

Minutes SCF Special Meeting

Meeting Held: 30th June 2012 at – Fraternity Club meeting opened 210pm.

Present See attendance sheet. 60 in attendance

Apologies: none

John Koster opened the meeting thanking all in attendance. John explained the reasons for the meeting and the reasons behind the Committee's decision in regards to obtaining and paying for the vaccine. John explained why we must all stick together and vaccinate together. That we all need to cooperate and support each other thru this.

John handed over to Chris Bell.

Chris discussed the hand outs that were given out at the start of the meeting. Informed the membership of the success of the trails in Victoria.

There were many questions asked. The following are some of the questions.

- How do we vaccinate?
- Will it affect my birds in any way?
- Can I still loft train my birds?
- Shouldn't we wait until we know for sure that this PPMV is the same as what Victoria has?
- Can the vaccinated birds mix with unvaccinated birds?
- Can vaccinated birds still get sick?
- Are we planning to race too early?

All questions were answered to the best of the committee's knowledge. With a lot of the information coming from Dr Walkers trials and info provided from NSW DPI and Dr Marshall. The membership overwhelmingly supported the committee's decision to order and pay for the PVM vaccine and 6 guns. The members were informed that it would be picked up Tuesday afternoon and available Wednesday Morning from either John Koster residents or Chris Bell's.

There were a couple of motions put up, they are as follows.

Motion 1. Those that don't vaccinate don't go on the SCF truck.

Moved W.Gallagher 2nd B.Lamers

There was speakers for and against with much debating taking place.

Vote taken 55 for and 5 against motion passed

Motion 2. No pigeons to be brought back via the SCF truck if they are lost as from 30th June 2012.

Moved B.Yeamon 2nd P.Clarke

Once again there were some great discussions which did get a tad heated at times.

Vote taken 3 for and 57 against motion failed

While on the topic of the truck, D.Whitehead spoke upon the following.

- Suggested that we could build a small carry cage under the back of the truck to put any returning strays into. This is to be investigated further.
- The cleanliness of the truck leaves a lot to be desired. While we have this enforced break we should get a working bee together and give it a good clean inside and out.

There was a short Utube clip shown of how to vaccinate the birds, this was one that the Coopers from England have put up. The following is the link for those that wish to watch further.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nu6IEUIATSQ>
or just type in *vaccinating pigeons for PMV*

John Koster than informed the membership of Lea Sylvesters illness.

John than spoke about the possible resumption date for racing if all things go to plan.
Start date 11/8/12 with Karuah.

Daniel Cavill spoke about the 1st race being too far for birds that have been rested for 6 odd weeks. Other members also voiced a similar concern.

D.Monteleone spoke about the possibility of having double headers.

W. Gallagher spoke upon having another meeting when we know that racing will be able to resume. Than work out a schedule. It was thought that we could work out a schedule now and then make changes if need be later.

A.Kerr moved that the schedule be accepted. 2nd by D.Louth
Vote taken 54 for and 6 against

W. Gallagher asked about refund if person choice not to race. If you choice not to race there will be no refund.

P.Breeze spoke about the charity race.

Informed the members of the lucky door prize that J.Koster has donated for all that participate in the charity race. J.Koster has donated free entry plus freight into the South African race.

We also have 2 major sponsors this year, WV FM and channel 10.

Paul explained about the need for clubs to donate for the raffle hamper baskets. Please ensure all products donated are in date.

Meeting closed 4 pm