



Protect these Birds

South Coast Pigeon Federation Incorporated

President: Jeff Sheppard

Secretary: Julie Hider

SCF Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday, 2 August 2022 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Fraternity Club Roma Room

Record of Attendance: Steve Saywell, Jeff Sheppard, Wayne Gallagher, Bill Hider, Julie Hider (minutes)

Telephone: Trevor Gasseling, Luca Krkovski

Apologies: *Dave Miller – comments included in meeting minutes*

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on Tuesday, 5 July 2022 was read to the meeting

Moved: Trevor

Seconded: Bill

Business arising from the Previous Minutes

ACTION 5.9 (ONGOING): Steve to continue to follow up to make the Truck Camera System operational. REFER TO GENERAL BUSINESS

TRUCK CAMERA (Water and Liberator): *Dave rang Julie on Sunday regarding his thoughts on not having the Truck Camera System operational. Dave feels that the birds may not have been watered properly on Saturday or for long enough prior to the liberation but having the Camera would have proved this. They need to be watered at least for 2 hours before liberation. Perhaps the Truck Driver didn't have enough time as he was liberating by himself or the truck was parked on a bit of a slope and the birds didn't get enough water. The drinkers need to be filled on both sides of the truck and the back. Dave suggested that we need a liberator to make sure that there is enough time to complete all the jobs before liberation.*

Dave suggested to Steve and Wayne that they should go to a Hi-Fi Shop where the shop staff could help them set up the camera system, instead of the pursuing the previous system setup.

ACTION 7.1: Julie to send an email to the SCF Club Secretaries to ask all flyers to pull the truck curtains from the straps to stop the curtain from ripping and not to overtighten the straps. COMPLETE

ACTION 7.2: Julie to email Club Secretaries to advise members that racing will be postponed for one week and remove the second Mallacoota as there are no combines attached to this race. Trevor to message members to advise them of the change to the 2022 Race Schedule. A revised Schedule to be drawn up and distributed to the members. Trevor will add to the SCF Website. COMPLETE

ACTION 7.3: Julie to make up a flyer for the Charity Race and distribute to the Clubs. COMPLETE

ACTION 7.4: Notice of Motion for the 2023 AGM regarding Accuracy of a Manual Timing Systems – if there is a question regarding the accuracy of timing systems, the clock in question needs to be presented to the SCF Committee with six (6) tapes so that the Committee can test the clock to ensure it is reliable to use. THIS MOTION HAS BEEN REPLACED TO ACTION 8.1 BELOW

Dave mentioned there was only one analog clock left in the SCF and Dave feels it is unreliable. Results over the 2022 Race Season shows lots of gains and losses.

Dave recommended that this clock needs to be checked and if it is proven to be inaccurate, the clock be replaced with a new system.

ACTION 8.1 (to replace Notice of Motion from ACTION 7.4): Notice of Motion for the 2023 AGM that all SCF pigeon clock systems must be electronic for the 2023 and future Racing Seasons.

ACTION 7.5: Jeff to fix the rip in the truck tarp. COMPLETE

ACTION 7.6: Julie to write to the SCF Secretaries to ask if anyone was interested in either an Extra Race or an Extra Toss on Monday, 25 July 2022 from Milton once the birds have recovered if flyers have teams they need to get away? COMPLETE

Treasurer's Report - July 2022 was emailed to the SCF Committee and was presented to this meeting
Moved: Steve Seconded: Luca

Correspondence Received

6 July 2022 – NSW Fair Trading wrote to advise that they are revising the rules for incorporated associations in NSW and invited us to have our say in the public consultation.

9 July 2022 – Email from, Joanne Griffiths, University of the 3rd Age, asking for someone from SCF to talk at their Seniors' Group. Julie replied to say that Jeff would be happy to come and talk to the Group in November or December along with a couple of other SCF Committee members to talk about Homing Pigeon Racing on the South Coast which would entail a PowerPoint on how the pigeons are bred, raced and homed.

14 July 2022 – Email from Shellharbour City–Lake Pigeon Club to confirm that their secretary, Adam Southwell, has booked the Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club on Friday, 19 and Saturday, 20 August 2022 for the Shellies-Lake Open Combine and Friday, 30 September and Saturday, 1 October 2022 for the SCF Grand Prix and SCF National.

21 July 2022 – Email from Emanuel (Manny) Byrne, South East Racing Pigeon Combine Inc (SERPC) asking if they can join the SCF Truck from 1st Lakes Entrance.

ACTION 8.2: Julie to write to SERPC following the SCF's Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 2 August 2022 to advise them that they will be able to join the SCF Truck from 1st Lakes Entrance.

26 July 2022 – Email from Paul Gibbs and Greg Kakoschke, Australian National Racing Pigeon Board (ANRPB) inviting SCF Flyers to participate in a Grand National Race from Cobar NSW on Saturday, 8 October 2022.

30 July 2022 – Email from Anthony (Tony) Davis, East Coast Long Distance Combine (ECLDC) regarding the **East Coast Classic Race** which is being held from Eden and is planned for Friday, 26 August 2022. The ECLDC is also holding a few other races.

East Coast Classic Race basketing will take place at Dapto Pigeon Club on Wednesday, 24 August 2022 at a time to be advised. Clubs to advise basket numbers before Monday, 15 August 2022 to Julie and Bill? There will be 23 birds per basket.

Prize pool for each section will be \$100 plus 80% of entry fee. The overall prize pool will \$300 plus 20% of all entry fees received. There will also be a number of donated prize vouchers that will be allocated and advertised prior to liberation. The ECLDC have committed a Prize pool for each of the 4 sections as well as overall.

Further to Tony Davis' email, Dave, added that the ECLDC will provide \$200 for supper for all the flyers on basketing night and an extra \$100 has been added to the SCF Section Prize Money. A list needs to be made up of who has nominated, and the flyers must pay Steve Saywell on the night. Rudy Diner, ECLDC Treasurer, will attend the SCF Wednesday night basketing and collect the Race Sheets and money. The Overall SCF Section will be paid as one-in-eight (same allocation as SCF Combines).

31 July 2022 – Letter from Shellharbour City-Lake Illawarra Racing Pigeon Club with questions and concerns:

1. Club members are concerned about the SCF Truck having the driver leave to go to race points without a designated liberator for the journey. We understand this can be a hard position to fill but we feel it is in the best interest of safety for both driver and pigeons to have a designated liberator for the whole journey.
2. Club members would like to request that Rule 62 in the SCF Racing, and Clock Rules be changed from clocks to be read on Combine Races at 8 pm to clocks allowed to be read at the earlier time of 7 pm.

ACTION 8.3: Julie to send a reply email to Shellies-Lake:

1. As you know we have been trying to fill the position of Liberator for some time. No one has come forward, however, we have had a number of pigeon flyers who have assisted the truck driver with the liberations down the coast since the Liberator left the truck some weeks ago.
2. Historically, **Rule 62**, has been put in place with the later time of 8:00 pm so that if flyers have to travel some distance to have their clock read, it allows them to clock in late at night and still travel. Also, once we change to Daylight Saving time this will add to daylight hours.

The SCF Management Committee feels it is acceptable to print out your results sheets from 7.30 pm on Combine races, but Combine clocks should not be entered on the SCF website before 8.00 pm.

Flyers must have their clocks at the Club for reading by 8:00 pm.

If your club would like to take further action regarding Rule 62, please put in a Notice of Motion for the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

1 August 2022 – Email from Dapto regarding Bird Number Reduction for Thursday Night basketing, dropping from 25 to 23. An extra 2 (two) baskets are needed. Dapto flyers were asked to drop back by one bird this week. However, Aidan said he could defer his extra 11 birds to later races.

Steve has gone through the truck and each individual club's statistics. Average for the SCF was 21 to 22 birds per basket in the Fed. No club has fulfilled their quota throughout the year. Dapto 490 quota but only sent 473 last week.

Trevor said that Dapto have had good returns. Aidan Cavill accepted that he could defer his extra 11 birds to later races.

Moved: Steve Accepted: Jeff

General Business

Truck Maintenance

- **Truck Radio with voice control for phone calls** – the truck driver has requested this type of radio but you will still need to press buttons on the dashboard. The mobile phone needs to be mounted on the dashboard. An Apple iPhone can be operated handsfree by asking ‘Hey Siri, ring’
- **Truck Camera - ACTION 5.9 (ONGOING):** Steve to continue to follow up to make the Truck Camera System operational. Steve stated that the auto-electrician’s son will fix the camera next week.
- **Truck lights** – the truck lost it’s back lights and was noticed at Nowra, however, brake lights were working.
- **Truck Roller** – broken again, release mechanism is hard to release, nuts are missing.

ACTION 8.4: Steve has volunteered to look after the ongoing truck maintenance issues. Steve will advise Robert of this. Auto-electrician to look at the truck’s back lights.

Baskets - Warren Glover has asked if stickers can be put on baskets to show how many birds are in each basket. 20 birds in each basket would be a comfortable number in the Long Series from Lakes Entrance to Phillip Island.

Dave recommended that all clubs water their birds on basketing night while waiting for the truck.

ACTION 8.5: Julie to email all clubs to ask them to water their birds while waiting for the truck to pick up the baskets.

Charity Race – *Dave would like to personally thank Julie, Jeff and Bill for their work in such a short time to make the Charity Night a wonderful event. He also thanked the rest of the Committee, SCF Clubs, SCF Flyers and everyone who contributed for their donations and support. He felt that this year’s Charity Race recipients, The Wollongong Hospital Neonatal Unit, was the most worthwhile charity compared to previous years. He went on to suggest that next year we raise money for The Wollongong Hospital Intensive Care Unit.*

Total Raised: \$12,785

ACTION 8.6: Julie to send an email to the SCF Club Secretaries thanking them for their donations and support and advising how much money was raised. Julie to take a cheque to The Wollongong Hospital Neonatal Unit on Thursday, along with cheque from Poi Weyton. Julie to send out ‘Thank You’ letters.





Woonona Bull Pigeon Club Combine will be held at the Fraternity Club in the Sunken Room on Friday, 12 August 2022. Entry details are \$8 per bird with a limit of 5 birds. Race results on Saturday, 13 August 2022, will be in your own clubs.

Shellies Open Combine will be held at the Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club's Emerald Room, Jason Avenue, Barrack Heights on Friday, 19 August 2022 and Saturday, 20 August 2022. Entry details are \$10 per bird with a limit of 5 birds per loft, no age limit on the entered bird. Lots of Raffle prizes.

Truck Driver – concern was raised regarding the truck driver receiving advice from multiple sources.

ACTION 8.8: Steve to go over the eight pages of procedures with the truck driver. Julie to book another Eden hotel for the truck driver as there is not sufficient or suitable room for the truck at the current motel.

Social Media: The SCF Liberation Committee has been called 'a mob of clowns'. This is the second time derogatory remarks have been published on Social Media. The SCF Management Committee will not tolerate these types of remarks. **This is an official warning that if there is any further criticism of the SCF Management Committee or the SCF Liberation Committee there will be action taken.**

Entry Sheets: Shellies-Lake Entry Sheets were not made available to the SCF Assistant Race Secretary on the Thursday, 28 July 2022 for the 1st Eden. There are procedures to be followed and these were not followed. Clubs are reminded to put their Combine entry sheets on the truck addressed to, Wayne, at Shellies Club.

New Truck: Wayne talked about getting a new truck instead of relying on a truck licence driver and to use lighter baskets. Involve the membership, smaller truck with 50 baskets and a 30 basket trailer. Purpose-made with a release mechanism.

Trevor mentioned the truck that Central Coast is using now. There was discussion regarding a new truck.

Baskets numbers – Trevor spoke about the Dapto bird numbers, 15 birds down from their full nomination, which meant they may be over the 23 bird to basket limit. One basket obtained from Towradgi and Woonona Bulli for next week and one basket from Gwynneville. Bill said that they may need four more baskets the following week.

Trevor asked if flyers could increase their nominations for the long series. If flyers want to increase their nominations for the long series they must pay for the whole of the long series, 6 races at \$2 per bird.

Freight refunds will not occur until the end of the year.

SCF Presentation Night has been booked at the Fraternity Club on Saturday, 19 November 2022.

Charity Race Combine Prize money – Steve has emailed to the clubs.

2nd Bermagui Race - a lot of people were expecting a race on Sunday and wanted to be notified if the race was on Saturday or Sunday. There was no change to the race so no notification was sent out.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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