

Committee Performance

Now that we are one third through the race season I will provide an update on the performance of the federation committee. Committee meeting attendance has been very good with all committee members participating in the committee decision processes.

Initiatives undertaken so far include the following.

- Provision of water to the race birds at the basketing site. It is amazing to see how many birds are drinking before leaving Fairfield showground.
- Development and operation of a dedicated CCF website. We have over 21,000 visitors to the website in 16 weeks since officially launched. Appreciate time and effort from Andrew Grech and Alan Brown for the effort in maintaining and updating of the website.
- Establishment and uploading of liberation video system. Special thanks to Adam Archer for the trial and purchase of camera that he controls through the internet, then downloads for the website within minutes of the liberation.
- Progress to install cameras for the corridor of the liberation truck. Investigation has shown we are required to upgrade the existing marine batteries to maintain guaranteed operation of powered services like blinds, water pumps and cameras. A RV auto electrician was consulted who recommended lithium batteries with solar panel for truck roof. Special appreciation to Sam Sultana and Ryan Coy for their time and effort to providing the best solution. This will provide longer battery life and charging quality ensuring continuous service of trailer operation. To achieve the battery solution, we have decided to spend just over \$11,000 of our newly formed Future Fund for the battery upgrade. Supply and install of cameras will be covered mostly by the anonymous donation of \$5,000 from a CCF club.
- Utilisation of the liberation weather AI program that has been developed by Andrew Grech has been graciously offered to the liberation committee for gratia this year. This software will prove important to provide an objective review of BOM weather conditions on route and to CCF liberation protocols.
- I would like to mention that the liberation committee of Alex Caruana, Adam Archer and Ryan Coy have proven to work well together in providing consensus with liberations.
- Fed tossing has been well supported and will continue from Cowra while support continues. One mention that some members are overloading their baskets and creating WHS concerns for loaders. We recommend no more than 28 birds per basket.

- We have been posting a photo and biography on each fed winner on the website for members interested in learning about the weekly winners.
- David Gordon has negotiated a lower price for fed toss truck and liberator hire. Making cost being covered once we have 100 baskets.
- The constitution committee have been meeting every three weeks to update the constitution rules for today's racing. Special mention to Nick Kaparos, David Gordon, Mark Jeffery, Sam Sultana and Rob Gates for their time and effort to update the constitution.

Best Regards

Stephen Shears

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