discussed at length that it will not be tolerated and moved by B Snyman second J Caruana that the management committee will deal with offenders. **Carried.** The members were questioned about the food that was used in 2022 season and C Porter said the birds droppings look a lot better. Everyone seems to agree and C Porter moved that we continue using the standard race mix, second R Larson. **Carried.**

LIBERATION OF RACE BIRDS (2023)

- 1) The birds will remain in control of the Management committee at all times. Only once birds have arrived at the race point the Liberation Committee will assess the weather condition before Liberation. A majority vote of the liberation committee is needed to release the birds.
- 2) Only the QRPF Race Secretary, Chairman of the Liberation committee or authorized representative may communicate with the liberator while in control of the race birds.
- 3) The race birds will be fed standard race mix on the transporter.
- 4) The management committee may alter the race point or release time should there be other racing pigeon organization near the QRPF release point.
- 5) The management committee will address any issues raised by Club secretaries with the Liberation team.

9.2 – Process for Breach of QRPF Flying Rules

A Owen presented the feedback from GDPC with regards to breach of flying rules and appeals process. Moved C Macdonald, second P Ketchell. **Carried**

PENALTIES - APPEALS (2023)

- 1) Breaches of the flying rules will be dealt with by the management committee who may inflict a penalty such as a fine (maximum fine \$100), disqualification, suspension from racing or termination of membership where appropriate.
- 2) QRPF Members may report any breaches of the QRPF flying rules to their Club secretary. The Following Process is to be followed:
 1. QPF Admin Secretary is notified by club secretary of possible breach of race rules
 2. President is notified by QRPF Admin Secretary.
 3. QRPF Results are removed immediately pending investigation
 4. Communication to all members that results have been removed
 5. Reporter and affected members will present information (evidence) at the following management committee meeting.
 6. Verdict will be made by the management committee based on the information presented.
 7. Reporting member or competitors penalized under any flying rule of the QRPF by Management committee will be informed of their right of appeal.
 8. All appeals must be made in writing accompanied by a deposit of \$100 and received by the Management Committee within 14 days from the date of the penalty. The \$100 deposit will be retained by the committee should the appeal fail.
 9. QPF secretary will communicate the information presented to all members.
 10. Special General Meeting will be held within 14 days of notification of appeal on a clock reading night where possible.
 11. Majority Support of the appeal by the members attending the special general meeting is required for an appeal to be succeed.
 12. Should the appeal turn to a guilty verdict then the Special general attendees will determine if a warning, fine, suspension or disqualification.
- 3) Every Member where possible shall be given a clock reading and velocity, and reason for disqualification if applicable.

9.3 – Crate Marking /Supervision/Race Clocks

A Owen presented the feedback from GDPC with regards to wording for the rule of basketing & clock reading. Moved B Larson, second C Macdonald. **Carried**

CRATE MARKING/SUPERVISION (2023)

- 1) Club committees must ensure that 4 competing members in the race are present when basketing for any QRPF Federation race. Should there not be enough competitors present then that club is required to basket at any other approved QRPF basket facilities.

PRESENTING RACE CLOCKS (2023)

- 1) Club committees must ensure that there are 4 competitors that competed in the race are present for stamp off when stamping off for any QRPF Federation race. Should there not be enough members present then that club is required to stamp off at any other approved QRPF basket facilities.

9.4 – Code of Conduct

A Owen presented the feedback from GDPC with regards to QRPF code of conduct. Moved P Ketchell, second C Macdonald. **Carried**

CODE OF CONDUCT (2023)

All members agree to abide by the Code of Conduct (Including social media) at all times when at Federation Meetings and on Federation premises as follows:

1. Drunk and disorderly conduct will not be tolerated.
2. Loud and excessive bad language will be deemed as an offence.
3. Members must behave in a sportsmanlike and friendly manner.
4. Proper toilet facilities must be used where provided.
5. Flyers and Visitors must obey all reasonable direction from the committee whilst under their jurisdiction.
6. Smoking or Vaping is not permitted in QRPF controlled premises or within 4 meters of any entry or exit.

Any breaches of the code of conduct will be dealt by the management committee and may result in a fine, suspension or disqualification.

9.5 – QRPF Point system

B Snyman raised the confusion about which points system reflects the true champion of the QRPF (Overall Fed Championship) & (Open Fed Championship) and moved a motion to change the name of Overall to Clubs Championship, This was discussed at length and C Macdonald requested all races should count. B Snyman Explained that there were no rules for club races. C Macdonald said why don't we make rules count for all QRPF races. This was denied. It was second by C Porter to change name to Clubs Championship. **Carried**

QRPF & CLUB POINTS (2023)

- 1) Points towards Clubs Championship 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.
- 2) Points towards Open Fed championship 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.

10 General Business

10.1 – LCPC Letter

Logan City Pigeon club moved a motion for W Reese to become a Life Member of the QRPF for being the longest serving president, second C Redpath. **Carried**

10.2 – Flying Fees

W Reese explained the Loss for 2022 season to high Maintenance bill and the huge fuel increase. The number of members flying for 2023 looks promising and W Reese feels no increase is required. B Midgley moved a motion for the fees to stay the same for 2023, second R Walker. **Carried**

10.3 – Transporter doors

W Reese explained that the doors were altered to a 45 degree as the doors are too heavy for full 90 degrees drop. W Reese also requested if the members were happy for the doors to continue to be opened at this angle. Everyone was happy for this is to continue.

10.4 – Duties of Executive Committee

A Owen presented the feedback from GDPC that the QRPF need the Duties to be set out so Members stepping up to certain roles are aware what really entails for these positions. The members were happy for the Management committee to work out these duties.

10.4 – Race Schedule 2023

J Sheldrick raised the issue that the Special general meeting agreed to start 13 May and finish 30 September 2023. The current schedule reflected the 6 May start. This was discussed at length as the members at October 2022 special general meeting voted in an extra Nyngan race point which could not fit in the weeks schedule from 13 May to 30 September. J Sheldrick moved that we start 13 May and finish a week later on 7 October, second L Turner. **Carried**

11. Date of next AGM

The next meeting will be 23 February 2024 at the Rod Hatherly Building 7.00pm.

12. Close

The meeting was closed at 8.36pm.

B Snyman

Honorary Secretary

QRPF Inc.