



STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS & DISTRICT FEDERATION

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Dear Secretary

Although the 2010 YB season is only half way through I am already working on what the Federation should be doing in the 2011 season to benefit the membership and provide high quality racing at a realistic price and with equal opportunities for all.

I have already told you that the Committee are looking into the type of transporter we should be purchasing to replace our existing vehicle which is now coming to the end of its useful life and is beginning to cost the Federation an unacceptable amount of money for repairs etc and I will keep you informed of progress as and when we find what we are looking for.

But now we have another opportunity which I think will benefit all the membership and will go a long way towards protecting longer distance pigeon racing in our area.

Following the extremely successful Saintes race earlier in the season when we worked together with our friends in the North Staffs Federation, we have been looking into further developing that cooperation for the 2011 season. The proposal is that we should combine our resources for the water races (with the opportunity of having 4 races instead of 3 if that is what the membership would like) and the birds being transported in the North Staffs transporters and a single liberation as we did for the Saintes race this year.

Birdage costs would be the same for both Staffordshire Moorlands members and North Staffs members so individuals who are members of both Federations could send in either or both races at the same price – in other words there would be no price advantage for either of the two Federations members.

The result if this type of joining together would mean that the water races could be run without loss to either Federation and if the number of birds sent were sufficient the Prize Money could be very healthy indeed.

As far as the inland programme for Staffordshire Moorlands members is concerned this would be completely independent of the North Staffs with both Federations drawing up their own programmes as we do at the present time.

However if we do agree to go over the water in conjunction with the North Staffs the Staffordshire Moorlands transporters could then be used for an inland race on the same day, say from Frome or Poole, which would also be open to North Staffs members providing us with some additional income, some of which could go towards more prize money.

Naturally, whether or not we go across the water with the North Staffs, is a decision that must be made by the membership of our Federation as a whole (as must a similar decision by the North Staffs membership) so I am asking you to discuss this proposal with your club members as soon as practical and once you have made your decision I will call a full Federation meeting where a vote by all the clubs can be taken.

Any questions you may have can be asked of me by telephone and I will be delighted to provide the answers. My home number is 01260 223563 so just give me a call if anything is not clear.

As soon as you have had your club meetings and come to a decision please can you get in touch then I can arrange a date and time for a full Federation meeting.

Cheers for now

Brian

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