

**Management Meeting to be held in the QRPF Fed shed
at 7.00pm on 3 February 2025**

Queensland Racing Pigeon Federation Inc.

1. President's opening remarks

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

Present: W Reese, B Snyman, C Porter, R Walker, C McDonald, P Ketchell & S Smith.

2. Apologies

B Mair & A Karas

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes from the Management committee Meeting held on 4 November 2024 was read. Moved and accepted as true by P Ketchell Seconded by C McDonald. **Carried**

4. Inward Correspondence

1. M Crane **WMPC** - Application for membership. **Accepted**
2. C McDonald & S&N Winson **LCPC** - Application for Multiple members at same property. **Accepted**
3. M Crane & T Crane **WMPC** - Application for Multiple members at same property. **Accepted**
4. C McDonald **LCPC** - Application to use ETS and Benzing Live. **Accepted**
5. S & N Winson **LCPC** - Application to use ETS and Benzing Live. **Accepted**

5. Outward Correspondence

Emailed Minutes from the Management committee Meeting held on 4 November 2024. Moved to accept all Correspondence by R Walker, Seconded by C Porter. **Carried**

6. Treasurer's report

The financial statement was presented by B Snyman from a summary report that B Wheeler supplied for Dec 2024. The report outlined expenses and Income. The Balance at \$805 132,79. The Auditors will have final report ready for AGM on 28 February 2025.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Breach of Flying Rules

P Ketchell & C McDonald reported B Bennett had been spreading false accusations about the integrity of the vice president of the QRPF. The Management committee gave both parties the opportunity to present their side of what had taken place. After hearing both parties the Management committee would now require evidence/witness from both parties in order to make conclusive decision if the flying rules - Code of Conduct was breached. The evidence will need to be presented to management committee by 3 March 2025.

7.2 Management committee flying rule changes for 2025

Request change 1:

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.

**The Management committee feels that this rule has the opportunity for misinterpretation.
The suggested change:**

ROUTE (2025)

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- 2) The three routes must be flown at least once in the three-year cycle.

Request change 2:

SCHEDULE OF RACES (2022)

- 1) The Management Committee will draw up a schedule of races for the following year and distribute to the affiliated clubs by September of their year of office to allow time for members to organize their racing pigeons for the forthcoming year.
- 2) The above-proposed race schedule will be presented to the members for consideration and ratification at a special general meeting to be held on the last Saturday in October each year.
- 3) Only the members that have paid \$125 deposit will be eligible to vote at this Special general meeting in October each year and receive a \$50 discount off the following years flying fees. The deposit is non-refundable. Members are to pay all fees to affiliated Club.
- 4) Once ratified by the members at the above Special General meeting no further motions from the clubs to make changes to that race schedule will be accepted at later meetings.
- 5) The QRPF schedule of races will determine:
 - the race point
 - the date of basketing
 - the date of release
 - the closing date (clock reading) of the race
 - Arrangements for Federation races
- 6) A race will close on the day and time of the scheduled clock reading if sufficient birds are home to claim the allocated points.
- 7) In the event of unforeseen circumstances, such as a hard/difficult race the management committee may at its discretion defer clock reading up to the maximum time permitted under these flying rules (**Refer page 5 LIBERATION OF RACE BIRDS (2023)**).
- 8) The race schedule will be flown as a lap-over **or** straight through series.
- 9) The race schedule will start in May and conclude in October.

**The Management committee feels that this rule has the opportunity for misinterpretation.
The suggested change:**

SCHEDULE OF RACES (2025)

- 1) The QRPF schedule will consist of a fixed schedule for each route. The fixed schedule will provide a schedule for a straight through & a Lap over series for members to vote on for each route. (Refer to Fixed Schedule)
- 2) The above-fixed race schedule will be presented to the members for consideration at a special general meeting to be held on the last Saturday in October each year.
- 3) Only clubs may request in writing to the Management committee by August to fly two directions of the three routes in one year.
- 4) Only the members that have paid \$125 deposit will be eligible to vote at this Special general meeting in October each year and receive a \$50 discount off the following years flying fees. The deposit is non-refundable. Members are to pay all fees to affiliated Club.
- 5) Once ratified by the members at the above Special General meeting no further motions from the clubs to make changes to that race schedule will be accepted at later meetings.
- 6) Once the Fixed schedule of Straight through or Lap over has been voted on. The members will then vote on:
 - Start Date for the season
 - Additional races at the same race point/same day (30 minutes apart)
 - the date of basketing - Friday/Thursday
 - the date of release
 - the closing date (clock reading) of the race
 - Which race points for classics (YBD ,National ect)
 - Arrangements for Club races
 - Arrangements for Federation races
- 7) A race will close on the day and time of the scheduled clock reading.
- 8) In the event of unforeseen circumstances, such as a hard/difficult race the management committee may at its discretion defer clock reading up to the maximum time permitted under these flying rules (**Refer page 5 LIBERATION OF RACE BIRDS (2023)**).
- 9) The race schedule will start in May and conclude in October.

Request change 3:

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 black writing with Pink, Light Green, White , Yellow or Light Blue back round.eg 2021 Pink, 2022 Light green.
- 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.**

The Management committee would like to remove Point 2 & Point 8 at it is clearly not followed or policed by the committee. The Management committee would like to replace Point 2 with: The suggested change:

OWNERSHIP (2025)

- 2) Any competitor with birds bearing life rings not registered in their name must have permission to race those birds. Any member found to be racing a bird without consent of the ring owner will be in breach of flying rules.

Request change 4

SPECIAL RELEASES (2022)

- 1) Affiliated Clubs may apply to the Management Committee for special releases.
- 2) The management committee will consider the well-being of the birds in the main release before granting permission for special releases.
- 3) The Federation 5 bird races and the National will be released half-hour after mass.

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.

The Management committee would like to make adjustments to Point 4 of liberation of race birds. This is so that it does not conflict with Special release Point 3. The suggested change:

- 4) The management committee may alter the race point or release time should there be other racing pigeon organization near the QRPF release point, but must maintain the 30 mins after mass release.

Request change 5

RACE MARKING (2022)

- 1) Every pigeon before competing in a QRPF Federation race must have fitted to its leg an official race rubber or be fitted with an approved electronic read/write band which will trigger an approved EBS System.
- 2) Handlers will read the full details ring number, year, and letters of the life ring to the marker before placing bird in the crate.
- 3) The race rubbers shall be fitted by a nominated official on the basketing night, and the details of the race rubber or electronic band are to be recorded on the competitor's entry sheet, after which the official(s) shall countersign every competitor's entry sheet. Completed entry sheets are to be placed in the locked box immediately upon completion.

The Management committee feels members need to ensure the ring details are correct when entering a bird into a race. The suggested change:

- 1) Every pigeon before competing in a QRPF Federation race must have fitted to its leg an official race rubber or be fitted with an approved electronic read/write band which will trigger an approved EBS System. The life ring details need to match up with the EBS band to the limit of EBS system numerical limit. Should the Life ring not match the EBS band then that bird will be removed from results and the second bird will be entered as official clock bird.

Request change 6

ELECTRONIC BAND SCANNING SYSTEMS (2022)

- 1) Electronic Band Scanning Systems, hereafter called EBS Systems are permitted for use in all QRPF Inc Federation races.
- 2) The use of EBS Systems is not mandatory for QRPF races.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Provision of club control systems, security keys and compatibility of the EBS System is the responsibility of the member choosing to use that system.
- 6) EBS Systems must use re-programmable (read/write) electronic bands.
- 7) 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.
- 8) System antennas single or multiple may be placed anywhere on the loft and must be sealed.
- 9) A committee member or delegate (e.g. Club Committee) must inspect and seal. A digital photograph of the antenna sealed in place.
- 10) 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.
- 11) A committee member or delegate may request an inspection of a member's loft and antenna location at any time.
- 12) 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 antennas should be re-sealed by Club Committee and submit form to QRPF Secretary.
- 13) 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.

The Management committee would like to make adjustments to current rule by adding conditions for using Live electronic system. The suggested added rules:

ELECTRONIC BAND SCANNING SYSTEMS (2025)

- 14) Members wishing to use Live 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.
- 15) Members wishing to evaluate race clock sheet with a Live EBS System in Federation races must evaluate two hours before strike off time to ensure GPS is active and working. In the event the GPS is not working the members will have time to make alternative arrangements to get clock evaluated. Once the clock has been evaluated the member may no longer present his clock as an approved evaluated method.
- 16) Members with no bird's home from race are not to evaluate race clock sheet with a Live EBS System. Only after the race is officially closed by the QRPF can the member evaluate the clock.

Request change 7

MAXIMUM BIRD LIMITS PER CRATE (2022)

Members, Clubs are required to observe the maximum limits for birds in QRPF crates, including trainers as set out below.

- Overnight 30 hens or 30 cocks per crate
- Two nights in basket 25 hens or 20 cocks per crate
- All others 20 hens or 20 cocks per crate

Due to the new crates (Smaller) the members will have to vote the new bird numbers in.

8. General Business

8.1 Bird of the year

P Ketchell wanted to trial a real bird of the year with all birds clocked in all fed races entered .I Ketchell would collect all evaluation sheets after being checked by all clubs. Ian will then enter all birds in pigeon race net to get their velocity. B Snyman raised concerns that members with hand clocks will not really be able to have all their birds added. Management Committee are happy for the trail to go ahead.

8.2 Old Transporter

The new transporter is on track to be completed before 2025 season starts and the management committee will be putting the old Iveco up for sale. All crates will also be up for sale.

8.3 New Transport Watering system

The new transporter water system was up for debate with many ideas but the management committee would like to engage the members at the AGM to confirm the best way forward.

8.4 Drivers & Liberator required for 2025 season

Steve & Helen who have done a great job in the past have made them self's unavailable for the 2025 season due to the management committee not willing to add additional sleeping quarters to the new Transporter. The Management committee is happy with the two beds currently in the cab and feel it's a waste of money to build additional sleeping quarters. The QRPF is now looking to employ a retired pigeon flyer or someone looking top up the retirement fund. All application to B Snyman at qrpfpigeons@gmail.com

8.5 Year Book

B Snyman wanted to remind all Clubs to please have their club AGM before 28 February 2025 as stated in the QRPF flying rules. All information to be sent through to B Snyman to update the new year book.

AFFILATED CLUBS (2022)

- 9) Each Club shall hold their AGM prior to the QRPF AGM.

9.Date of next meeting

AGM Meeting 28 February 2025 - 7PM

The next management meeting will be held at the Rod Hatherly Building Monday 3 March 2025 at 7.00PM.

10. Close

The meeting was closed at 9.08pm.

B Snyman

Honorary Secretary

QRPF Inc.