

South Coast Pigeon Federation Incorporated

President: Jeff Sheppard

Secretary: Julie Hider



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SCF Annual General Meeting (AGM)

held on Saturday, 5 February 2022 at 1.00 pm

Venue: Fraternity Club

Record of Attendance: 32 members and 6 guests attended the AGM as per the attendance sheet

Apologies: Derek Louth, Warren Glover, Dick Whitehead, Alan Zahra

Vale: Chris Dutton, David Wrigglesworth, Kevin Pearson, Thomas 'Jimmy' Gault, Keith McDonald

The meeting was opened by President, Jeff Sheppard, who thanked everyone for coming to the AGM

SCF President's Report: Jeff Sheppard

The last couple of years has been very frustrating with borders closed and COVID-19 interrupting the sport that we love. Let's hope we will have a good season this year with lots of old birds to fly over the season.

To David Armstrong, Derek Louth and Peter Clarke, I will miss your input at our Federation Committee Meetings. They are always helpful and encouraging. David and Derek took the job on in 2019 and quickly had to learn the job. For that, I thank them. A saying that I have always remembered, 'He who does nothing, never makes a mistake'.

Julie and Billy Hider have done a really good job tidying up accounts and I'm sure they will learn a lot in the next 12 months. They will need our support throughout the year.

If Steve Saywell and Wayne Gallagher are voted in this year, Wayne will learn a lot from Steve. I thank you both for applying for Race Secretary and Assistant Race Secretary.

Luka has done a good job and I'm glad he has applied again this year for Ring Secretary. Thanks also to Trevor Gasseling and Dave Miller for all their input at our Federation Committee meetings.

I look forward to our members' support during the coming year.

Minutes of Previous AGM held on 13 February 2021 was read to the meeting

Moved: R Bird

Seconded: G Kerr

Business arising from the Previous AGM Minutes

- 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) minutes were incomplete. Stephen remembered seven points and recommended these points be added to the existing 2021 AGM minutes and they be republished to the SCF Website.

ACTION: Missing points to be added to the existing 2021 AGM minutes and republished to the SCF Website.

SCF Treasurer's Financial Report: *Julie and Bill Hider*

The South Coast Pigeon Federation Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021 was presented to the Annual General Meeting.

Moved: S Hancox

Seconded: R Bird

Business arising from Treasurer's Report: nil

Audit Report presented by Steve Saywell

SCF Audit of Operations - 2021

26th January, 2022

Please accept the following as an audit report on the activities for the SCF Inc during the calendar year ending on 31st December, 2021. I have performed a detailed review of the management and the financial accounts of the SCF in 2021. Audits from previous years have been addressed in this audit and separate reports have been supplied to the SCF Committee for their consideration in remedial action to resolve the outstanding issue highlighted in those reports.

As stated this audit report concluded on 31st December, 2021. It is my understanding that although no action has been taken on the audit summary of the 2019 Race Secretary accounts in this audit period and that the SCF Committee is committed to resolving the highlighted issues prior to the SCF AGM in Feb 2022. The SCF President requested that I supply a summary of the SCF's position re the audit of the 2019 Race Secretary account variances and this has been done. The situation regarding the Race Secretary's accounts has arisen due to poor record keeping and accounting procedures.

In 2021 an issue arose when a deposit was made for \$378 on 26th March, 2020 by Towradgi. The payment was made when Towradgi realized that there was a surplus in their accounts due to this unpaid tossing freight debt from 2020. This amount owing was not evident in the 2020 audit as there was no record in the SCF accounts of any outstanding freight monies. My question to the committee was if there were other clubs with outstanding tossing freight debt from 2020 and also if freight was charged at \$5 per basket how was a sum of \$378 determined. As the SCF Auditor I made an official request for the SCF Secretary to supply me with a list of the club's tossing freight charges for 2020.

The accuracy of SCF meeting minutes from the AGM was also questioned when the minutes were issued for that meeting. There were omissions of motions put to the SCF Committee in the General Meeting, incomplete list of SCF office bearers and discussion points from that meeting. Our constitution clearly defines the responsibility of the Secretary:

(2) It is the duty of the secretary to keep minutes of:

- (a) all appointments of office-bearers and members of the committee,*
- (b) the names of members of the committee present at a committee meeting or a general meeting,*
and
- (c) all proceedings at committee meetings and general meetings.*

These requests and the request to correct false statement in the minutes of 2nd March were initially ignored and were only addressed after personal representation to the SCF Committee several months later. The failure to maintain accurate records and details of SCF activities in 2019 and 2020 and the issues arising highlights the need for the responsible SCF Officers concerned to adhere to the SCF constitution and maintain acceptable accounting procedures.

I commend the efforts of Julie and Bill Hider in attempting to resolve these matters in correcting our minutes and the implementation of acceptable accounting practices. These changes will ensure the SCF accounts can be easily and accurately audited.

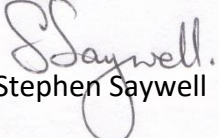
The 2021 season started well and unfortunately the situation with Covid significantly impacted our season. The Committee reluctantly closed the race season early and refunded the freight on a pro rata basis taking into consideration racing costs and the payment of fees and freight charges that would have been liable if the season had continued.

This truncated season has seen little variation in the overall financial position of the SCF with the only significant liabilities being the monies held in the SCF Account for the 2021 and 2022 IGBF races. Details of these amounts are recorded in the Balance Sheet.

The Long-Distance Committee presented a summary of reconciliations and bank statements. The LDC has an independent bank account that appears to be in order with a closing balance of \$2,570.

In summary the SCF accounts and bank records, as presented to me by the SCF Treasurer, display a logical and transparent accounting procedure. The SCF Committee in 2021 has resolved to have the relevant SCF Officers (Secretary, Treasurer, Race-Secretary and Ring-Secretary) to maintain receipt books for all SCF Income relevant to their position. This should eliminate the problems arising for the 2019 and 2020 accounts as see the SCF maintain an accurate accounting history of operations in the future. I have conducted audit of the documents presented to me by the SCF Treasurer and in my opinion, they reflect an accurate and true copy of the business conducted by the SCF Inc during 2021.

Sincerely



Stephen Saywell

Accepted: Dave Miller

Moved: Stuart Hancox

Seconded: Wayne Gallagher

Business arising from the Auditor's Report:

Julie and Bill Hider confirmed that all issues have been addressed, these include:

- Audit of 2019 Race Secretary records, income and expenditure and original receipts have been checked. Bills and refund cheques have been issued to resolve anomalies found in Stephen's Audit.
- Some of the 2020 Tossing freight charges were obtained which showed that some of the toss baskets were charged \$5, \$6, and \$9 which could account for the odd amount owed by Towradgi as mentioned in the Audit Report.
- 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) minutes were incomplete.
ACTION: Missing points to be added to the existing 2021 AGM minutes and republished to the SCF Website.
- In the 2 March 2021 Committee Minutes, Point 6 in General Business stated that the 'SCF Audit report regarding the SCF freight states that there is over \$2,000 Outstanding, which is not correct, the freight has been received from all clubs for the four extra races from last season'. Stephen pointed out that the SCF 2020 Audit was correct as at 31 December 2020.
ACTION: Julie to amend March 2021 Committee Minutes above statement to 'The SCF 2020 Audit report stated that there was \$2,000 outstanding for freight for four extra races from last season. This information was correct as at 31 December 2020, however, the outstanding freight was paid by clubs early in 2021'. Stephen to upload to the SCF Website.

Correspondence: No correspondence received.

Notice of Motions: No motions received.

Election of SCF Officers 2022

Position	Nomination	Moved	Seconded	Elected Officer
President	Jeff Sheppard	Dave Miller	Billy Hider	Jeff Sheppard
Vice President	Trevor Gasseling	Jeff Sheppard	Billy Hider	Trevor Gasseling
Secretary (non-voting)	Julie Hider	Dave Miller	Jeff Sheppard	Julie Hider
Treasurer	Billy & Julie Hider	Dave Miller	Jeff Sheppard	Billy & Julie Hider
Race Secretary	Stephen Saywell	Jeff Sheppard	Billy Hider	Stephen Saywell
Assistant Race Secretary	Wayne Gallagher	Billy Hider	Jeff Sheppard	Wayne Gallagher
Ring Secretary	Luca Krkovski	Billy Hider	Jeff Sheppard	Luca Krkovski
General Assistant Secretary	Dave Miller	Jeff Sheppard	Billy Hider	Dave Miller

Auditor for 2022	Committee to decide			

AGM closed at 1.50 pm

General Meeting

A General Meeting of members was opened at 2.00 pm with the following items discussed.

1. Graham Kerr, asked, what will happen with the IGBF race from 2021? The IGBF Race for 2020-ring two-year-old pigeons and the 2021-ring one-year-old pigeons will both be included on this year's Schedule in two separate races on two separate weeks.
ACTION 1: The 2022 Race Schedule will be decided by the new SCF Management Committee at the next Committee meeting.

2. Wayne Gallagher asked, could the pigeon feed on the truck be changed from J&M 5% peas to wheat and corn as has been used in the past? It was thought that the 5% isn't very good quality. Ian McKay Feed from Smithfield has pigeon feed which has been tested and is happy to provide the SCF with free feed for the truck. He will also deliver feed orders to your door.
ACTION 2: To be discussed at the next SCF Management Committee Meeting.

3. Ian Sunlay, asked if the Long-Distance Committee (LDC) Trailer was owned by the SCF? The question was answered by Dave Miller and Frank Raschilla. The SCF LDC raised funds to buy the trailer and it was built by the SCF truck mechanic who also builds horse floats.

4. Ian Sunlay was concerned that the birds could breathe in carbon monoxide from the trailer, however, modern cars emit very little gas as they are fitted with filters. Ronnie Bird, pointed out that expensive horses are transported using horse floats as well as dogs in dog trailers all over Australia, which are similar to our pigeon trailer. Ian Sunlay also brought up the point that returns were not good when using the trailer, however, a number of flyers stated that this was incorrect and in fact they thought the returns were better on the trailer, they certainly were in the SCF tosses held at the end of last year. Dave Miller thought that Ian was referring to a year where there were bad returns when the truck took the pigeons to Mildura and liberated them in a caravan park next to a river. Jeff Sheppard took the pigeons to Mildura using the trailer on another year and there were good returns on the day.

5. Jeff Sheppard addressed the meeting to say that the LDC Trailer would be garaged at Bulli Showground and the SCF Management Committee will decide when it will be used.

6. Ian Sunlay asked, why the SCF Truck has not been fitted with a tow bar to tow the LDC Trailer? Dave Miller responded that the truck framework overhung the back of the truck by 600mm making it too difficult to fit a tow bar. To fit a towbar would have needed an Engineer's Report costing \$4,500 and a further \$4,000 for the towbar to be fitted to the truck, so the Committee decided not to fit the tow bar to the truck as it was too expensive.

7. Wayne Gallagher asked if Milton is the start of the Schedule, can the birds be taken down on the Friday night instead of leaving them in front of the driver's home the night before the race? This would cost more in accommodation and driver and liberator expenses.

ACTION 3: To be discussed at the next SCF Management Committee Meeting.

8. Cameras on the truck – can these been fixed so that clubs can view this year?

ACTION 4: Stephen said he would fix the cameras and give clubs instructions and codes to access the truck camera.

9. At the December 2022 SCF Committee Meeting it was decided that a letter be sent to Aidan and Brent Cavill.

ACTION 5: Julie Hider, the new SCF Secretary, will send a letter to both Aidan and Brent regarding the 2022 Race Season, reiterating Brent's five-year ban from racing pigeons within the SCF.

10. Ron Bird, said the current truck is getting quite old and wondered if it should be replaced? Dave Miller addressed this question and said that 2½ years ago the Committee received an approximate price for a new trailer of \$70,000 and a new smaller truck would cost at least \$50,000, totalling around \$120,000. The SCF Committee was advised that the current truck was still in good order and to hold on to the truck for another 5 years. When a new truck is purchased it will need to be a smaller truck that anyone can drive with a 6 metre long tray which will be able to fit 36 baskets on each side. The new truck would be able to fit 72 baskets plus the trailer which is able to hold 30 baskets, totalling 102 baskets. The current tarps on the truck will need replacing over the next couple of years and this could cost around \$10,000.

11. Can there be three (3) nominations this year?

ACTION 6: The decision to have three (3) nominations this year to be decided by the new SCF Management Committee.

12. Graham Kerr, asked if the Towradgi Sale Race be moved to the same day as the two-year-old IGBF race as flyers may have a few two-year-old pigeons who will also fly in the Towradgi Premier Stakes two weeks later.

ACTION 7: The 2022 Race Schedule will be decided by the new SCF Management Committee at the next meeting and will consider Graham's suggestion.

13. Mario Saliba – IGBF Races, if you nominate 15 gold band pigeons but you have 20 eligible pigeons you can race 20? Each flyer is only allowed to have 20 IGBF rings per year.

14. 2022 Schedule - Aidan Cavill are the East Coast Long Distance Committee dates, fully sponsored by East Coast Long Distance Committee (ECLDC). Yes, they are fully sponsored by the ECLDC.

15. Warren Hinde asked about the ECLDC Rockhampton Race. Dave Miller advised that this was a self-supporting race. The ECLDC have decided to have both a north and south long-distance race for the benefit of all the Pigeon Federations involved with the ECLDC ie some Federations are racing north and some are racing south so they can fly in either or both of these races.

General Meeting closed 2.50 pm