

## Minutes SCF Special Meeting

**Meeting Held:** 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at – Berkeley Pigeon Club opened 735 pm.

**Present :**As per attendance sheet

**Apologies:** J.Koster, A.Kerr, T.Cooper, G.Worthington, S.Saywell, R.Berghius.

Jeff Sheppard presided over the meeting and explained that what we were here for.

Jeff then asked for people to speak for the straight thru schedule.

D.Cavill made the following points

- People know which way we are going, no going forward and coming back.
- Have tried this before off the North and it failed
- We have tried other ways with disastrous results.
- If we stick to this over the years we will get back to how they used to race the distance's in the SCF

F.Raschilla spoke for the comeback style.

- Spoke about last year's break and restart to the season and how much better the birds performed. Believes this is the reason we had more people than previous years go further with their birds.
- Allows people to nurse injured or dropped flight birds back into the schedule without jumping them a great distance or just stopping them altogether.
- Combine races are more split with races in between them allowing time to rest.
- Long distance racing, allows birds to be prepped for the longer race's better with some shorter races for conditioning.

D. Monteleone also spoke for the comeback schedule supporting F.Raschilla's comments above.

A.Zsara spoke for the straight thru.

- Need to have a smooth continuous moving up of the distance for education.

P.Clarke commented supported comments from D.Cavill and A.Zsara. But he also stated that he could see the positive in what F.Raschilla had put up.

I.Sunlay stated that the truck isn't for educating the birds on race days as that is what he believes a comeback style of schedule is looking at doing. The Sunday tosses are for that.

J.Cook Spoke for traditional

- Need to cement in starting date and schedule for future years.

W.Ashbolt spoke for the comeback.

- Stated some of his observations in regards to dropped flight birds and reported birds.

W.Gallagher about the lack of members present at the AGM and how the decision should have stayed as per what the AGM had indicated as they were the ones that bothered to turn up. He also re stated F.Rachilla's earlier comments in support of F.Raschilla.

I.Sunlay – Questioned the National weekend of only the 1 race, always have had 2 races.

J.Sheppard than asked the members to vote, the members **voted 19** for the comeback to stay and **25 for** the traditional.

SCF will be racing the traditional race program of straight thru.

J.Sheppard than raised the Sutherland proposal with C.Bell reading the Questions that Sutherland had put to the committee

J.Sheppard than asked for comments from the floor.

D.Glover believes that they should make their own until we have room in our baskets that way we aren't taking away from our members in the earlier races.

W.Glover mentioned that the drinker change will allow us more birds per basket which will make up for the space that Sutherland will use.

D. Monteleone stated that in 10 years we will be lucky to have 50 fliers and this is a good move.

A.Zsara stated that it would be pretty sad to knock back fliers. And he hopes that if the shoe was on the other foot maybe he could fly with them. Maybe down the track we could have combines.

J.Sheppard said that 2 motions will be put up and voted on.

1<sup>st</sup> motion was to accept Sutherland Pigeon Club.

This was carried 44 to 1

2<sup>nd</sup> motion was to NOT have Sutherland race as part of the SCF's Pointscore and combines.

This was passed 31 to 5 with 8 abstaining.

Furthermore the membership wished that any other NEW Sutherland Pigeon Club members will need to have SCF committee approval before be allowed to join. This is so no out of Sutherland area fliers join and blow our overall numbers out.

All members present in favour.

J.Sheppard than closed the meeting at 820pm.