

Minutes SCF Annual General meeting

Meeting held 7th February, 2015 @ 1:10pm – Fraternity Club

Present:

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

Apologies: P.Clarke, A.Kerr, W.Gallagher

Jeff Sheppard presiding as the chairman.

VALE

There was a minutes silence for R.Wood, RIP

Presidents report:

Jeff Sheppard gave the following report.

Firstly would like to thank all the members that attended today's AGM. Greatly appreciated. Jeff then 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 basketballing 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 D.Miller, W.Ashbolt for helping him chase up advertisers for the back of the transporter and trailer.

Thanked A.Szali for the time and effort he put into auditing the books of the SCF.

The minutes of the previous AGM were read.

Moved TGasselling 2nd A.Szarah that the minutes read were a true copy – carried unanimously.

Business arising from previous minutes.

S.Saywell Asked about the side curtains in regards to cover the mesh area when in a cold climate or rainy conditions. President responded that we are

not sure what we can do. Secretary added that with what has been observed by both liberators and truck driver over the past 2 years there doesn't look to be an issue. All have reported minimum water leakage thru mesh and temp up around the 18 to 20c.W.Ashbolt past liberator for the SCF spoke about his personal observations. President suggested that those that have idea's arrange a time with him and they can meet and look into this further. There was much discussion which even included OHS issue's. A.Szali suggested that why don't a few go to Towradgi and fill one side of truck up with baskets than put hose onto it.

Treasurers Report:

I have prepared the financial report in a true and fair view of the financial position as at the 31st December 2014.

- Bank balance had increased from \$110,666.96 in 2013 to \$131,776.76 in 2014 → an increase of \$21,109.80.
- Bank balance includes two term deposits:
 - Term deposit 1 → \$57,243.46
 - Term deposit 2 → \$41,814.64
- Over the year we had an interest of \$3,283.38 from our term deposits.
- Liabilities include:

○ IGBF Rings 2014	\$3,000.00
○ 500 Mile Race	\$5,000.00
○ LD Funds	\$1,304.00
Total	\$9,304.00 to be paid out in 2015.
- \$1,375.00 was raised for advertising. Many thanks to:
 - Russell McLelland Brown Lawyers
 - Leisure Coast Auto Electrics
 - Petstock Fairy Meadow
 - Cannon and Ball Vets
 - Hardex Hardware Fairy Meadow
 - Mountain View Apiaries
 - Woonona Petfoods
- Refunds of \$1,700.00 were received as income being:
 - \$1,500.00 from VHA for the PMV Program that SCF originally donated \$1,500.00 to in 2012
 - \$200.00 from the RTA (rego)
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Treasurers report accepted by D.Cavill 2nd by N.Mangnion

Business arising from Treasurers Report

S.Saywell asked about the 500ml race, was explained that this is a ring race organised by D.Miller.

N.Cavill asked about the long distance expense's. This was explained as the cost of the new SCF long distance unit. ISunlay asked why this hadn't gone to the membership as this was a large expense. Was explained that this had been ok by the membership previously. I Sunlay stated that that was only for a unit to go on the back of a utility not a trailer. With a trailer the birds would be breathing in CO2. There was some discussions back and forth in regards to this. A.Zhara mentioned the generous donation of vehicle by D.Armstrong for towing the trailer.

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 A.Szara 23 votes defeated W.Ashbolt 12 votes with 7 abstaining.

Race Secretary Warren Glover - Unopposed

Ring Secretary P.Breeze – Unopposed

K.Breeze Junior Co-ordinator

Notice of motion:

Motion 1: *A Member may purchase as many IGBF life rings as they wish but only 20 shall be eligible for the IGBF race.Mover P.Breeze 2nd C.Bell*

P.Breeze spoke for th emotion stating that this would boost the prize money but also give people more of a chance of having a maximum number of birds in the race on the day.

J.Cassidy asked about what happens if you have more gold banders that your nominated birdage is. He was informed, if that was the case than all he had to do was inform the SCF race secretary and he would be able to send the limit of 20 IGBF birds to the race if he had that many.

M.Maidman asked that if selling more IGBF rings would that take away from the \$\$ earned for the federation in the sale of normal rings. Would have to wait and see.

P.Barnes stated that this would be a way for people to buy the race, instead of having to pick your best from an early age and see how you went.

T.Cooper thought it was a great idea as it puts more money in the pool

Motion 2: *SCF shall use the St Georges Basin as a breaking point for surveys on the southern route, and direct survey for survey's on the northern and Western routes. Mover A.Zahra 2nd J.Flanagan*

A.Zahra spoke for his motion stating that after having various conversations with other members he believes that it won't make a difference off the North, plus we are always having this issue pop up and why not try this. Maybe it will just appease everyone. There was much discussion as there always is when this issue arises.

Motion 3: *We would like to move that any notice of motions that are presented at the AGM, be voted/decided for or against on the day of the AGM. Mover D.Monteloenie 2nd P.Barnes*

D.Monteloenie stated that this is how it should be, those that come make an effort. Plus if you wish you can put in a proxy.

P.Breeze spoke about the fact that people work and they just can't make it and gives them a chance to have a say.

P.Barnes Very similar comments as D.Monteloenie

J.Koster stated that the way we do it now gives more people the opportunity to decide the path that the SCF travels.

S.Saywell, discuss at AGM than go back to the clubs to vote on. This takes away the peer pressure, plus always people take time to calmly think about the subject before making their final decision.

General Business:

P.Breeze informed the membership that the Shellies club got their vaccine very cheap this year, cost about \$140 all up. That if the membership wish he is happy to do a bulk order this coming year. Clubs are to have their order in by the 1st November with a cheque and then after arrival at Pauls they vaccine needs to be picked up within 2 days.

D.Glover asked that the following be added to the liberation protocol.

Where birds are air freighted to any race, they are rested for 5 days so as to allow them to get over the pressurisation from the trip and familiarise themselves with the temporary lofts water and feed. Moved D.Glover 2nd T.Cooper

D.Glover spoke about conversations that he has had with the previous loft owner of our Tassy holding loft. They believe that from the pressurisation in the plane the birds become dehydrated and from observing the birds for many years it usually takes a couple days for them to recover and find water. F.Raschilla asked about how D.Glover knows that the birds are dehydrated. Answers similar to above in regards to observations. There was further discussion with various views from many present.

A.Szali asked if life rings will be started back at N'1 this year or are we going onto further. Ring sec responded yes back to 1 this coming year.

A discussion than came about the quality of the rings with some members saying they have cracked ones and poo is sticking to them. Ring Secretary stated that its been the same supplier for the last 4 years and that it seems only a few are having an issue.

M.Maidman asked about the use of Icom ring's. Still under investigation as there has been some issue's with people cheating over sea's. It was stated that the ring could still be used just don't allow the chip. This is an issue as there are life Icom life rings already in the SCF from sale/breeders sales.

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.

I.Sunlay asked about the freight for the national when it's a stand-alone race. Wanted to know if it was already included in the costings and if so why should he or anyone who doesn't fly it be expected to pay this. S.Saywell spoke about the way the freight is worked out and that this is the best way.

R.Bird suggested that we need to get the results back into the Mercury again as this made a great talking point with non-pigeon fanciers. A few others commented in the positive about this. K. Breeze was asked if she would like to do this and she kindly accepted.

Schedule

P.Breeze and W.Glover presented the proposed schedule from the Committee and spoke about the education opportunity of getting all pigeons away to the Milton toss's instead of just ½ a team as is done now with racing.

P.Barnes stated that there has always been a lack of support for tossing.

Much discussion with many opinions and many ideas suggested.

T.Gasselling suggested that the tossing cost be put into the freight cost that way people will feel obligated to do them as they are already paying.

S.Saywell stated that the only way to ensure a lot of birds have early education is to get them to do the early races. Early racing forces people to educate their birds.

Meeting closed 3.30pm