



Protect these Birds

# South Coast Pigeon Federation Incorporated

President: Jeff Sheppard

Secretary: Julie Hider

## SCF Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday, 8 June 2022 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Dapto Pigeon Club

**Record of Attendance:** Steve Saywell, Trevor Gasseling, Jeff Sheppard, Wayne Gallagher, Dave Miller, Bill Hider, Julie Hider (minutes)

**Apologies:** Luca Krkovski

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on Monday, 2 May 2022 was read to the meeting

Moved: Trevor

Seconded: Jeff

### Business arising from the Previous Minutes

#### ACTION ITEMS – SCF Committee Meeting (5) held Monday, 2 May 2022

**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. COMPLETED

**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.*

**ACTION 5.3:** The Dapto Pigeon Club believes that the Assistant Race Secretary should not be allowed to vote in SCF Committee meetings. 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. Julie to place as a Notice of Motion in the 2023 AGM document. COMPLETED

**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. COMPLETED – phone call from David Armstrong – DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

**ACTION 5.5:** Julie to ask clubs to load the truck baskets, top to bottom or bottom to truck to allow Shellies-Lake, Shoalhaven and MURP to easily load their birds onto the truck. COMPLETED

**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. COMPLETED

**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. COMPLETED

**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) COMPLETED – thanks to Ian Price for reprinting!!!

**ACTION 5.9:** Steve, Dave and Wayne to follow up to make the Truck Camera System operational. ONGOING

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

#### **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

**ACTION 5.2: 7 June 2022** - Dave added that at the May SCF Committee Meeting he stated that, Frank Rascilla, from SCF Liberation Committee was also on the East Coast Long Distance Liberation Committee.

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50. A limit of purchase of IGBF life rings is restricted to twenty (20) life rings per loft at a cost of \$5 each. This limit does not apply to IGBF rung birds purchased at SCF Sanctioned Sales.

The SCF Committee reviewed Rule 50 and agreed that if any flyer has more than twenty (20) life rings through SCF Sanctioned Sales, they would allow the extra IGBF rung birds to be raced in the IGBF races this year, however, a Notice of Motion for the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be raised to add a note to Rule 50 to make it clearer, ie The IGBF (Gold Band) Race to have a limit of twenty (20) IGBF life rung birds entered into the IGBF Race per loft each year.

**ACTION 6.1:** Julie to add a Notice of Motion for the 2023 AGM that a note be added to Rule 50 and voted on at the 2023 AGM. Notice of Motion of change to Rule 50, to read as follows:

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**Treasurer's Report** - May 2022 was emailed to the SCF Committee and was presented to this meeting

Moved: Dave Seconded: Wayne

## Correspondence Received

3 May 2022 – Jeff Formosa has sent a list of contact details for Shoalhaven Pigeon Federation (SPF) Flyers. This information was passed on to Trevor so he could include Shoalhaven flyers in the SMS messages which he sends to SCF flyers regarding liberation information or cancellation of races.

4 May 2022 - PMV Forms have been received for Berkeley, Gwynneville, Shellies, Towradgi and Woonona Bulli. Dapto will send their PMV Forms on Friday via the truck driver. SPF will send their forms with the truck driver on Friday too.

6 May 2022 – Karyn Isaac from Interchange sent the Voluntary Workers Insurance and Schedule documents.

9 May 2022 – NSW Fair Trading acknowledged the Notice of appointment of public officer and Notice of change of association address had been received and recognised as official.

15 May 2022 – Email from Bruce King, Moruya Ulladulla Racing Pigeon (MURP) thanking the SCF Committee and SCF Members for their support.

MURP will join the SCF Truck at the 1<sup>st</sup> Mallacoota, depending on reduced SCF bird numbers – they will need four (4) baskets. Dave has organised for Woonona Bulli/Towradgi to send their birds away in eight (8) spare red baskets at 2<sup>nd</sup> Moruya Race. MURP to unload the eight (8) red baskets after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Moruya liberation at Moruya Showground. MURP will clean in readiness for the 1<sup>st</sup> Mallacoota Race. On 1<sup>st</sup> Mallacoota and following races, the SCF Truck will stop at the BP Truck Stop, 1600 Old Princes Hwy, Termeil to pick up MURP's four (4) baskets each Thursday Night.

15 May 2022 – Letter from Towradgi Homing Pigeon Society Incorporated expressing their disappointment at the decision by the SCF Committee to hold back racing by one week without first taking into consideration what the majority of the SCF flying members wanted and added that there should have been a vote made by all financial flyers. They questioned why the SCF Committee accepted two letters from individual flyers, and whether there was a rule to only to accept letters sanctioned by an SCF flyer's club? Their members had been working towards racing starting on 21 May 2022. They finished the letter by asking for nominations to also be put back one week.

**ACTION 6.2:** Julie to send the SCF Committee Response: *The SCF Committee would like to thank the Towradgi Homing Pigeon Society Incorporated for their letter but unfortunately, we do not agree that a membership ballot was appropriate in this instance, as a decision needed to be made quickly. Also, the SCF Committee is responsible to make the decision on when and where we race, always taking into consideration the interests of all members and the welfare of the pigeons.*

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20 May 2022 – Invoice received from Illawarra Truck and Car Centre for repairs and registration of SCF Truck.

23 May 2022 – Email from Bryan Solomons, Central Coast Racing Pigeon Association (CCRPA) Secretary, advising that they will have two liberations from Welshpool on the same day as SCF on Saturday, 1 October 2022. The CCRPA will liberate as early as possible for their first race and ½ hour later for their National. CCRPA would like to liberate their birds at the same time as the SCF. The SCF Committee have no problem with liberating the CCRPA and SCF birds together, however, the SCF liberate their two races at the same time and the liberation time will depend on the SCF Liberation Committee.

**ACTION 6.4:** Julie to write a response to Bryan Solomons, CCRPA Secretary along with the names and contact numbers of the SCF Liberation Committee.

**ACTION 6.5:** Notice of Motion for 2023 AGM to discuss and vote on whether the Grand Prix and the National be liberated at the same time or separately, both will depend on bird numbers at that time of year.

24 May 2022 - Email from Bruce King with videos of liberation points at Moruya. Bruce advised that either the Moruya Showground or the Council Chambers' Car Park, Corner Murray Street and Park Lane, Moruya were ideal spots for liberation of our pigeons. There aren't any sports played at the Showground on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Moruya, however, there was some sport on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Moruya. The SCF Truck Driver to move to the Council Chambers' Car Park which adjoins the Moruya Showground if liberation is not possible at the Showground. Thanks were sent to Bruce for his assistance.

2 June 2022 – The South Coast branch of the East Coast Long Distance Committee have dissolved and handed over their books to the SCF Treasurer – DISCUSS GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

- **East Coast Long Distance Committee (ECLDC) Races** – Dave said that the ECLDC will provide a glass trophy for the Eden and Tasmania Races. ECLDC will provide \$500 overall for the Eden Race and \$1,000 overall for Tasmania Race plus expenses. ECLDC South Coast Committee will consist of Dave Miller, Peter Clarke, Frank Rascilla and Bill Hider.

**Eden Race** will require nominations by **16 August 2022** with basketing at Dapto on Wednesday, 24 August 2022, \$5 per bird with unlimited entries. Race will be held on Friday, 26 August 2022. 25 birds per basket.

**Tasmania Race** will require nominations by **6 September 2022** with basketing at Dapto on Monday, 12 September 2022, \$10 per bird with unlimited entries. Race will be held on Friday, 16 September 2022. 20 birds per basket.

- **South Coast Long Distance Committee (SCLDC)** – Dave informed the SCF Committee that the SCLDC has dissolved due to the lack of interest. The SCLDC has \$2,280 held in a bank account which will be given to the SCF. The SCLDC would like \$900 to go to the Tasmania Race Prize Money for SCF Flyers Section which will jackpot the next year if not claimed. \$900 will also go to the Mildura Race Prize Money if this is run and jackpot to next year if not claimed. \$400 to go to the Phillip Island Soldiers' Plate Race and the remaining \$80 to go towards freight.

**ACTION 6.6:** Julie and Bill to send a receipt to Peter Clarke for the SCLDC Cheque for \$2,280.

- **Extra Nominations** – Trevor has a couple of flyers who would like to increase their nominations. They will be charged \$2 per extra bird.

**ACTION 6.7:** Julie and Bill to send a revised Freight bill to Dapto Pigeon Club for their extra nominations at \$2 per bird.

- **Number of Birds in Baskets** – Trevor questioned that there should be 22 birds per basket at Eden. Steve said that the number was revised up to 23 for Thursday Night Basketing and 25 for Friday Night races when the baskets were altered to have the feed trays outside the basket. While the number of baskets allocated to each club for Eden and Mallacoota is based on 25 to a basket. Over the years it has been noted that nearing the end of the Short Series many flyers send a smaller number of birds than they have nominated. Therefore, we would expect the number of birds that will actually be sent for these races would be less than 23 birds per basket. However, if clubs require extra baskets, the SCF should be able to reallocate baskets from clubs that don't need to use all of the baskets they have been allocated.

- **Loading of baskets** – Trevor spoke about the loading of the baskets from top to bottom or bottom to top. Baskets close to the driver’s cabin to be left for Shoalhaven Pigeon Federation – 14 baskets.
- **SCF Truck** – Jeff said there is a new company, Skilton Truck Repairs, who will be looking after the SCF Truck. They took over Illawarra Truck and Car Centre. They are a 24-hour service who specialise in Japanese truck brands and also carry out auto-electrical work. Bill, Steve and Jeff replaced the roller on the release mechanism for the push bars after liberation.
- **Truck driver** – Jeff said that Rick has agreed to drive the truck when Robert has a leg operation. Rick will have one of his family assist with the liberation.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Toss** on Sunday, 12 June 2022.

**ACTION 6.8:** Julie to email club secretaries to advise them of the toss and to advise numbers by Saturday lunchtime.

- **Baskets:** The Truck Driver and Liberator would prefer string to tie up the baskets as this is easier to cut prior to liberation of the birds.
- **SCF Trailer and Baskets Hire:** SCF Clubs are welcome to conduct their own tosses by hiring the SCF Trailer.
  - The SCF Trailer is garaged at the Pavilion, Bulli Showground and can be hired at a cost of \$50.
  - Baskets must be cleaned before the SCF Trailer is returned.
  - Any damage must be repaired at the cost to the SCF Club who hired the Trailer.
  - 750 bird capacity @ 25 birds per basket x 30 baskets.

**ACTION 6.9:** Julie to email club secretaries to advise them that they can hire the SCF Trailer and Baskets and the conditions of hire.

Meeting closed 9.00 pm. Next meeting Tuesday, 5 July 2022, at Dapto Pigeon Club

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