

Minutes SCF Annual General meeting

Meeting held 1st February, 2014 @ 1:00pm – Fraternity Club

Present:

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

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

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 R.Berguis, J.Chinnock, M Emery(life member). RIP

Presidents report:

Jeff Sheppard gave the following report.

Firstly would like to thank all the members that attended todays AGM. Greatly appreciated. Jeff than thanks the committee for the great job that each and every one has done in the last 12 months in fulfilling their respective rolls.

Thanked the liberation committee for an excellent job this year and commented on how they have helped the membership save money in regards to hold overs by holding back basketing nights.

Thanked the clubs and their members for their input over the year, as without the input from clubs it would be very hard for us to run the Federation as successfully as we have.

Thanked the members for the way in which they have conducted themselves thru out the year when attending functions at different venues, as this shows a positive attitude to the general public.

Thanked S.Saywell for the time and effort he put into auditing the books of the SCF.

The minutes of the previous AGM were read.

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

Business arising from previous minutes.

None

After the minutes had been accepted and after all had no further issues arising from the previous minutes I. Sunlay then decided that there was an issue with the previous minutes. The Motion from last year in regards to changing or removing the Champion of champions was worded incorrectly by the secretary. . In the following part where it says "club" it should have read "Federation".

1. 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 were. 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. Then 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.

Treasurers Report:

I have prepared the financial report in a true and fair view of the financial position as at the 31st December 2013.

- Bank balance had decreased from \$116,078.31 in 2012 to \$110,666.96.
- Bank balance also includes two term deposits:
 - Term Deposit 1 - \$54,962.51
 - Term Deposit 2 - \$40,812.21
- In 2013 just over \$15,000.00 was spent on improvements to the transporter.
- Liabilities include
 - IGBF rings 2013 \$2,779.00
 - Long Distance funds \$7,209.00

Total \$9,988.00

Business arising from Treasurers Report

NONE.

Election of officers:

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

President	J.Sheppard - Unopposed
Vice President	D.Miller – Unopposed
Secretary	C.Bell - Unopposed
Treasurer	Frank Rachilla - Unopposed
Assistant Secretary	Warren Ashbolt -Unopposed
Race Secretary	Warren Glover - Unopposed
Ring Secretary	P.Breeze - Unopposed

Notice of motion:

Motion 1: Race birds to be liberated before 12pm on race days.

D. Cavill spoke for his motion with the following points.

Birds not in baskets all morning.

Up early home early

S.Saywell made the following points.

Confidence in the liberation committee to do their job correctly.

Allows the liberation Committee to adjust liberation times if required.

I.Sunlay steted that we need to be getting the birds up and out of the baskets ASAP otherwise the animal welfare mobs(RSPCA0 may start looking at us.

R.Bird asked why do the birds need to be up after 12pm.

S.Saywell responded the following.

Is his belief that the birds have less time to get lost when they are liberated later because they are looking for home.

S.Saywell also responded to I.Sunlays comment in regards to the RSPCA etc. *That whilst he was on the committee he had had dealings with these organisations and the DPI and had shown them our protocols and transport methods for the racing of pigeons and they had accepted.*

T.Gasselling commented that with this motion if the birds weren't up at 12pm and the skies cleared art 1pm than the birds would have to be held over regardless of conditions.

Motion 2: Direct Survey

G. Wiktor spoke for his motion with the following points.

Hurts the southern fliers as the results are manufactured and not a true indication of the velocities.

Do what the rest of the world do.

Following people spoke against the motion

W. Glover, S. Saywell.

Points made by these

Movers of the motion were asked why is it fair if that from Eden 2 fliers (at either end of the federation) using direct survey would have a distance of 17km apart, than at Welshpool the difference between them reduced to 15km. Why is that fair when the birds home along the same path up the coast in the home run.

Other to speak for the motion were D. Armstrong, A. Szara.

K. MacDonald spoke about his observations when he was liberator. He has liberated from both directions over many years. Stated at Welshpool he has seen the birds break into 2 mobs with some heading inland and the others heading to the coast.

There was many people speaking for and against with the usual discussions taking place.

Motion 3: Federation Combine Pointscore to be 1t 10 positions for all combines.

P. Breeze spoke for the motion saying that with the declining membership the Pointscore needs to reflect this.

General Business:

Secretary presented the Code of conduct for the membership. It will be sent out to all clubs with a sign off sheet for all members to acknowledge that they have read and understand. As explained code of conduct is not there to stop people from having fun, it is there so as to protect all members. This is now a standard practice in most community run organisations and is done in most business these day and age. We need to keep up with community expectations and hopefully encourage new fliers into the sport.

Ring Secretary asked that all club secretary's please provide the mobile numbers of member that have them. As this will help greatly in the speedy return of lost pigeons. Also stated that it is very important for members to call those that have reported their pigeon ASAP as some aren't pigeon fliers and they get a bit worried if left to long.

M. Higgins asked about the use of Icom ring's. This will be investigated and priced.

D. Monteleonie asked if the can be reused. M. Maidman said yes they can, just pop out.

General Business Continued

F.Raschilla discussed the need for a liberator on the early races. D.Glover spoke that previously the truck driver had done the liberation always and couldn't see why he still can't. I.Sunlay spoke about the truck driver being the liberator and that this hadn't been rescinded. Secretary responded by reminding I.Sunlay of the workshops that were carried out 3 years ago @ the end of the 2010 season and that those attending the workshops overwhelming wanted a liberator on board.

Most members agreed it is an unnecessary expense to the membership.

Schedule

W.Glover presented the proposed schedule from the Committee.

M.Maidman asked why the national was being put back to a longer distance especially after the success we have had from Welshpool, didn't seem like a lot to gain. He also stated that some of the VIC fliers he knows believe that Phillip Island is a Falcon infested place and isn't good liberation spot.

S.Saywell agreed with M.Maidman about Welshpool being a proven spot why change.

J.Sheppard said that the committee were trying to get the national back to a true 400miler.

G.Wiktor said lets give it a go. (Phillip Island)

A.Zsara asked why the Bermagui towards the end?

W.Glover responded that it would be a good chance to give the birds a break going into the longer races and freshen up some that hadn't been for a couple weeks.

J.Cassidy asked if the 3rd Bermagui would be a Friday night basketing. Answer YES.

D.Glover suggested that the National limit be raised to either 8 or 10. Many comments on this with majority of members believing this would be a good idea. Would give greater coverage. It was left to the committee to decide what the new limit for the national would be.

T.Gasselling stated that he believed that the Grand Prix birds should be liberated with the National birds. This would help with returns.

G.Wiktor asked if it was possible to have a short race off the South West similar distance to Bermagui.

Truck side curtains

W.Gallagher starting by saying that the modifications to the truck where great, but he would like to see something done to the side curtains for when the truck is parked overnight in cold areas. Is there some covers we can have put on to help keep the birds warm.

W.Ashbolt repsoned to some of W.Gallagher's concerns in regards to temperatures.

This is to e investigated.

Meeting closed 2.30pm