

Annual General Meeting at the QRPF Fed shed at 7.00 pm on 27th February 2026

1. President's opening remarks

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

1. Present:

As per attendance book:43 Members and 2 Guests.

2. Apologies

P Almond, J Caruana, J Surdoff, N Kelly & B Bennett

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes from the AGM held on 28 February 2025 was read by the president. Moved and accepted as true by J Profke, Seconded by S Elliott. **Carried**

4 Correspondences

1. Office of Fair Trading – Annual Return if Association for 2026
2. AIS certification of Inspection
3. Qld Transport – truck & trailer rego.
4. Letter from N Whitmen – Boundary
5. Letter from M Frame – Boundary

5. President's report:

The president W Reese read his written report. The 2025 season was our first with the new transporter. I would like to thank everyone who attended the working bees and worked so well together.

Overall, the system works well and the smaller and lighter crates are appreciated. An extra test for Sasha and Frank came with a collision with a cow near Charleville, the bull bar took most of the impact and thankfully our crew were pretty much unhurt and were able to limp into Charleville to have the truck patched up release the birds on time.

Congratulations to Len Vanderlinde our Open fed champion flyer of the year and congratulation to all the fed winners and place getters.

Thanks to the management committee for their time and caring they provide on behalf of the members.

Hoping all members have an enjoyable and successful season in 2026.

6. Treasurer's report

B Snyman distributed the final financial report for 2025 from the independent auditor to the members to review. This was discussed with a few questions from the members. The total cost of the new transport to date was \$342998,06 with the only real additional cost will be replacing the roller doors that had blown off the truck during transit. During the 2025 season flying costs were reduced which resulted in an estimated \$20000,00 lost in revenue, but with the invested funds from the QHS donation we hope to reduce the deficit. The Members wish to keep the investment money in the safer option which is the bank. Moved to be accepted by B Snyman, second T Crane. **Carried.**

7. Honorariums

Moved J Profke, second by C Ostojic that the honorariums stay the same for 2026 **Carried.**

Admin Secretary \$1,800

Treasurer \$ 900

Race secretary \$900

Ring Secretary \$1,200

8. Election of office bearers for 2026

W Reese vacated the chair and the Vice President R Walker took the chair. R Walker wanted to thank Wayne Reese for all his dedication with the truck build and his leadership of the QRPF. R Walker then called for nominations for the position of president for 2026.

President:

W Reese was nominated by J Profke, second A Del-Brocco.

W Reese accepted and was elected president for 2026 unopposed. **Carried**

W Reese took the chair and called for vice president.

Vice president:

R Walker was nominated by B Larson, second J Profke.

R Walker accepted and was elected Vice-president for 2026 unopposed. **Carried.**

Admin Secretary:

B Snyman was nominated by C Porter, second C Ostojic

B Snyman accepted and was elected Admin Secretary for 2026 unopposed. **Carried**

Race Secretary:

L Vanderlinde was nominated by B Snyman, second S Elliott.

L Vanderlinde accepted and was elected Race Secretary for 2026 unopposed. **Carried**

Treasurer:

B Snyman was nominated by F Bryan, second J Profke.

B Snyman accepted and was elected treasurer for 2026 unopposed. **Carried**

Ring Secretary:

B Snyman was nominated by J Profke, second K Butters.

B Snyman accepted and was elected Ring Secretary for 2026 unopposed. **Carried**

Web Master/Publicity Office:

L Vanderlinde was nominated by S Elliott, second T Crane.

L Vanderlinde accepted and was elected Web Master/Publicity Office for 2026 unopposed.
Carried

QRPF Management Committee

CHPC – C Porter

WMPC – S Smith

ARPU – J Profke

LCPC - C Macdonald

MIRPC – B Larson

NCPC – P Hawkins

RRPC – Decline Representative

IRPA – R Walker

PATH – Decline Representative

GDPC – W Reese, B Snyman

SEQI – J Sheldrick

NRC – W Kelso

NGCRPC – I McDonald

Moved J Profke, second R Walker that the above members be elected to the management committee for 2026 **Carried.**

Liberation Committee 2026

The QRPF race secretary will be the chairman of the Liberation committee which is L Vanderlinde. B Todd was nominated for the North area by K Butters, second P McShane and B Snyman was nominated from the West area by R Walker, second C McDonald and both members accepted and elected unopposed as part of Liberation committee for 2026 **Carried.**

9 Proposed rule Changes 2026:

9.1 QRPF Boundaries

W Reese provided some insight to expanding the QRPF boundary by taking the General Post Office as the centre point then measuring to south the Tweed river which is about 106km. Then taking the same distance West (Witcott) and North (Bli-Bli). This was discussed at length with some correspondence from an outside view. P Hawkins also outlined that Outside members would have to be part of a QRPF club to participate. L Vanderlinde suggested we could also provide a velocity for the out of bound flyers on the pigeon race net without allocating points but a great way for outsiders to compare their birds with QRPF members. R Walker moved we keep the boundary as is and try accommodate outside members/clubs with transport, second J Sheldrick. 24 for & 12 against. **Carried**

9.2 QRPF Life Membership

Life Members – With a view to recognising exceptional services to the Association and/or the sport of pigeon racing in the past, the Association may elect certain Members as Life Members. Life Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Membership including the power to vote without subscriptions or levies. Life Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting on the recommendation of the Committee. Life Members shall not have the power to vote at Committee Meetings unless a Committeeman. Life members may not pass on their membership for anyone to gain financial benefit for a season.

9.3 Benzing Live

C McDonald would like to propose that members that use Benzing Live to evaluate their clocks from home should be compulsory to be a participant on the live Benzing Clocking for all to view. This was discussed at length with a concern that if all Members stayed home some members would not be able to stamp off as you require four flying members to be present. Some of the members had concerns over how the Benzing worked out results and feels it would not be accurate. This Proposal was defeated.

9.4 QRPF Clock reading

Management committee outlined with the aging membership that we should give clubs the option to Stamp off earlier than the scheduled set time. As a club they can decide earlier to stamp off in daylight to minimise night time traveling for older fanciers. Members had concern about there would be no order with the results. This was discussed at length B Snyman said that the Management committee deadline time will be the last stamp off, but if members of specific club agreed to stamp off earlier, they could but once you stamp off no more birds may be clocked. B Snyman moved, second P McShane that clubs have the option to stamp off earlier. 20 for & 6 Against. **Carried.**

9.5 Junior Clocks

Management committee outlined with the aging Junior clocks that the printers are limited and once they fail there is no way to print the times. B Snyman would like the QRPF to adopt the South Australian Pigeon Union where they take photo if the printer is no longer viable. L Vanderlinde said the current QRPF rules has a similar rule in place that the time may be written down. **Carried.**

9.6 Flying Fees

W Reese outlined the flying fees for 2025. B Snyman outlined the expense for the QRPF and that we still need to function like a business for the future of QRPF. L Vanderlinde asked what it cost to run the federation and viewed some concerns with the 2025 expenses. W Reese outlined that the expenses of 2025 included some truck build expenses and with the Current membership and interest earned on the Investment money we could well come out in the black. B Larson, second T Roebig that we keep the same flying fees as 2025. 23 for & 6 against. **Carried**

30 Bird - \$300

15 Bird - \$250

10 Bird - \$200

9.7 Birds mixed up in all QRPF races.

Management committee outlined that for decades the QRPF clubs have mixed up their birds in the crates for all QRPF races. B Snyman moved, second P Hawkins that this rule be made official. An amended motion from A Owens, second J Sheldrick that only on federation races must birds be mixed up. This Motion was defeated with 6 for & 25 against. Birds will be mixed up for all QRPF races. **Carried**

9.8 Vaccination

W Reese wanted to engage the members about Vaccinations due to the current PMV out breaks in Brisbane area. Dr Ron Woodhead was present and advised that Vaccination is in the best interest of the pigeon, but it can differ from loft to loft depending on diagnoses. Ian McDonald outlined that QLD government only identifies PMV as a notifiable disease and that Rota is not. This was discussed at length and the majority agreed PMV needs be compulsory for all QRPF members to participate. J Profke, second C McDonald that PMV become a compulsory vaccination before entering any race in the QRPF. For 24 & 2 against. **Carried** The Management Committee shall come up with some guidelines to police PMV vaccination.

10 General Business

10.1 Transporter

W Reese Outlined the design for the new Transporter doors and shall be arranging a working bee in two-to-three-week time. Everyone seemed to be happy with the design.

10.2 QRPF Community Loft

L Vanderlinde enquired about the QRPF community loft. C McDonald outlined we have 18 Members and the challenges he faced with the PMV outbreak in the community loft and that the birds are looking good after all the vaccinations. There is currently about 280 birds in the Loft and expected to have about 4 syndicates but, this depends how the preseason training goes.

11. Date of next AGM

The next meeting will be 26 February 2027 at the Rod Hatherly Building 7.00pm.

12. Close

The meeting was closed at 9.06pm.

B Snyman

Honorary Secretary

QRPF Inc.