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President
Steve Shears

GENERAL MEETING: 18th August 2025

Attendance, S Shears as President, A Archer as acting minutes secretary, delegates per register.

Apologies from D Gordon Secretary

Opened 8:05pm

Previous minutes approved MTD, Dural

Accounts and correspondence approved Greystanes, MBRA

President spoke on a few issues:

- President explained that David Gordon is out of action due to injury.
- President confirmed that he has full confidence in the Liberation Committee, confirmed that all decisions so far have been unanimous.
- President said that Goolgowi has been a poor race point in the past and suggested that we do not fly it in the future.
- President confirmed that the YBD liberation forecast was within protocol, and suggested that we look into reassessing the protocol going forward to help with returns (eg, increase the required visibility levels, lower the allowable easterly headwinds).
- President expressed extreme disappointment in A Sultana's social media comments, and stated the committee will discuss sending him a warning letter.
- President updated members about the CCFSYD website and said potential new flyers have contacted the Fed through the website.
- President notified that SGR prizes have been posted on the website.

General business

- MTD, Warren Schofields asked if the liberation committee are communicating with locals on the ground across the flight path or just relying on BOM data - answer is yes the committee communicates with locals and receives weather information from them.
- MTD, Kevin Farrugia asked for an update on assessing the truck shutter speed, President advised that he has contacted Gerald, and if they cannot help we have

other options to assess it. Hoping to have a concrete update before the end of this season.

- MTD, Kevin Farrugia asked if any 2026 NW schedules have been received, President said only MTD so far and advised that any other submissions must be entered before the end of September.
- Dural, Andrew Grech asked if clubs can be required to submit race return data to the Fed so that it can be assessed and acted on, voted 10-0 in favour.
- LIV, Adam Archer spoke on behalf of a member who cannot understand why he is unable to race birds with counterfeit international life rings. President confirmed that it is correct that these rings cannot be raced on the CCF truck.
- Greystanes, Jason Grech submitted returns data from his club.
- Greystanes, Jason Grech spoke about how having two races on Derby day was very difficult for clubs and suggested that we do not do that again in the future.
- Greystanes, Jason Grech spoke about a member who was not able to basket for the YBD due to arriving late after the baskets were sealed and loaded, and suggested that a cut off time is published on the basketing instructions in the future to avoid anything like that happening again.
- Greystanes, Jason Grech asked why there was a 45 minute gap between the two races rather than 60 minutes as scheduled on Derby day - Adam Archer explained this was to ensure the longer coastal flyers have time to get birds home from the second race, factoring in the predicted slow speeds.
- Greystanes, Jason Grech mentioned the 2026 Greystanes Squeaker sale and submitted information regarding it.
- KPS, Bob Gates spoke regarding the Liberation Protocol and suggested that it is not suitable, and should be reviewed.

Meeting closed 8:54pm

Committee meeting

S Shears, A Archer, M Jeffrey, R Gates, R Coy, N Kapparos, D Cook, S Sultana, A Grech.

Guest A Caruana.

Apologies, D Gordon, N Achurch.

Opened 9pm

The committee discussed the liberation protocol.

- A Grech suggested removing the protocol from the constitution so that it can be more easily adjusted if necessary. R Gates suggested having it as an appendix to the racing rules.
- President said he'd ask for nominations for a protocol review committee, and suggested that perhaps the protocol should take into account the different routes rather than being a blanket rule.
- President confirmed that schedule submissions for next year must be in by end of September.

- A Caruana spoke about the birds being watered on the truck, and wanted to ensure the troughs are being filled to the top.
- A Archer explained that Thomas had no phone reception at Booligal for the ECN race, and President agreed to buy a Telstra SIM card to ensure we can contact him more easily from these remote race points.

Closed 9:40pm

Next Meeting Monday 1st September 2025