

**Management Meeting to be held in the QRPF Fed shed
at 7.30pm on 4 March 2024**

Queensland Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

1. President's opening remarks

The President opened the meeting at 7.06PM and welcomed everyone to the committee meeting.

Present: W Reese, B Snyman, C Porter, R Walker, B. Mair, C Macdonald, P Ketchell , K Malone ,K Butters & A Karas

2. Apologies

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3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes from the Special General Meeting held on 6 November 2023. Moved and accepted as true by K Butters, Seconded by P Ketchell. **Carried**

4. Inward Correspondence

1. P Brown WMPC - Application for membership. **Accepted**
2. QHS Letter (General Business)
3. Benzing Letter (noted)

5. Outward Correspondence

Emailed Revised Minutes from the Special General Meeting held on 6 November 2023 and AGM minutes for 23 February 2024.

Moved to accept all Correspondence by C Porter, Seconded by C McDonald. **Carried**

6. Treasurer's report

The financial statement was not available. P Ketchell suggested the QRPF get the services of professional book keeper. The Management committee was all in favour and B Snyman will engage the services of a book keeper.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Club Payments and payouts

B Snyman advised all clubs that cheque is a thing of the past and all clubs are required to set an electronic payment or ask the bank for bank cards. The QRPF has purchased a Zeller system for easy payment/invoice. Also all future prize money payout will be paid via bank transfer.

7.2 North Pick up

B Snyman outlined the QRPF was prepared to give the option of a north pick up. K Malone advised the NCP & Morton Clubs will basket together at the Zammit oval and there is plenty of space to park the transporter. K Butters advised that the MIRPC are still looking at the option and will advise if this will suite their club. B Snyman also advised if the members have any concerns to please raise it with the management committee and are not to be communicated with the liberation team.

7.3 Club affiliated Fees

The AGM has voted to reduce the Club affiliated fees from \$100 to \$1. All clubs have paid this in October 2023. B Snyman enquired if we should refund this to each club or can this refund of \$99 just be deduct from the flying fees invoice. The Management committee was in favor of a refund through the invoice of Fluing fees.

8. General Business

8.1 Liberation Team for 2024 Steve and Helen

Steve & Helen Field are happy to take on the role as QRPF transportation team for 2024. The management committee is happy for Steve & Helen to continue with their great work.

8.2 QRPF Crate Load team 2024

The management committee is looking for any two members preferable from GDPC, WMPC, PIC, QHS or CHPC to assist with crate loading on basket nights. C Porter has agreed to continue with this role for two free training crates for any race scheduled by QRPF. The other nominee will receive \$50 per night for crate loading. D Taylor was Nominated to fill this position.

8.3 Crate allocation 2024

Crate allocation will be Saturday 4 May 2024 9am. All Flying fees are due this day.

8.4 Year book 2024

B Snyman would like to request all clubs to please provide office bearers and also to advise C Macdonald if there are any changes to their club points systems. After all the information is received QRPF year book will be finalized.

8.5 Trainers 2024

B Snyman raised the issue if the trainers will be released 30 minutes after club mass races. This was discussed at length. Also, as part of the discussion was that 10 crates and less will be released with mass on club races only. C Porter moved second K Butters that 11 & more training crates on club races will be released 30 minutes after Mass. This means that all QRPF club races the trainers will be released 30 minutes after mass, unless there is 10 and less crates they will be released with Mass. All federation races no matter the number shall be released 30 mins after mass subject to liberation view of safety of the birds. **Carried.**

8.6 Life Rings 2024

B Snyman has requested all clubs to please provide how many rings is required for the 2025 season. The QRPF secretary will seek a quote from reliable suppliers to purchasing the 2024 Life rings before 1 May 2024.

8.7 NCPC Nominee

K Malone has volunteered to be part of the QRPF management committee for 2024. It was moved by C Porter, second C McDonald that K Malone be accepted as part of the management committee. **carried**

8.8 North Section

K Malone requested if a North section result could be implemented. It would be volunteered based so only if clubs wish to take part they may. The management committee has agreed to this and will be set up in Pigeon race net.

8.9 Transporter

C Porter has engaged some Iveco contractors to service the Transporter and there has been some unforeseen defects found and been repaired.

8.10 QRPF webmaster

W Reece has advised that L Vanderlinde has volunteered to take the role of Web Master/Publicity Officer for the QRPF web page. B Snyman has also engaged a contractor to audit the QRPF web page and also receive training as a back up to support this role.

8.11 Short, Middle- & Long-distance race points for 2024

6 Short 3 x Bundaberg, 3 x Miriam Val
8 Middle 3 x Gladstone 5 x Marlborough
5 Long 2 x St Lawrence, Mackay, Bowen, Townsville

8.12 Letter from QHS

The QHS property has been sold at Ashgrove, however the ATO is holding a foreign resident capital gains payment of \$134,374.00. These funds are recoverable by our Society by lodging a tax return at the end of the 2023/24 financial year. We have appointed a tax consultant to lodge the tax return on our behalf after the 30th June 2024.

Until this matter has been resolved the QHS Inc cannot be wound up.

QHS Inc is open to considering a proposal from the QRPF Inc to upgrade transport facilities for racing pigeons. The QRPF are requested to provide a detailed proposal outlining the scope of the project, the estimated costs, and the expected benefits. Upon review, the QHS Inc will determine whether to provide funding for this initiative. The Management committee will provide the QHS with details of the project.

8.13 QRPF Flying rules

B Snyman outlined that as an organisation we sometimes get flustered by the moment and length of meetings and forget we have processes in place to change rules. B Snyman requested we need to get better at this as sometimes rules are "sneaked In" and the formal process was not followed.

ALTERATION TO FLYING RULES (2005)

- 1) Members, through their affiliated club, may submit a request to the Management Committee in writing (consistent with the constitution) to alter the flying rules.
- 2) Requests must state the existing clause to be amended or deleted or if a new clause is to be added. Reasons for the change, addition or deletion must also be given.
- 3) The Management Committee will consider all requests for changes to the flying rules and will gauge the feelings of the QRPF members before they make any changes to these rules.
- 4) The committee may call a special general meeting or conduct a ballot or questionnaire of the members to gauge their feelings.
- 5) Each flying rule shall show the year it was inserted or last amended.
- 6) The members at each AGM shall ratify the flying rules for the forth coming racing year.
- 7) Once the flying rules have been ratified by the members the management committee will only consider changes if a rule or rules become demonstrably unworkable during the race season.

8.14 Watering Race birds

The AGM it was voted that the birds need to be watered when the transporter stops no matter the time. B Snyman requested the management committee review this process as it could lead to a safety issue. B Snyman outlined that it will be okay to water the birds at first daylight but in the middle of night has risks. B Snyman also outlined that it is not common practice to put lights on your loft and provide water to your race team in the loft. This was discussed at length and the Management committee feels that this new process voted in at AGM is not workable during the season. It was moved by P Ketchell, second K Butters that the liberation team will only provide water at daylight on the first stop. **Carried** The Management committee will also advise that the liberation team that Miriam vale will be first stop for Thursday basketing.

9. Date of next meeting

The next management meeting will be held at the Rod Hatherly Building 8 April 2024 at 7.00PM.

10. Close

The meeting was closed at 20.01pm.

B Snyman
Honorary Secretary
QRPF Inc.