

Annual General Meeting at the QRPF Fed shed at 7.00 pm on 23rd February 2024

1. President's opening remarks

The President opened the meeting at 7.05PM and welcomed everyone to the AGM.

1. Present:

As per attendance book :34 Members and 3 Guests.

2. Apologies

K Jorgensen, R Larson, C Redpath, M Livingstone, J Tronc & R Stuckey

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes from the AGM held on 24 February 2023 was read by the president. Moved and accepted as true by C Porter, Seconded by C McDonald. **Carried**

4 Correspondences

1. Office of Fair Trading – Annual Return if Association for 2023
2. AIS certification of Inspection
3. Qld Transport – truck & trailer rego
4. GDPC – Letter for Life membership

5. President's report:

The president W Reese read his written report. The 2023 season saw the federation fly the Broken Hill South West line for the first time in 12 Years. The winning velocity across the season was varied with the leading pack coming through in very good time and drawn out returns after that, talking to other flyers around the country, most confirm this is a trend they are seeing too.

Congratulations to Ken Jorgensen as the Open Fed Flyer of the year. Ken had a very good season topping off with a very impressive Broken Hill fed win.

Thanks to Steve & Helen for the attention and care they provided to our pigeon's week after week.

My thanks to management committee for their time and efforts and direction they give to the federation.

Members should already beware of the financial boost coming to the federation from the QHS legacy. This is exciting times for the federation. How this money is used, ultimately is a decision for the membership.

This Money sued well could see better transportation and condition of birds at time of release. Easier handling and loading of crates, benefits the sport in general which should be felt for a long time.

6. Treasurer's report

B Snyman had received a financial report for 2023 but could not really provide more details until the auditors have done the final balance sheet. B Snyman will distribute to all member's once accounting firm has completed the financial audit. Any questions or concerns will be addressed at Management committee meeting.

7. Honorariums

B Midgley moved second by F Bryan that the honorariums stay the same for 2024 **Carried.**

Admin Secretary \$1,800

Treasurer \$ 900

Race secretary \$900

Ring Secretary \$1,200

8. Election of office bearers for 2024

W Reese vacated the chair and the secretary B Snyman took the chair. B Snyman then called for nominations for the position of president for 2024.

President:

W Reese was nominated by C Porter, second R Walker

W Reese accepted the nomination and was elected president for 2024 unopposed. **Carried**

W Reese took the chair and called for vice president.

Vice president:

P Ketchell was nominated by C McDonald, second B Hinselwood.

P Ketchell accepted the nomination and was elected Vice-president for 2024 unopposed.

Carried

Admin Secretary:

B Snyman was nominated by C Porter, second J Profke

B Snyman accepted and was elected Admin Secretary for 2024 unopposed. **Carried**

Race Secretary:

C McDonald was nominated by B Hinselwood, second B Bennett.

C McDonald accepted and was elected Race Secretary for 2024 unopposed. **Carried**

Treasurer:

No Nominations - Management committee will address this vacancy.

Ring Secretary:

B Snyman was nominated by C Porter, second K Butters

B Snyman accepted and was elected Ring Secretary for 2024 unopposed. **Carried**

Web Master/Publicity Office:

B Snyman has been doing this part but does not really have the expertise to continue.

The management committee will look to outsource this role and improve the current web page. B Snyman accepted for the interim until Management committee sort this role.

QRPF Management Committee

CHPC – C Porter

WMPC – A Karas

ARPU – J Profke

LCPC - P Ketchell & C Macdonald & S Smith

MIRPC – K Butters

NCPC – Decline Representative

RRPC – Decline Representative

QHS - Decline Representative

IRPA – B Mair

PATH – R Walker

GDPC – W Reese, B Snyman

SEQ – Decline Representative

Morten Club – Have not decided.

Moved P Ketchell, second B Hinselwood that the above members be elected to the management committee for 2024 **Carried.**

Liberation Committee 2024

The QRPF race secretary will be the chairman of the Liberation committee which is C McDonald. B Midgley was nominated from the North area by K Butters, second P McShane and B Snyman was nominated from the West area by C Porter, second B Hinselwood and both members accepted and elected unopposed as part of Liberation committee for 2024 **Carried.**

Agenda for 2024:

9. Flying Rules

9.1 – Route

C McDonald raised at the management committee that most members would like the option of flying two directions in one season and moved a motion, second B Hinselwood to add the option to the rules. 14 In favour 12 against. **Carried**

ROUTE (2005)

- 1) The race routes North, West, and Southwest shall be flown on a rotation system giving changing direction each year (*North being in the direction of Mackay, West being in the direction of Quilpie and Southwest in the direction of Thargomindah or Broken Hill*).
- 2) The three routes must be flown at least once in the three-year cycle unless otherwise determined by a majority vote of those present at a special general meeting called for that purpose.
- 3) Two of the three routes (ref 1) may be flown in one season as an option for the majority vote of those present at a special general meeting.

9.2 – PAYG

B Snyman raised at the management committee that this system that was brought in to assist new and pension flyers has been mis treated and these who are not even new or pension flyers are taking advantage for their own benefit. A Owen raised that not all are taking advantage of the system. B Snyman suggested a 10 Bird limit be brought in place and moved that the PAYG system be removed, second C Ostojic 14 in favour 7. **Carried**

9.3 – Club Affiliation fees

R Walker raised at the management committee the purpose of the \$100,00 club affiliated fee. R Hatherly stated it was for the purpose of the Clubs to be affiliated with the QRPF. R Walker moved the value be reduced to \$1 per year for each club second C McDonald 12 in favour 1 against **Carried**

9.4 – New Transporter /Crates

W Reese outlined some pro's & cons of having a new transporter. This was discussed at length with various input from members. W Reese also provided a financial outlay of what a new system could potentially cost. W Reese then provide some technical details of what feed & watering system we could have on the new transporter. This was discussed at length with various input from members. B Snyman moved we buy a new transporter, second J Profke 18 in favour 3 against. **carried**

B Hinselwood moved a motion, second F Bryan that we have the drinkers on the sides. **carried**

K Butter moved a motion, C Porter that the feeders go through the middle of the crate. **Carried.**

10 General Business

10.1 – GDPC Letter

B Snyman moved a motion for C Porter to become a Life Member of the QRPF. C Porter dedication week in and week out for loading /off-loading crates, for being a long serving member of QRPF and putting his hand up to be part of management committee for many years. Craig is always putting his hand up to assist the QRPF. C Porter was humbled by the suggestions but declined this financial gain to be a life member of the QRPF.

10.2 – Benzing Race result program

B Snyman outlined that we are very depended on the pigeon race net for our results and should something happen to the owner we as an organisation have no reel back up. Benzing flew out a representative from Austria to give us a presentation of what software there is and how we can benefit. B Snyman will find out more about Benzing "Live" with the financial costs as well as what support will be provided long term.

10.3 – Flying Fees for 2024

The Flying Fees for 2024 were discussed with three options 30 ,15, and 10 bird limits. It was moved by B Smith, second B Bennett that we keep cost the same.

The members at an AGM have determined flying fees for 2024 to be:

30 bird team \$475

15 bird team \$375

10 bird team \$275

Members who have paid their membership fee by October the previous year will receive a discount of \$50 off their flying fees. **Carried**

10.4 – Zammit Oval pick up 2024

B Snyman had received request for the transporter to pick up at Zammit oval when the transporter goes through each week. This was discussed at length and the members feel we can give it a try but if it possess more issues than it worth clubs will have to bring their crates to Rod Hatherly building by 9PM on Basket night.

10.5 – Transporter water system

J Sheldrick moved, second T Crane that when the transporter stops at 1am in the morning the water should be put on the birds. This was discussed at length. 9 in favour 7 against.

Carried

11. Date of next AGM

The next meeting will be 22 February 2025 at the Rod Hatherly Building 7.00pm.

12. Close

The meeting was closed at 8.59 pm.

B Snyman

Honorary Secretary

QRPF Inc.