

South Coast Pigeon Federation Incorporated

President: Jeff Sheppard

Secretary: Julie Hider



Protect these Birds

SCF Committee Meeting

held on Monday, 2 May 2022 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Dapto Pigeon Club

Record of Attendance: Steve Saywell, Trevor Gasseling, Jeff Sheppard, Dave Miller, Luca Krkovski, Wayne Gallagher

Telephone: Bill Hider, Julie Hider (minutes)

Apologies: Nil

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 5 April 2022 was read to the meeting

Moved: Dave Miller

Seconded: Trevor Gasseling

Business arising from the Previous Minutes

ACTION ITEMS – SCF Committee Meeting (4) held Tuesday, 5 April 2022

ACTION 4.1: Trevor to upload the 2022 SCF Committee and AGM minutes to the SCF Website. COMPLETED – Trevor has given Julie an account to upload documents to the SCF Website – thanks Trevor!

ACTION 4.2: Dave, Steve and Wayne to follow up access to the truck cameras on the website and SIM card if required. GENERAL BUSINESS – Truck Camera System

ACTION 4.3: Julie and Bill to pick up SCF First in Federation glass mugs from Derek for 2021 and 2022 prize winners. COMPLETED

ACTION 4.4: Julie to email Adam to let Ron know it is okay for Ron to basket his birds with Shellies/Lake this year. COMPLETED

ACTION 4.5: Julie to send a reply email to Bruce King, from Moruya Ulladulla Racing Pigeons (MURP), who would like to join the SCF Truck at Mallacoota with six (6) flyers from MURP. The SCF Committee are not sure if this will be possible as it would depend on the SCF nominations and the allocation of baskets which are due to be finalised on 30 April 2022. The Committee feels we will have room on the truck after Mallacoota. GENERAL BUSINESS - 2022 Race Schedule Review

ACTION 4.6: Julie to remove any references to \$10 Ring Race in the Schedule. COMPLETED

ACTION 4.7: Julie and Bill to refund Dapto Pigeon Club \$292. COMPLETED

ACTION 4.8: Julie and Bill to refund Dapto Pigeon Club \$40 - COMPLETED

ACTION 4.9: Julie to include on the Dapto Breeders' Plate on the Schedule. COMPLETED

ACTION 4.10: The Schedule will be reviewed again at our May SCF Committee Meeting. GENERAL BUSINESS - 2022 Race Schedule Review

ACTION 4.11: Julie to contact, Karyn Isaac, and obtain more details on Voluntary Workers' Insurance. **COMPLETED** – Julie contacted Dave Armstrong and Karyn Isaac, who confirmed that this is insurance for the Driver and Liberator Volunteers. The insurance was paid.

ACTION 4.12: Julie to change the garaging address on Registration at RMS. Ring Gallagher Insurance Brokers for Comprehensive Insurance and pay Greenslip and Truck Registration once garaging address is changed. **COMPLETED**

ACTION 4.13: Bill to approach one of the Men's Shed Volunteers to see if they would like to be a liberator. Julie to ask all the Clubs if they know of someone who would be interested in being liberator? **GENERAL BUSINESS - Liberator**

ACTION 4.14: Julie to change the dates of tosses on the Schedule to Sundays. **GENERAL BUSINESS - Tosses**

ACTION 4.15: Julie to send Steve the total of truck insurances, registration amounts, diesel, average accommodation costs and expenses so that costs can be covered for racing this year. **GENERAL BUSINESS - 2022 Race Schedule Review**

ACTION 4.16: Wayne knows the area and will find a motel or caravan park to take the truck, driver and liberator on Friday night, 20 and Friday night, 27 May 2020. **GENERAL BUSINESS - Milton**

ACTION 4.17: Jeff to organise repairs to the truck canvas. **COMPLETED** – thank you to both Jeff and Ian Matthews for their work repairing the truck.

ACTION 3.7: Steve has completed updating the rules on the SCF Website.

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report for April 2022 will be emailed to the SCF Committee as the Secretary and Treasurer were unable to attend this meeting.
Moved: - Seconded: -

Correspondence Received

- **5 April 2022** – Email from Dapto Pigeon Club

1) We have raised this issue previously and note that the Committee has a plan to put a notice of motion to the members regarding the distribution of honorariums to Committee members, however, we think no honorariums should be paid each year until the Committee's proposed honorariums are voted on and accepted by the SCF membership at the AGM.

ACTION 5.1: Notice of Motion to be put to the Members for the 2023 Annual General Meeting 'regarding the distribution of honorariums to Committee members, however, we think no honorariums should be paid each year until the Committee's proposed honorariums are voted on and accepted by the SCF membership at the AGM'. Julie to add the Notice of Motion from Dapto Pigeon Club to the 2023 AGM Document.

2) We do not believe that the two East Coast Long Distance Combine (ECLDC) races from Eden and Tasmania should be part of the SCF Point scores. Our members expressed concern that the birds were released by the ECLDC in unsuitable conditions from both Tibooburra races in 2020. We do not wish to entrust our birds' welfare, travel and liberation to another organization, especially given their track record and we don't believe it fair that we would be penalised in the pointscore if we choose not to participate in these races.

ACTION 5.2: Julie to reply to this email to advise Dapto Pigeon Club of the ECLDC changes as advised at our April 2022 Meeting ie *Dave Miller, spoke on behalf of the ECLDC. The six (6) liberators from 2020 have been sacked and there has been a new ECLDC Liberation Committee appointed. The Tasmanian race liberator has been racing for 70 years and he has a holding loft for the birds, the only one in Tasmania. He will only liberate when he is sure the weather conditions will get the birds across Bass Strait.*

3) We believe that the Assistant Race Secretary should not be allowed to vote in SCF Committee meetings.

ACTION 5.3: The SCF Committee reiterated that the Assistant Race Secretary will be allowed to vote on the SCF Committee decisions this year, however, we will seek ratification from the SCF Membership at the 2023 AGM.

- **11 April 2022** – Email from Derek who has had contact from someone being interested in becoming Liberator. Trevor replied to Derek to advise that there had been concerns in the past to having a female liberator but he could not see an issue if the driver and liberator are happy to share a twin room. GENERAL BUSINESS - Liberator
- **12 April 2022** – Trevor emailed to let us know that one of the Dapto flyers had put \$20 into the SCF Debit Card account accidentally. This was refunded to Dapto during April 2022.
- **13 April 2022** – Email from Andrew Szalai to let us know that Luke Doyle will be flying this year. Julie has re-activated Luke as a flyer with Berkeley on the SCF Website.
Note: Gwynneville also has a new flyer, Matthew Nelson. Matt will need a survey before 2022 Racing Season – COMPLETED on the SCF Website.
- **13 April 2022** – Email from Luca, SCF Ring Secretary, who was concerned regarding the birds' welfare because of lack of condition due to the recent inclement weather and suggested delaying the start of the 2022 Racing Season. There has been a large increase in the number of birds reported and many members complaining about the weather conditions making it harder to get the birds going or conditioned - GENERAL BUSINESS - 2022 Race Schedule Review
- **20 April 2022** – Email from Adam Southwell and Derek Louth, they have advised Ron Beattie that we have approved for him to basket with Shellies again this year.
- **20 April 2022** - Derek Louth - Are we still starting on the 23rd May or June? GENERAL BUSINESS - 2022 Race Schedule Review
- **28 April 2022** – Shellies' question, how much will a FED basket cost per basket for this year's FED tosses? GENERAL BUSINESS - Tosses
- **28 April 2022** – Shellies' question, 'if it would be possible for us to change the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th prize of our 2022 \$50 ring race held from the 1st Sale race from 2 rings eligible for the 2023 Shellies' Ring Race, to 6, 2022 gold band rings per prize? Etc.....'

ACTION 5.4: Julie to write to Shellies-Lake to advise that the SCF Management Committee is happy for them to change their prizes from two (2) gold-band rings to six (6) gold band rings per prize as it is their race to administer. Flyers are permitted to have more than the 20 IGBF purchase limit if they acquire extra birds/rings through SCF sanctioned sale races. However, on SCF Gold Band race day, a limit of 20 IGBF rung birds may be entered.

General Business

- **Baskets** - There was discussion about the baskets and how many were kept at each club.
Dave, asked if the baskets in the long races could be changed from 23 birds to 20 birds per basket. After discussion it was decided that due to losses during the season this would not be a problem during the long series.
Loading of the truck, needs to be organised a bit better this year.
ACTION 5.5: Julie to ask clubs to load the truck baskets, top to bottom or bottom to top to allow Shellies-Lake, Shoalhaven and MURP to easily load their birds onto the truck.
- **Tosses (ACTION 4.14)** – after discussion it was decided to move the tosses to Saturdays, so, if the weather is not good we will move to the Sunday. We will also have a fourth toss on Sunday, 29 May 2022 after the Saturday race. Toss baskets will cost \$5 each.
ACTION 5.6: Julie to advise clubs of the change in dates from Sundays to Saturdays for the tosses, plus the extra

toss on Sunday, 29 May 2022 and the cost of toss baskets at \$5 each.

- Dave Miller – Illawarra Truck and Car Centre are yet to send an invoice for work completed.
- **Milton (ACTION 4.8)** - First two (2) Milton Races the truck driver is happy to pick up the birds on Friday night and drive from his home to Milton on Saturday at 6 am. Jeff to ask a Nowra flyer to assist to liberate the birds and Wayne will ask his Dad to assist. This will save us money not having to pay for Friday night accommodation.
ACTION 5.7: Jeff to ask Nowra flyers and Wayne to ask his father if someone can assist the Truck Driver on the Milton Races.
- **2022 Race Schedule Review (ACTION 4.10)** - Jeff asked about pushing the races back one week, bringing into consideration Daniel Cavill's and the SCF Ring Secretary, Luca's letters and numerous phone calls received by the Committee members regarding the weather and the welfare of the birds not being ready to race. After discussion there was a vote by the Committee to change the 2022 SCF Schedule by putting it back a week for the benefit of the birds – CARRIED
ACTION 5.8: Julie to email the SCF Club Secretaries about a change in the Schedule and that the first race would be on Saturday, 28 May 2022. Julie to also email Shoalhaven and MURP flyers to advise of the change to the Schedule (ACTION 4.5)
- Liberator (ACTION 4.13) - There was discussion regarding the Liberator. A member of the men's shed was happy to do the first eight (8) Friday night races. Derek also advised of someone who would like the Liberator's job. Robert Hodgson's friend, Ron, has agreed to do the whole Racing Season with Robert - CARRIED
- Audit – Paul Barnes is happy to ask his friend to conduct the audit of the SCF's books at the end of 2022.
- Shoalhaven flyers have moved to Nowra Showground from the Scout Hall – the two clubs have combined.
- **Truck Camera System (ACTION 4.2)** - Steve spoke about the truck camera system. It will cost \$250 to get someone to set it up along with ongoing costs with the SIM card. There was discussion regarding the benefit of the system being able to see where the truck is parked for liberation, the feeding and watering of the birds, checking the liberation runs smoothly, all the strings have been cut and the birds have left the race point on time. It was agreed that the cameras would stay on the truck, and it would cost around \$500 per year for their upkeep which equates to \$10 per week. Moved Steve and Seconded Jeff – CARRIED
ACTION 5.9: Steve, Dave and Wayne to follow up to make the Truck Camera System operational.
- Wayne – proof of PMV is a requirement for SCF Flyers who race on the SCF Truck, it should also be a requirement to race for Shoalhaven and MURP too. The flyers can obtain the individual declaration forms and their Secretary's declaration form from the SCF Website.

ACTION 5.10: Julie to email the Shoalhaven and MURP and ask for proof of PMV Vaccinations before racing.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm. Next meeting Tuesday, 7 June 2022, at Dapto Pigeon Club

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