



Meeting Location: Moruya Racing Pigeon Club, Poultry Pavilion, Moruya Show Grounds, Moruya

Meeting Day & Date: Sunday 11th October 2020

Time Commenced: 12.30 pm

Members Present:

Mario Magrin, Tony Rogers, Barb Magrin, Manny Byrne, Darcy Hoyer, John Mette, Brett Anderson

Visitors Present:

Colin Page

Apologies:

Graham Ford, Greg Pound.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from Annual general Meeting held on Friday 20th March 2020 tabled.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes 20th March 2020- (including outstanding actions from previous meeting):

- MB to update Constitution and publish on web site - **completed**
- MB to notify SCF and RPI of vote outcome - **completed**

Auditors Report/Balance Sheet:

No audit has been completed for the club's accounts for this AGM. Now that we are an incorporated association I am required to complete a financial report to the NSW Dept of Fair Trading. That report will be provided to an auditor to allow the audit to occur once that reporting is completed.

Election of Office Bearers:

MM – All positions are vacated and nominations are now called for;

President –

MM nominated by DH, seconded by TR, no other nominations received, All in favour, nil against – CARRIED

Vice President –

MM nominated by MB, seconded by MM, no other nominations received, All in favour, nil against – CARRIED

Secretary/Treasurer –

MB nominated by DH, seconded by MM, no other nominations received, All in favour, nil against – CARRIED

Race Secretary –

MM nominated by MB, seconded by JM, no other nominations received, All in favour, nil against – CARRIED

Ring Secretary –

DH nominated by MM, seconded by JM, no other nominations received, All in favour, nil against – CARRIED



Publicity Officer –

BM nominated by MB, seconded by TR, no other nominations received, All in favour, nil against – CARRIED

Committee Members -

TR, JM and DH nominated by MB, seconded BM, nominations accepted. No other nominations received. All in favour, nil against – CARRIED

Liberation Committee –

MB and DH nominated by MM, seconded TR, nominations accepted. No other nominations received. All in favour, nil against - CARRIED

CONSTITUTION & RULES:

The South East Racing Pigeon Combine has become incorporated. This means that we have to comply with the model constitution as provided by the Department of Fair Trading NSW. As such we have to adopt the model constitution into our own.

MOTION

The model constitution as provided for by the Department of Fair Trading NSW be accepted and replaces the relevant sections in our existing constitution.

Moved By; Manny Byrne

Seconded By; Mario Magrin

Speakers for the Motion:

MB: We are now incorporated. The Incorporated Associations legislation in NSW states that where a conflict exists between a current constitution and the model constitution provided for by the Dept of Fair Trading, the model constitution applies. We should vote for this motion for that very reason.

Speakers against the Constitution: Nil

Vote & Result; All present voted in favour of the motion with nil against, Motion Carried.

MOTION 2

Some recent occurrences in the South East Racing Pigeon Combine caused the President to issue members warning notices without consulting its members. Normal meeting practice normally allows the Chair to take action to bring a meeting to order and to quell bad behaviour of attendees. That normal practice was challenged by a club member on the basis the warning notice was unconstitutional.

MOTION

The Chair of any meeting conducted for the South East Racing Pigeon Combine has the authority to issue a warning without consulting its members when a member or visitor's behaviour during the conduct of any such meeting in the Chair's opinion warrants it.

Moved by; Mario Magrin

Seconded; Manny Byrne

Speakers for the Motion;

MM: The Chair has the right to control a meeting and warn members about their behaviour during the conduct of that meeting. If the behaviour continues the Chair has the right to expel that member and then ask for members present to vote about any action taken to address that continuing bad behaviour.



Speakers against the motion; Nil

Vote & Result; All present voted in favour of the motion with nil against, Motion Carried.

MOTION 3

We are a small combine with limited membership. That means the number of pigeons being sent to races will always be small particularly when limits of about 30 birds per member have traditionally been applied. We all recognise the importance of coverage for our race birds and the importance of educating young birds early in a race season. Traditional bird limits in this combine have not allowed us as a combine to ensure race birds have more coverage and young birds are often not race educated before racing distances increase.

The Australian National Racing Pigeon Board (ANRPB) National Code of Practice states; The space allowance for each pigeon in a transport crate will depend on the time the pigeon is expected to be contained in that crate. Overnight confinement for liberation the following morning an allowance of 200cm² per bird is required. Confinement for longer periods which require the birds to be fed and watered in the crates an allowance of 300cm² is to be made.

Our Combine trailer has 20 individual compartments for the carriage of our racing pigeons. Each compartment is 118 cms wide, 60 cms deep and 21 cms high. The square area of each compartment is 118cm x 60cm = 7080cm². 7080cm² divided by 200 = 35 (35.4). 7080cm² divided by 300 = 24 (23.6). Applying the ANRPB space allowance for each compartment our Combine trailer can carry;

20 x 35 = 700 pigeons for overnight confinement

20 x 24 = 480 pigeons for longer periods of confinement

The following table illustrates the number of pigeons each member could enter into a race in our Combine based on the figures above;

Number of Members	Overnight Confinement (700 Birds)	More than one night confinement (480 Birds)
5	140	96
6	116	80
7	100	68
8	87	60
9	77	53
10	70	48
11	63	43
12	58	40

MOTION

The bird limit for any race conducted by the South East Racing Pigeon Combine shall be determined by;

- 1. The number of fliers**
- 2. The period of confinement (overnight or longer)**
- 3. The space available in the club's transport in accordance with the recommendations made by the Australian National Racing Pigeon Board for the transport of racing pigeons.**

Moved by; Manny Byrne

Seconded by; Mario Magrin



Speakers for the motion;

MB: We have the room to take extra pigeons. We have a responsibility to ensure all our pigeon are properly educated early in the race season to give them every chance of getting home when racing.

Speakers against the motion; Nil

Vote & Result; All present voted in favour of the motion with nil against, Motion Carried.

MOTION 4

During 2020 the South East Racing Pigeon Combine teamed up with Racing Pigeons Illawarra (RPI) RPI transported the birds. RPI had an open bird limit however the South East Racing Pigeon Combine limit remained at 30 in those races to comply with our own rules.

MOTION;

The bird limit for any racing participated in by the South East Racing Pigeon Combine when the transporting federation or combine is not the South East Racing Pigeon Combine will be whatever that transporting federation or combine determines.

Moved by; Manny Byrne

Seconded by; Mario Magrin

Speakers for the motion; Nil

Speakers against the motion; Nil

Vote & Result; All present voted in favour of the motion with nil against, Motion Carried.

MOTION 5

The South East Racing Pigeon Combine currently allows the use of STB clocks by its members if they choose to do so. The use of STB clocks is outdated and has been replaced by the use of electronic clocks. The level of knowledge about the use of STB clocks in the South East Racing Pigeon Combine is almost non-existent.

MOTION

Only electronic clocks will be used by all members of the South East Racing Pigeon Combine when timing in race pigeons. Each club that forms part of the SERPC will determine on their own the electronic system each and every member of that club will use.

Moved by; Manny Byrne

Seconded by; Mario Magrin

Speakers for the motion;

MB – Pigeon Racing has moved on from old and outdated timing systems. Supplies for STB clocks are getting harder to find. Expertise in the use of these clocks has all but disappeared. This Combine has helped members in the past implement a layby system to purchase electronic timing systems and will obviously do the same into the future should financial circumstances permit.

Speakers against the motion; Nil

Vote & Result; All present voted in favour of the motion with nil against, Motion Carried.

MOTION 6

The Combine's current constitution states;

2. During any scheduled racing season the members of the SERPC INC. will, at a minimum, conduct a meeting every four (4) weeks.

3. At any other time the members of the SERPC INC. will meet on a needs basis but at a minimum of every eight (8) weeks.

On some occasions during 2020 this requirement was not able to be met mainly because of time constraints.



MOTION;

Meetings for the South East Racing Pigeon Combine will be conducted on a needs basis where any matters that require the attention of the membership need to be dealt with.

Moved by; Manny Byrne

Seconded by; Mario Magrin

Speakers for the motion; Nil

Speakers against the motion; Nil

Vote & Result; All present voted in favour of the motion with nil against, Motion Carried.

MOTION 7

MOTION;

The current constitution and all the current rules of the SERPC Inc. with the alterations adopted today are adopted from this date until the conduct of the SERPC Inc. next AGM.

Moved by; Manny Byrne

Seconded by; Mario Magrin

Speakers for the motion; Nil

Speakers against the motion; Nil

Vote & Result; All present voted in favour of the motion with nil against, Motion Carried.

General Business:

Bird limit for racing when we take our own birds ;

General discussion about costs for taking own birds after a certain number in race team was reached.

MOTION:

The basket fee for a racing team when racing and liberating on our own is for 50 pigeons regardless of how many birds up to 50 you send and any number of pigeons sent by a flier after 50 pigeons up until their bird limit is reached will be 20 cents a bird.

Moved by; Manny Byrne Seconded by; Mario Magrin

Speakers for the motion; Nil

Speakers against the motion; Nil

Vote & Result; All present voted in favour of the motion with nil against, Motion Carried.

Surplus bird limits and costs;

Due to new limit rules in place there is no provision for surplus birds as all birds sent are part of the race team.

2021 schedule and route;

Proposed 2021 schedule presented for North route with SERPC Inc. conducting its own transport and liberations up to and including Wanda. Palm Beach onwards birds will be conveyed and liberated from Dapto to race point by RPI. SERPC Inc. will have to convey birds to Dapto. Liberation times etc to be determined. Costs will be as per meeting minutes of 30th August 2020 as follows:

- RPI racing north in 2021 with race season starting early June. **Membership will be \$150 and payable when called for in early 2021.**
- At this time RPI will provide a 12 race program to 600 plus kms with longer races after that distance x 2 at the end of the season being self-supported.
- Their races will start from Palm Beach.



- The cost of racing with RPI next season will be $12 \times \$50 = \600 which includes fuel expenses to cover costs of transporting birds from club house to Dapto.
- Race Fees are due in full before the first RPI race.
- At this time SERPC will provide a 6 race program, 2 x Sussex Inlet, 2 x Bass Point and 2 x Wanda in 2021.
- The cost for racing SERPC in 2021 will be $6 \times \$50 = \300 .
- This includes a driver payment.
- There will be a roster for the drivers/liberators for our 6 races.
- If you do not take the pigeons you will be charged the whole \$300.
- If you take your rostered turns you will be refunded the \$120.00 at the end of our 6 race schedule before going on board with RPI.
- Anyone who takes the pigeons away in this 6 week racing schedule when it is not their rostered turn will be paid \$20.00 for each member who is flying that 6 race schedule.
- Race fees are due in full before the first SERPC race.
- Membership for the SERPC will be \$40.
- The membership will not be due until 1/7/21 so we can align membership with legal obligations of being an incorporated association.

MOTION:

The 2021 North Schedule tabled at this meeting is accepted as the SERPC Inc. racing schedule for 2021 racing season.

Moved by; Mario Magrin Seconded by; Darcy Hoyer

Speakers for the motion;

MM: Manny and I will arrange for transport of birds from Moruya to Dapto when required. Roster for our driver to races up to and including Wanda will be completed starting from flying member who lives furthest south.

Speakers against the motion; Nil

Vote & Result; All present voted in favour of the motion with nil against, Motion Carried.

ACTION: MB to publish 2021 North Race Schedule on Combines pigeonrace.net web site.

MM

Would like to thank everyone for contributing to the Combine in some way during 2020. It was a difficult year with bush fire then Covid 19. I would particularly like to thank Barb and Manny for their extra efforts to make sure the Combine runs smoothly.

We are always on the lookout for a driver for liberations with a vehicle provided. If you know of anyone please let us know.

DH

Will need more drinkers for trailer if we are going to be using more bays. MB – Drinkers we need only available overseas. I had trouble in past getting someone to send to Australia. I will look again and if reasonable will organise purchase of further drinkers for trailer.

MOTION:

Sufficient drinkers suitable for use on Combine's trailer be purchased and paid for by the Combine, including the payment of freight for overseas supply.

Moved: Manny Byrne Seconded: Darcy Hoyer

No speakers for or against the motion. All present voted in favour of the motion with nil against –



CARRIED.

ACTION: MB source and pay for extra drinkers for Combine's trailer.

TR

Presentation for this year. JM will contact Bodalla Bowling Club and book for Sunday 15/11/2020.

ACTION: JM to book Bodalla Bowling Club for presentation day commencing about 11.30 am on Sunday 15th November 2020.

Outstanding Actions:

- MB to amend Combine's Constitution in line with the successful motions from this AGM today
- MB to publish 2021 North Race Schedule on Combines pigeonrace.net web site.
- MB source and pay for extra drinkers for Combine's trailer.
- JM to book Bodalla Bowling Club for presentation day commencing about 11.30 am on Sunday 15th November 2020

Time Meeting Closed: 1.35 pm