

South Coast Pigeon Federation Incorporated

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Special General Meeting of SCF Flying Mmembers

18th July, 2018 7:30pm

Towradgi Pigeon Club

Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss letter put to committee by Shellies and consider the motion to the SCF membership arising from that letter.

Attendance:

Membership as per attendance sheet plus proxy votes totalling 54 members, or 81% of the eligible SCF Flying members.

The Motion:

"That the SCF change to the South Route for the remainder of 2018 racing season starting with racing from Bermagui on Saturday 21st July with a race programme of similar race distances to that which was scheduled off the North and finish racing on the October long weekend".

Meeting Discussion:

- P Breeze spoke as to why Shellies put in the letter. he mentioned the heavy losses by many members, poor returns from Harrington 1 and that if the Fed was to keep going north many members would be out of birds by Coffs Harbour.
- M Maidman advised meeting that there had been 73 birds reported since he took over the Ring Secretary's position and that more than 350 birds have been reported. That is not counting total birds lost to date.
- P Barnes questioned the number of birds reported. He asked if they were from the same people or is it spread over a lot of flyers. He was informed that the most one person had reported was 8 birds.
- P Barnes said that he was flying both directions and has lost more off the south than the north percentage wise this year.
- A Zahra commented some flyers have only 20 birds left and will be finished no matter which way we fly. He also made comment about the legalities of changing direction with reference to By-Law 5.

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- J Monteleone noted that liberation reports this year that birds are not leaving the race point immediately whereas in previous years the birds were reported to be leaving well. He inferred that this may be an indicator that there is something wrong with the birds.
- A Zahra commented that losses may be due to a doubling of the race time. Harrington race time was 6 hours on wing whereas races prior to this were less than 3 hours.
- P Clark spoke about how hard the racing had been this year and that the weather has not been conducive to good racing. He also noted that there had been big losses off south by some other Feds/flyers going that way.
- P Barnes commented that Harrington liberation point was not good as there was too much water in front of them. It was noted that Central coast raced well from same race point on the same day.
- Barry Yeaman spoke about sickness and effects on different age race birds not coping with Rota. He observed that when birds start to have longer time on wing that any sickness will have an effect on bird losses.
- Bill Lamers asked that an option may be for the committee to look at reducing the number of races on schedule.
- D Miller informed the meeting that at the Special Committee Meeting with Shellies on Monday night that the committee was under impression that whole club was supporting their letter. As it turned out there were 3 members from Shellies that appear to have changed their minds on day of Fed meeting and voted by proxy to stay on The North Route.

There was considerable conjecture and comments by a number of members from the floor and the Committee over the eligibility for the rule concerning this meeting and the chairman made the following ruling:

"In accordance with By-Law 5 and the fact that there was significant reluctance at the meeting to make a change as per the motion that this meeting was ineligible to make any change to the way we will flying for the rest of year and that the meeting was closed".

Meeting closed at 8:00pm.