

# Minutes SCF Annual General meeting

**Meeting held** 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 at 1:00pm – Fraternity Club

**Present:**

Financial members of the SCF attended. As per attendance sheet.

John Koster presiding as the chairman.

**VALE**

There was a minutes silence for the members and past member that we had lost in the last year R. Bubb, B.MacGregor, Mrs Hay, A.McNiece, M.Halloran RIP

**Presidents report:**

Dear Members,

It is my pleasure again to bring you this report at the end of yet another successful year with our very capable committee. We have had difficulties with some of the races from which we have learned. Every season is different and weather patterns have tricked the most advanced metrologist's. Our volunteer liberating committee have tried their very best but we must understand that they do not control the elements that have confronted us on some occasions. Sorry, but I feel that we all have an obligation to trust and support our committee people as they are the heart and engines of our total administration. We are all human and make mistakes and with good and healthy support we can correct it for next time.

Congratulations are in order for the winners again with a very good mix throughout our total region with new and not so new getting in amongst the big ones.

Our presentation night was really well attended and enjoyed by all. We have to thank the Fraternity Club for giving us a very high quality selection of gourmet food that gave us no complaints and provided the satisfaction members deserve after a meaning full program.

A big thank you must go to our General secretary Christopher Bell for organizing the programs for the year and distributing the information quickly as it became available.

Thank you also to Frank Raschilla for the great job he did as Treasurer and reporting the accounts and making the appropriate account payments. The banks are not easy to get on

with these day whilst they have to put all the dots on the I's and we just have to do more running around to do the banking.

Warren Ashbolt acted as General Assistant Secretary and did whatever he was asked in a professional manner.

Thanks to Wayne Gallagher for doing the Ring Secretaries job and well assisted Warren Ashbolt working together to get the job done.

Thank you to Andrew Szalai for assisting as Vice President and showing us some of the talented skills he also possesses.

Stephen Saywell our Race Secretary and very competent former General Secretary/Treasurer was again a very important committee man that was helpful and efficient in the big job he had, Thanks a million Steve you did a great piece of work for the total membership.

Finally, let me say that it is important that we all learn to trust each other. Most of the distrust out there is just rubbish made up by members that hear things from people that make up these stories because they cannot get things to go their way and feel that they want to control more. Level out people and learn to trust your fellow members. Stop members from putting other members down, it is this material that looses us members that we badly need to help share the overheads so that the sport does not become unaffordable.

I personally think that we have a good bunch of members and we can grow again as a respected federation. Financially we are in good shape too.

Please report any back stabbing or anything that is unsavoury in our fed so the committee can deal with it, and they will.

I have written things as I see it and please note that I am not a politician in our sport but believe that it is time to say what we think if we want to go forward.

If there is some one that can do the job better than myself then you should come forward and do just that. The job is one of integrity and honesty with some promotional skill.

I would gladly see someone take over the position of President if it would enhance the federation. I have no reason other than to see the fed. Do well and go forward in bouncing leaps.

My I wish the new committee all the very best in the near future as they will have my support.

John Koster President.

SCF Inc.

The minutes of the previous AGM were read.

Moved P.Clarke 2<sup>nd</sup> D.Monteleone that the minutes read were a true copy – carried unanimously.

**Business arising from previous minutes.**

P.Breeze asked about if anything further had been done about the issue of using a normal clock(wind up style) to put a ets chip in if something went wrong with your ETS clock. **NO**

Moved D.Louth 2<sup>nd</sup> C.Hedley that the minutes be adopted – carried unanimously

**Treasurers Report:**

Firstly I would like to thank the six other members of the committee for there support,there time and there effort that is required to run the SCF.I would also like to thank the members of the Federation who gave me there support thought out the year.

Thankyou

- I have prepared the financial report in a true and fair view of the financial position as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011
- After allocating \$ 11202.00 to charity the profit for the year amounted to \$12905.72
- Bank balances increase from \$102064.62 to \$114970.34 which includes two Term Deposits.Term Deposit (1) \$ 49282.89 and Term Deposit (2) \$ 25000
- Liabilities include:

IGBF Rings 2012	\$1967.00
LD funds	\$8337.00
Total	\$10304.00

**Business arising from Treasurers Report**

D.Miller asked about why the 5% income from combines didn't show.

Answer was that it comes under the heading of combine income and that in the Fed race secretary book it is noted.

D.Miller also asked about the income from those sponsors that were on the 2011 Schedule.

Didn't receive and monies from any of them.

D.Miller asked about the income from the term deposits.

Was stated that it was rolled straight over into the term deposit.

D.Miller ask why the SCF presentation is losing money.

The SCF committee thought that it would encourage more members to attend the presentation if we sponsored the event.

I.Sunlay asked about the difference between the misc items from this year to the previous year. Basically we have got better at our book work.

D.Glover asked about the difference in the cost of the life rings.

We didn't order as many as we have done in the past.

G.McEwen asked about why we didn't get the grant money.

Too many organizations and someone had to miss out. But we will try again this coming year.

Treasurers report excepted. Moved J.Swan 2<sup>nd</sup> D.Miller

### **Election of officers:**

Written nominations were presented for the positions of:

President	John Koster/J.Swan
Vice President	D.Cavill/J.Sheppard
Treasurer	Frank Rachilla/D.Thompson
Secretary	C.Bell/D.Miller
Assistant Secretary	Warren Ashbolt/K/Pearson
Race Secretary	G.Wiktor
Ring Secretary	D.Louth/P.Breeze

The following is the result s of the voting of the positions.

President                      John Koster 36 /J.Swan 17

Vice President                J.Sheppard 39/ D.Cavill 15

Secretary                      C.Bell 36/ D.Miller 18

Treasurer                      Frank Rachilla unopposed as D.Thompson withdraw

Assistant Secretary        Warren Ashbolt 37/ K.Pearson 15

Race Secretary                G.Wiktor unopposed

Ring Secretary                P.Breeze 31/ D.Louth 23

**Notice of motion:**

**Motion 1: Numbers in Race basket be increased.**

Daniel spoke about his reason. Same as what is on the motion

**Motion 2: Federation Delegate system come back into place.**

Daniel spoke about his reason. Same as what is on the motion

J.Koster spoke about his past experience of the delegate system.

J.Koster also stated that if anyone wished to attend a Fed Com meeting they may.

But only to listen and no talk.

K.Macdonald spoke against the motion.

P.Breeze spoke about the fact that not all members have the internet, but he doesn't agree with the motion.

D.Monteleone spoke against the motion. He believes that it's up to the club

Secretaries to get the information out to their members once they receive it from the Federation Secretary.

**Motion 3: Moving of the SCF Southern Breaking point.**

S.Saywell spoke about the new break point.

D.Miller spoke about where he believes the birds track, doesn't agree with the new point.

**Motion 4: Removal of rule No 32.**

C.Bell spoke about his reasons. Same as what's on the motion.

D.Whitehead spoke against the motion, he believes that we should be reducing our basketing points.

D.Glover spoke for the motion. We already pay the money up front.

W.Gallagher spoke for the motion, security and the age of the membership.

R.Bird discussed the issues that the old Lake club had in the past with this rule.

**Motion 5: Change current point score.**

A.Cavill spoke for.

**Motion 6: Change from breaking point to direct Survey.**

A.Cavill spoke for.

Was decided to let this one go with minimum discussion as it has been discussed

Many times before and nothing new would come of any talks now.

**Motion 7: Allow individuals to basket their own birds in 1 basket.**

R.Whitehead spoke for the motion.

Discussed the diseases that are currently going around and what they are doing overseas.

D.Monteleone spoke about the motion. While he accepts the health side he can

See issues with costs and personalities.

P.Breeze also spoke about the animosity it could cause between people.

**Motion 8: Allow baskets to be stacked at discretion of driver**

W.Whitehead spoke about the ability for cleaning the truck.

Have some trust in the driver and how he allocates space for the baskets.

Circulation of the air in the truck.

D.Glover stated that if the thruck was the issue why aren't we losing birds from the 1<sup>st</sup> race to the last.

A.Szaki asked how come all of a sudden the truck is no good after 10years

A.Kerr spoke about when they got the truck, also explained some of the things they have done. Explained how they have used CO2 instruments to measure how much is in it. Results were favourable.

D.Montoleone believes that a lot of the problem is in peoples backyard.

**Motion 9: Allow baskets to be stacked on one side belonging to one club.**

R.Whitehead spoke about te issues that his club has with loading both sides.

Lighting, neighbours and the age of their membership.

I.Sunlay thought that Tow had loaded on 1 side in the past.

D.Cavill said that if the motion gets in than all clubs must be treated the same.

**Motion 10: That J.Koster be given life membership**

P.Breeze and A.Kerr spoke about the effort and commitment that John has

Shown towards the SCF over the many years. The only thing was that he could make his speeches little shorter.

**Life membership voted on and passed**

**General Business:**

R.Whitehead believes that the SCF should have limited pick up points.

As this would save the driver time and also save the SCF money.

R.Whitehead brought up about being able to change routes if need be.

R.Whitehead brought up about putting a group together to look into a vehicle that can be driven by someone with a general licence. Also as a backup if something went wrong with the truck.

A.Kerr suggested that a motion go up to the membership off the floor to have the committee investigate the truck and look into another vehicle.

D.Motoleone also spoke in favour of the above comments.

I.Sunlay suggested that we buy a unit that can go on eth back of a hired vehicle.

**Motion.**

*That the SCF committee investigate all aspects of the truck in regards to ventilation, watering and feeding systems. Also that the SCF committee look into another vehicle for pigeon transport.*

Moved A.Kerr 2<sup>nd</sup> P.Clarke      Passed

I.Sunlay spoke about the tossing of winning pigeons. He suggested that if this is to be done than the race's should be nominated before the start of the season. Should be controlled and not random.

W.Glover spoke about special races and supporting these events can be hard, especially if you only nominate x amount but on that particular day you may have more than your nominated amount to go. The committee should look into making an excepting for these special races only.



P.Clarke spoke about the start of the race schedule and that he believes it is too early.

A.Kerr asked for the following motion.

*That the SCF committee review the start date of the 2012 season, due to the predicted weather patterns and that most likely most people won't have their birds ready.*

Moved A.Kerr 2<sup>nd</sup> P.Clarke Passed

J.Koster thanked A.Kerr and his team for the top effort they have done with the charity race.

R.Whitehead asked about PVM1 and if the DPI had been in contact.

C.Bell answered "Not lately"

Secretary asked the membership if they were happy to receive Federation information etc. via the club secretary's. D. Monteleonie stated that this would be easier and quicker for all. All members present in agreement.

Meeting closed 3.45pm

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