

Minutes SCF Annual General meeting

Meeting held 2nd February, 2013 at 1:00pm – Fraternity Club

Present:

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

Apologies: J.Koster, G.McEwon, G.Worthington, P.Clark

Jeff Sheppard presiding as the chairman.

VALE

There was a minutes silence for the members and past member that we had lost in the last year Leo Sylvester, Moley Foley, K.Lace, A. Tweddle, D.Tweddle. RIP

Presidents report: *As John Koster was absent with Apology this was read by C.Bell*

Dear Members,

This will be my last report as President as I am unable to perform this very important duty effectively due to several physical problems. It is important to do this position on the executive committee with total devotion; sadly this was not possible in the season just gone. I did only miss one meeting during 2012 where Jeff Sheppard took over the reigns.

I must apologize for not attending this AGM today as I am in Johannesburg South Africa for the occasion of the Million Dollar Pigeon Race which is on today 9friday 2nd.

Many thanks must go to the members that have supported me over many years in the sport.

Sadly we have lost 4 members this year, namely Mr. Foley, Mr. A Tweddle and son Donny Tweddle and Mr. Leo Sylvester. We acknowledge our sincere condolences to all their families and friends and they will all be sadly missed to the sport of pigeon racing with the South Coast Pigeon Federation Inc.

A committee that is put on the spot to make decisions will not always make everybody happy, which makes it a hard job for all those that serve the members. All the decisions that were made were taken in the best interest of the total membership. Decisions should always be made by the total membership to avoid any adverse repercussions and abuse of our resources.

PMV Virus spoiled part of the 2012 program and so there seems to be something every year that gives the committee a lot of extra work.

Thanks must go to all those that worked on the teams that vaccinated all the pigeons in our fed. Thank you to our Secretary Chris Bell for handling the reporting and writing some 72 letters during this period and also procuring the chicken vaccine for this work as directed by

President's report continued

the D.P.I. NSW. Thank you to all the committee members in their respective portfolios. Warren Glover accepted the position for Race Secretary and made sure that we had the results week after week, thank you for that big job well done Warren.

Frank Raschilla did his usual trying to balance his accounts on a day to day basis in this very responsible cell in the SCF, Thanks for that Frank.

As I write these notes we can put the three years on the North behind us and think of what we may have learned from it. The South will have its difficulties also but hopefully we may be able to get some distance racing in it. The thought of using the come-back system may help us prepare the birds better for the longer races.

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I want to thank Alan Kerr who has always been a sensible supporter for theca with vision that showed unselfish interest's including much for the less fortunate.

Alan also nominated me to life member with the SCF and for that I am extremely great- full.

Some discussions among members have been how the SCF should or could be structured in the future. We could abandon all club boundaries but still leave Clubs where they are today. Members could join other clubs but still only fly in one club; most would stay in their own club. Clubs should have no less than 7 flying members each race. Clubs may also decide to join together and this would be encouraged as it will reduce the pick ups.

There are a lot of benefits that can't go into this report and may be discussed later; this would depend on how the fast majority of members will look at this.

I want to wish all the Members a very successful future in this wonderful sport of racing pigeons. I know there are many really good sports in Australia however there in none better than our back-yard sport and hobby of racing our birds against one another.

I also wish you all to win fairly and honestly building up good relationships with one another. I still hope to race a few birds but must now leave the work to the many capable members that are still out there.

John J Koster President
Life member, SCF Inc

The minutes of the previous AGM were read.

Ian Sunlay had issue with wording of his comments from previous minutes. This was in regards to his comments about the tossing of birds after combines. Ian Stated that he said that it should be nominated on the Friday night of the basketing of the race so that people couldn't single out certain individuals if they didn't like them. The section in the minutes that Ian referred to is - ***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.***

There was a discussion between Ian and the Secretary as the Secretary felt that what had been written in the minutes was what Ian had stated last year. This was further supported by another member from the floor.

Moved R.Bird 2nd J.Cook that the minutes read were a true copy – carried unanimously.

Business arising from previous minutes.

None

Treasurers Report:

I have prepared the financial report in a true and fair view of the financial position as at the 31st December 2012.

- Bank balance had increased from \$114,747.34 in 2011 to \$116,078.31 in 2012 – an increase of \$1,330.97.
- Bank balance also includes two term deposits:
 - Term Deposit 1 - \$52,338.42
 - Term Deposit 2 - \$48,145.96
- In 2012, \$150000 was donated to the VHA Inc. towards a vaccine trial against PMV. This resulted n the committee spending another \$5,547.00 to purchase the vaccine against PMV and distribute at no cost to the members. A total of \$7,047.00 was spent for this cause.
- Liabilities include
 - IGBF rings 2013 \$1,562.00
 - Long Distance funds \$7,809.50

Total \$9,371.50

Business arising from Treasurers Report

D. Miller – Trailer needs to be added to the asset register.

D. Cavill asked about the miscellaneous refunds.

Treasurer explained about the mix up with the ANZ. Plus some refunds to clubs that had overpaid

D.Cavill asked about the extra cost of the rings.

Ring Secretary explained about how all parties involved went a third in the cost of the manufacturing of the new correctly marked rings.

N.Cavill asked where the PMV vaccine and donation monies show.

They show under miscellaneous.

Moved N.Cavill and 2nd D.Monteleone All in favor

Election of officers:

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

President	J.Sheppard - Unopposed
Vice President	D.Miller – Unopposed (<i>nominated off the floor</i>)
Secretary	C.Bell - Unopposed
Treasurer	Frank Rachilla - Unopposed
Assistant Secretary	Warren Ashbolt
Race Secretary	Warren Glover - Unopposed
Ring Secretary	P.Breeze - Unopposed

Notice of motion:

Motion 1: Removal of rule 32

32. Bird Numbers

There must be a minimum of 75 birds basketed in a club to enable the SCF Transporter to pick up from that club. Should there not be a minimum of 75 birds basketed then that club must either:

32a. Take their baskets to the nearest club for loading onto the Transporter and notify The Executive of the SCF Inc. of NSW of such.

32b. Take their birds to the nearest club for ringing and basketing and notify The Executive of the SCF Inc. of NSW of such.

Our reasons for this are.

1. The overall age of the membership is getting older.
2. The members of the SCF pay an upfront fee for the pickup and drop off of baskets. Thus they have already paid for this and there is no extra cost to the SCF.
3. We are not asking to remove rule 33 or any of its sub rules.

There must be four members of a club competing and present in an ordinary club race to enable any member of that club to have his combine race birds rung and basketed in their respective club.

Moved C.Bell 2nd W.Glover

Motion 2: Removal of club boundaries

Current rule reads

4. The SCF Committee shall be empowered to police all affiliated club boundaries. This is to ensure that all flying members compete within their club boundaries and to be able to restrict invitational, as well as old and new clubs from changing club boundaries without the SCF committee and affiliated club's approval.

This rule should be deleted as in the best interests of pigeon racing here in the South Coast Pigeon federation members SHOULDN'T be forced to fly in a club they don't feel welcomed in. A member may wish to apply with another club wether that club accepts them or not is up to the club involved and the flier ill fly under that clubs own conditions.

Moved D.Cavill 2nd N.Cavill

Motion 3: Change the price of IGBF rings from \$3 to \$5

IGBF rings sold at cost of \$3 per ring.

Change to \$5 per ring as of the next issue of rings for the 2014 race season.

There was 3 other notice of motions put in.

1. Removal of the administration %5 from all combines. This is a administration issue thus not a N.O.M. But the committee felt that it was in good order and have removed this from administration of combines.
2. Number of birds per basket. The committee presented documents outlining the reasons for the 22 bird per basket reasoning. Plus also the fact that this motion was defeated convincingly last year.
3. Changing of the champion of champion's race. It was felt that this issue could be dealt with directly by the members present as it is only a race rule, one which was originally added by an SCF committee many years ago. Billy Hider asked that it be changed to the top 15 in the club so as to reflect who the top fliers where. The committee asked the members if maybe it should be scrapped altogether. This was put to the members with people speaking for and against. Some believed that it gives the little guy a chance of racing directly against the gun fliers. The motion by the com to remove C of C was squashed. Than we had further discussion about top 15 v's Club champion. After several speakers for and against a vote was taken with it all lock up. The president used his casting vote to break the deadlock and the C of C is to stay as it is.

General Business:

D. Monteleone asked if the numbers on the rings could be a little bigger.

J.Monteone asked about the size of the rings, inner and length.

Ring Secretary responded by explaining that there had already been some comments in regards to D. Monteleone's comment. Ring Sec explained that he had sent of some samples of our older rings and that we would receive samples before the order went ahead.

A.Kerr provided some information on a possible liberation site called Marlo, between Mallacoota and lakes Entrance. Says it is a very open place with accommodation etc. Asked that the COM take his suggestion on board.

D.Miller asked about the offer to use Mr Spillopuolus's residents for the longer races. There was discussion around conditions needing to be right and birds very far around the corner. Birds won't cross the snowies and if SE or E wind this will cause major issue's for the birds. This will need to be investigated further.

General Business Continued

J.Hammond asked about the start of the schedule, will it be Ulladulla or Moruya.

S. Sawyell J. Monteleone spoke about the importance and need of early education. Many other members agreed with their points.

W. Glover presented his findings in regards to North V's South time on the wing. P.Breeze and J. Cook spoke for a Moruya start. They reasoned that it's a similar time on the wing as the 1st north race as per W. Glover's presentation. Many members agreed with their points. *Secretary note-Northerners wanted Ulladulla/ southerners wanted Moruya start.*

The committee will take on board all comments before making a decision about the start of the schedule.

Schedules

D. Monteleone for a comeback program.

- Fliers can bring along late bred birds not having to rush them into racing or jump them any major distances.
- Opportunity for giving birds a break in the longer races.
- Week breaks between the young bird only combine's
- Injured birds can be returned to racing on a shorter race.

P.Breeze spoke against the comeback schedule. Believes that the birds should be raced straight thru. Isn't the right thing for the birds.

The general consensus is for the comeback style program.

I.Sunlay discussed his survey and believes that it's incorrect. Stated that he has had 3 people do his survey and they all believe it to be wrong as well. I.Sunlay also stated that he wasn't the only one and that there were other fliers that aren't happy. Secretary to check I.Sunlay's location on pigeon race net.

D.Cavill asked whether it would be possible to coordinate the release of our Tassy birds with the hop the water birds. The committee said no plus the organizer has indicated via D.Miller that this will not happen.

Truck side curtains

W.Ashbolt presented the material that will be used for the side curtains. All members present seemed pleased with the changes to be made.

D.Miller suggested we stay away from dark colours as it draws the heat.

J.Monteleone suggested that the off cut be keep and possible use it if bad weather around to keep out rain etc Maybe the use of Velcro to reattach once at liberation location.

D. White head spoke about the air flow and that this would help.

W.Ashbolt informed the members that there would be a working bee on the next 2 coming Saturdays to work on transporter and to remove the curtains.

W.Ashbolt and D.Whitehead presented one of the possible watering changes to the membership. Both discussed what they have looked at and what issues they have covered off. Extra water to go between the baskets. They would be put on before baskets loaded. When not in use they can be turned upside down. So self-cleaning.

F.Raschilla spoke about his concerns with having holes in the side of the baskets, birds putting heads out during loading of baskets. Integrity of the basket with pieces missing.

D.Monteleone suggest a G shaped water trough that could be used on the inside of the baskets This shape should prevent the birds from defecating in the water. P. Breeze also brought up his ideas for an internal water trough.

J.Monteleone said that he could try and see if he could get some quotes and compare to what we have already.

W.Ashbolt reported to the members about an incident with a small child putting his hand into the race baskets after untying the small door. It will be made mandatory that all clubs use cable ties on the small doors only so as to prevent this happening again.

A.Kerr suggested a charity that the SCF could support this year. He is doing a bike ride cancer and asked the committee to consider supporting this.

Meeting closed 3.25pm