



**Meeting Location:** Moruya Racing Pigeon Club, Princes Highway, Turlingah

**Meeting Day & Date:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (20/01/2018)

**Time Commenced:** 10.20 am

**Members Present:**

Bruce King, Graham Ford, Greg Pound, Darcy Hoyer, Mario & Barbra Magrin, Manny Byrne.

**Visitors Present:**

Not Applicable

**Apologies:**

Paul Lanyon, Brenda Stone

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

N/A - extraordinary meeting re race route for 2018.

- Meeting called to discuss and vote on race direction for 2018.
- Bruce King opened meeting, stating SCF race schedule for 2018 is not finalised however they are flying north. SPF will follow suit after SCF finalises race schedule for 2018, with a proposed start date for SCF 19/05/2018 from Berowra. If we go north we have to start last week of April or first week of May 2018.
- At next SCF meeting issue of earlier release times will be raised and voted upon once they pass their 300 km mark but there is no guarantee this will happen. Flying north will mean Manning Point is our furthest race point unless club members want to send bird further with SCF and SPF.
- Flying South will mean Welshpool is about 500 km to Bruce KING. Has spoken to Ian Price of SPF who stated it would logically be better for our club to fly south however Bruce KING had concerns about re-joining SPF should something go wrong. Ian Price told Bruce King our club would always be welcomed back. Bruce KING has concerns that Illawarra may not fly whole season thus impacting on our clubs race season.
- Mario Magrin stated some fliers from Illawarra area flying with both groups thus north and south and that Illawarra group definitely flying Saturdays.
- Bruce King stated that when SCF go south Illawarra will go north and if we go north with Illawarra we will have to get our birds to Dapto or Nowra.
- Mario Magrin stated he would like to see the club go south to get a good season under our belts and that he too would like to fly north at some stage and that by joining the Illawarra group we will be part of a federation.
- Darcy Hoyer wants to go south unless we can guarantee earlier release times with SCF and SPF when going north.
- Bruce KING stated there will be issues no matter who we decide to go with. We will be voting on traditional SCF and SPF release times and that we can vote today or wait until SPF meeting is conducted during February 2018 before deciding as a club what



group and direction we go. If we do go south there will be a proposal put forward to change our first race point from Bermagui to the Tathra Wharf look out.

- Graeme Ford concerned about housing and care of our birds if we go with Illawarra group. Also concerned about our pigeons running into pigeons flying from opposite direction.
- Bruce King added that flying south would be good for new fliers but we fly as a club and not for individuals.
- Bruce King added he does not vote unless the vote is locked at which time he as President gets to cast deciding vote.
- Manny Byrne stated that we have to assume release times for SCF and SPF will be similar on north line as previous years and not assume that they will change release times to an earlier time.
- Vote conducted. Paul Lanyon submitted a written vote in his absent - North. Mario Magrin - South, Darcy Hoyer - South, Graeme Ford - North, Manny Byrne - North, Greg Pound - abstained from voting.
- Mario Magrin asked if members can fly in both directions and with both groups. Bruce King stated yes that can happen and is up to individual members.

- **North - 3 votes, South 2 votes - Moruya Racing Pigeon Club will remain with the SCF and SPF and fly north in 2018**

Meeting Closed 11.10am

Next Meeting: March 2018 - date to be advised.