



### 100 years of Pigeon Racing

President: *Jeff Sheppard* Secretary: *Julie Hider*

#### SCF Committee Meeting (11)

held on Wednesday, 1 November 2023 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Fraternity Club Roma Room

**Record of Attendance:** Jeff Sheppard, Bill Hider, Steve Saywell, Alec Krkovski, Dave Miller, Julie Hider (minutes)

**Telephone:** Trevor Gasseling

**Apologies:** Luca Krkovski, Wayne Gallagher

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on Wednesday, 4 October 2023 was read to the SCF Committee

Moved: Steve

Seconded: Bill

#### Business arising from the Previous Minutes

ACTION10.1: Stray pigeons need to be discussed at the AGM 2024. Julie to add to the Agenda document for the 2024 AGM. COMPLETED – Alec wanted to let all SCF members know that everything you say to people/vets is recorded. He recently had to sign a statement to have a pigeon released from a vet with everything he had said, agreeing that he would be responsible to return the pigeon to its owner and to advise them when this had happened.

ACTION 10.2: Julie and Bill to send a copy of freight owing to each club. COMPLETED – along with refund emails.

ACTION 10.3: Jeff to ask Rick to take the SCF Truck to Marciano's on Friday morning. COMPLETED - Water tank has been fixed, the tank has now been reinforced and should not leak anymore. Andrew Phillips, Auto electrician has looked at the water pump. There is an isolation switch to stop the battery from going flat. It was thought that the isolation switch was turned off when the battery was flat. This will need to be checked during the off season.

ACTION 11.1: Steve to report on whether the Auto electrician was able to find the cause of the battery going flat.

ACTION 10.4: Steve to check the back door to see how it is closing and have fixed, if necessary. COMPLETED

ACTION 10.5: Steve to organise, Andrew Phillips, Auto electrician, to fix the reversing camera before next year. COMPLETED – Andrew has checked out the reversing camera and replaced the cable from the display to the camera. Once he put it back together, it only worked intermittently. Andrew will get another camera to see if the camera is the problem, otherwise Dwyers may need to check the display for faults. It will be a process but should be fixed by next week.

ACTION 11.2: Steve to report on whether the reversing camera has been fixed at the Saturday, 3 February 2024 Committee Meeting

**ACTION 10.6:** SCF Committee to move a Motion at the AGM 2024 – Pointscore, if there are less than 25% of SCF Members competing in a Race, the Race will not accrue Pointscore Points. COMPLETE

**ACTION 10.7:** SCF Committee to move a Motion at the AGM 2024 – Pointscore, that only the top 20 flyers each week will accrue points in the Weekly SCF Pointscore. This will mean that the CURRENT SCF Racing By-Law 2023 Number 47, 48a, 48b, 48c as shown below will need to be amended/replaced:

- 47.** The Weekly SCF Pointscore system to be determined by the following allocation of points:  
Flyers are awarded points corresponding to their actual finishing position in that Federation Race.
- 48a. Flyers not flying that SCF Race are awarded the corresponding points for the maximum number of SCF flyers for that season.
- 48b. Flyers not clocking in a SCF Race are awarded the corresponding points for the maximum number of flyers in that SCF Race.
- 48c. Positions are determined with the lowest points the winner.

The NEW/REPLACEMENT SCF Racing By-Law 2023 Number 47, 47a, 47b, 47c to read as per the following:

47. The Weekly SCF Pointscore system to be determined by the following allocation of points:  
The top 20 flyers are awarded points corresponding to their actual finishing position in that Federation Race.
- 47a. Flyers not flying that SCF Race will not be awarded any points.
- 47b. Flyers not clocking in an SCF Race are not awarded any points.
- 47c. Positions are determined with the highest points to the winner ie
- 1<sup>st</sup> = 20 points
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> = 19 points
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> = 18 points
  - 4<sup>th</sup> = 17 points
  - 5<sup>th</sup> = 16 points
  - 6<sup>th</sup> = 15 points
  - 7<sup>th</sup> = 14 points
  - 8<sup>th</sup> = 13 points
  - 9<sup>th</sup> = 12 points
  - 10<sup>th</sup> = 11 points
  - 11<sup>th</sup> = 10 points
  - 12<sup>th</sup> = 9 points
  - 13<sup>th</sup> = 8 points
  - 14<sup>th</sup> = 7 points
  - 15<sup>th</sup> = 6 points
  - 16<sup>th</sup> = 5 points
  - 17<sup>th</sup> = 4 points
  - 18<sup>th</sup> = 3 points
  - 19<sup>th</sup> = 2 points
  - 20<sup>th</sup> = 1 point

COMPLETE

**ACTION 10.8:** A Special General Meeting needs to be organised following the numerous calls from concerned members and the letter from Shellies-Lake. It was proposed that a Special Meeting could be held on Friday, 6 October 2023 at Warilla as members will be meeting for the National Loft Auction that night. GENERAL BUSINESS

Moved: Jeff

Seconded: Alec

**SCF & SPF 2023 REFUNDS** - Due to a number of factors we are able to refund the SCF and SPF members 25 cents per bird over the year. In addition, we cancelled two (2) races which had a budget of \$3,000 (fuel, accommodation, expenses) where 1,932 birds could have been raced resulting in a refund of approximately \$1.56 per bird. Factors for the refund include:

- The new SCF Truck’s fuel consumption costing less than first anticipated;
- The generosity of Towradgi Pigeon Club paying all the Sydney Tolls for the year ie \$2,021.48;
- Our driver, Rick, not staying in a motel for the first three (3) races.

Sincere thanks to Towradgi for their assistance with the tolls this year, Rick for driving those long days and helping out when the truck needed to be serviced/fixed and to Steve for his budget calculations! Special thanks to Wayne Gallagher for stepping in and assisting in the driving too!

<b>SCF &amp; SPF 2023 FREIGHT AND RACE REFUNDS SUMMARY</b>	
2023 Freight @ \$1.50 per pigeon	\$44,668.50
LESS Amended Freight Cost @ \$1.25 per pigeon	-\$37,223.75
<b>REFUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,444.75</b>
ADD Cancelled 2 Races (\$3,000)	\$2,998.32
<b>TOTAL REFUNDS</b>	<b>\$10,443.07</b>
LESS Freight Balance Owing from Clubs	-\$4,603.50
<b>TOTAL REFUNDS FOR 2023 (LESS BALANCE OWING)</b>	<b>\$5,839.57</b>

Moved: Jeff

Seconded: Dave

**Correspondence Received**

4 October 2023 – Email from Stephen Saywell, Invoice 355934 from Mick Marciano, MM Asset Group - 300 litre stainless steel water tank supplied and fitted, \$4,565.

5 October 2023 – Email from Stephen Saywell to Frank Rascilla, Treasurer, Towradgi Pigeon Club. List of tolls for the year and final total remaining of \$892.55

Total Tolls for the year:                 \$2,021.48

7 October 2023 – Email and phone call received from Barrie Yeaman, Dapto Pigeon Club, regarding the Special General Meeting held on Friday, 6 October 2023 for the change of racing direction in 2024:

Morning Juile,

Could you please supply me with the information listed below as soon as possible

1. Minutes of last nights special meeting 2. The South Coast Pigeon Federation Inc Association number as registered with the Department of Fair Trading

Regards  
Barrie Yeaman

12 October 2023 – Response email from Julie to Barrie: Thank you for your email on Saturday and phone call on Tuesday. Can you please put your requests to the SCF Committee through your Club Secretary?

18 October 2023 – Response email from Barrie to Julie:

Good Afternoon Julie,

Thank you for returning my email, unfortunately I do not agree with your response in regards to obtaining the information that I requested.

I would like to refer you to Model Rules for Incorporated Association

Item 40 Inspection of Books

The records, books and other documents of the Association must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the Association at any reasonable hour.

I have over the weekend obtained a copy of the Special Meeting minutes held on 6th October 2023, the association number is not required for me to continue my enquires.

Regards  
Barrie

18 October 2023 – Response email from Julie to Barrie - Thank you for pointing out the Model Rules of Incorporated Association regarding obtaining the information. However, some time ago, the SCF Committee asked members to put all requests through their club secretary as we were receiving many requests from individual members.

FYI - The SCF Association Number is available to anyone with internet access through the NSW Fair Trading's NSW Incorporated Associations Register.

13 October 2023, Email from Andrew Szalai, regarding the Ballot of SCF Members for Flight Direction in 2024:

Morning Julie.

We have a few flyers returning next year, with a couple of new flyers. Are these new flyers allowed to vote on this topic?

I would say no as they are not financial members of the SCF as yet, but I just want to make sure that I have this correct.

13 October 2023 – Response from Julie to Andrew - If the previous flyers are happy to pay their associate fee of \$10 they can vote, however, the new flyers would need to apply for associate membership by filling out the attached form, pending approval by the SCF Committee before they can vote.

So glad to hear we are getting more flyers!

16 October 2023, Email from Gallagher Truck Insurance - Webinar Invitation

23 October 2023, Email from Trevor Gasseling regarding the 2023 Dapto Breeders Plate and 2024 Sale Race Auction Dates:

**Sale 1 - Friday 3 November 2023**

**Sale 2 - Saturday 2 December 2023**

**Sale 3 - Friday 5 January 2024**

Hi all

Please find attached a flyer with the sale dates for entering birds into the 2024 Dapto Breeders Plate. I have also attached a copy of the race rules.

The 2023 Race was won by Aidan Cavill with a cock rung with an IGBF ring he bought in the auction. Congratulations to Aidan and all the other prize winners.

Please find attached the full result, with the winning flyers and breeders showing the prize money that was won.

Club Secretaries, please forward this email to your members.

Cheers - Trevor  
Dapto Pigeon Club Secretary

26 October 2023, Email from Nick Norris (Insurance Broker), Account Executive, AJG AU Wangaratta Branch – Courtesy email to check-in regarding SCF Truck Insurance Policy

18 - 31 October 2023 – Emails and letters received from all clubs with results of SCF Ballot for Racing Direction in 2024:

<b>SCF Ballot for Racing Direction in 2024 - Summary</b>			
<b>Club</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>South-West</b>	<b>Abstain/ Not Available/ North</b>
Berkeley Invitation Pigeon Club	7		5
Dapto Homing Pigeon Club	3	4	3
Gwynneville Pigeon Society	6	1	
Shellies / Lake Pigeon Racing Club	6	9	
Towradgi Homing Pigeon Society Inc	8	2	1
Woonona-Bulli Pigeon Club	10		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>

ACTION 11.3: Julie to distribute the Results of the Ballot to the SCF Club Secretaries.

1 November 2023 – Email Resent to Club Secretaries with a reminder that entries need to be received by 31 January 2024:

22 September 2023 – Paul Gibbs, Australian National Racing Pigeon Board

Just re-sending this email as I haven't seen the Nomination Forms on your federation's website at the present time. Any members of your federation that may have pigeons eligible to be considered for one or both of the ANRPB's "Ace Bird of the Year" will be required to complete one of, or both of the official "Nomination Forms" attached and forward them to me by email. This will be great opportunity to have top performed/consistent birds recognized on a National basis. There are 10 award certificates to be given in each category with a Trophy for the Ace Bird in each of the categories.

## General Business

**SCF Truck Signage:** Alec signage for the truck, quote from Jones Signs \$350. The back of the truck is divided into three sections and could be difficult to design.

ACTION 11.4: Steve to ask his daughter, Lauren, who is a graphic designer to look at the design for the back of the truck.

**Trophies** – Steve reported that all the trophies have been completed \$144.70 and \$50 for one photo. Invoice to be paid.

**Baskets** - need to be cleaned on the truck and trailer, around 10 baskets.

ACTION 11.5: Jeff and Steve to organise a working bee at Bulli Showground to clean the baskets and store them at Bulli until next year.

**AGM** – Jeff has booked the room at the Fraternity Club for Saturday, 3 February 2024. SCF Committee Meeting will be held at 12.00 noon and AGM at 1.00 pm. No SCF Committee Meeting to be held during December 2023 and January 2024.

ACTION 11.6: Julie to send out Nomination Forms for SCF Committee for 2024 reminding members that the Forms must be received by the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the AGM. Julie to also remind Clubs to submit any Notices of Motions three (3) weeks prior to the AGM.

**SCF Truck Service:** Jeff was contacted by Skilton Truck Repairs, and he advised them that we now have a new truck which needs to be serviced by Dwyers or another accredited mechanic. Dwyers has serviced the truck for 10,000 kilometres.

Steve mentioned that the fuel consumption for our new truck was 19 litres of diesel for 100 kilometres, very economical for a 7 tonne truck, when compared to our previous truck which used around 30-32 litres of diesel per 100 km.

**SCF Rings:** Alec reported an increase in the sale of SCF Life Rings over the last few weeks which he thinks is because of the Ballot to change racing direction in 2024. Alec will send a list of Out of Area Rings to Julie.

**SCF Truck Accident:** The truck damaged some guttering at the Sawtell Motor Inn on 15 September 2023 and Rick received a letter from the Motel's Insurance Company. Rick took a lot of photos of the damage. A few scratches to the top of the truck but around 10 metres of guttering came off the building and needs to be repaired. Awaiting information for the cost of repairs. A Sawtell Plumber, Jason Price (who is a pigeon flyer) will quote for us. Bill wondered if it would be worth having a Squeaker Sale to raise money for the repairs. Steve thought there was enough contingency money to pay for the repairs.

ACTION 11.7: Julie to send photos of damage to Sawtell Motor Inn to Jason Price, Coastal Plumbing.

Meeting finished at 8.50 pm - Next SCF Committee meeting to be held on Saturday, 3 February 2024 at 12.00 noon

**SCF Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Saturday, 3 February 2024 at 1.00 pm**

## ACTION ITEMS – SCF Committee Meeting (10) held Wednesday, 1 November 2023

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