South Coast Pigeon Federation Incorporated



President: Jeff Sheppard

Secretary: Julie Hider

SCF General Meeting

held on Tuesday, 6 September 2022 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Fraternity Club Roma Room

Record of Attendance: Steve Saywell, Jeff Sheppard, Wayne Gallagher, Bill Hider, Trevor Gasseling,

Julie Hider (minutes)

Telephone: Nil

Apologies: Dave Miller, Luca Krkovski

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on Tuesday, 2 August 2022 was read to the meeting

Moved: Wayne Seconded: Jeff

Business arising from the Previous Minutes

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

Steve did not agree with Dave Miller's thoughts in the August minutes regarding water for the pigeons, there was no evidence to show that the birds may not have been watered properly or for long enough prior to the liberation. Pigeons only drink 50 ml to 60 ml per day and it was a warm day.

UPDATE: Steve has been trying to find a key to access the truck camera but can't find the key. Trying to source a key.

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 from the 2023 Racing Season onwards.

COMPLETED – Notice of Motion for the 2023 AGM that all SCF flyer's pigeon clock systems must be electronic from the 2023 Racing Season onwards.

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. COMPLETED

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

- 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.

Woonona-Bulli and Towradgi apologised for reading their clocks a few minutes early last week.

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. Booked in for Assessment to estimate the cost of repairs to bring the truck up to scratch on 17 and 31 August 2022 - REFER TO TRUCK MAINTENANCE IN GENERAL BUSINESS

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. COMPLETE

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. COMPLETE

ACTION 8.7: Steve to go over the eight pages of procedures with the truck driver. Julie to book another hotel for the truck driver as there is not sufficient or suitable room for the truck at the current motel at Eden. COMPLETE

REMINDER FROM JULY MINUTES: The Australian National Racing Pigeon Board Inc **Cobar Grand National 2022** will be held on Saturday, 8 October 2022.

ACTION 9.1: Julie to re-send the email to all Club Secretaries. COMPLETE

Treasurer's Report - August 2022 was emailed to the SCF Committee and was presented to this meeting Moved: Jeff Seconded: Wayne

2 August 2022 – IMB Negotiable Interest Term Account, 6 months Interest paid \$181.35, automatically renewed on 16 August 2022 until 16 February 2023.

23 August 2022 – Invoice from Woonona Petfood and Produce for \$93.10 for truck feed was paid and was then refunded to us as they usually donate the truck feed to the SCF during racing season.

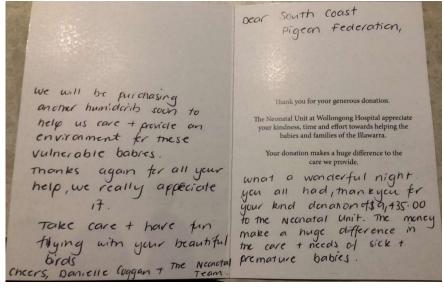
Correspondence Received

4 August 2022 – South Eastern Racing Pigeon Combine (SERPC) sent PPMV Vaccination of pigeons Declaration Form for their six (6) flyers.

8 August 2022 – Bruce King, Moruya Ulladulla Racing Pigeons (MURP) advised that they have paid their basketing fees and freight in full by EFT Bank Transfer. Receipt sent to MURP.

12 August 2022 – Email received with thank you letter and receipt for the \$9,435 SCF donation to the Wollongong Hospital Neonatal Unit from Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD). Also an email received with thank you letter from ISLHD to Poi and Peter for their \$3,350 donation which has been forwarded on to Poi and Peter.

12 August 2022 – Thank you card from Danielle Coggan, Nurse Unit Manager of the Wollongong Hospital Neonatal Unit to SCF for the Charity Race donation.



16 August 2022 – Email from Shellharbour City–Lake Illawarra Pigeon Club with details of the Shellharbour City–Lake Pigeon Club Open Combine to be held on 20 August 2022.

16 August 2022 – Email sent to Shellharbour City-Lake Illawarra Pigeon Club from Steve with a Loft Auction Template for their Combine.

16 August 2022 – Email from Jeff Henderson asking about the requirements to stand for the President's position at next year's AGM.

16 August 2022 – Julie emailed Jeff Henderson with the information to become an associate member.

6 September 2022 – Email received from Jeff Henderson with his application form.

ACTION 9.2: After discussion at this meeting the SCF Committee decided to reject Jeff Henderson's application for Membership as an Associate of the SCF. Julie to send a letter to Jeff Henderson advising him of the Committee's decision.

- 16 August 2022 Steve Saywell raised a concern regarding the Shellharbour City and Lake Illawarra clock variations
- 16 August 2022 Adam Southwell response received regarding Shellies clocks.
- 18 August 2022 Steve Saywell requested for all clubs to use the 'Time Is' not the GPS system.
- 18 August 2022 Letter from Dapto Pigeon Club regarding the use of the GPS and Time Is system.
- 18 August 2022 Response to Dapto from Steve Saywell regarding the accuracy of the GPS and getting an accurate calibration result by checking the GPS against the 'Time Is' app. When this practice has been followed there has been a variation and a conclusion was reached that the GPS is unreliable. Therefore the Committee is instructing all the clubs to use the 'Time Is' app for the remainder of the year.
- 22 August 2022 Email from Tony Davis regarding Thursday liberation of the East Coast Classic. The ECLDC has deposited the East Coast Classic Prize Money into the SCF account. Receipt has been sent to Rudy Deiner for \$2,213.
- 22 August 2022 Changes to SERPC members joining the SCF Truck at 1st Lakes Entrance six (6) flyers now.
- 30 August 2022 Dapto Pigeon Club, Dapto Breeders Plate to be held on 17 September 2022, flyer and race rules received.
- 1 September 2022 Email from Tony Davis, Leslie Vale (Tasmania) Nomination Form 2022
- 2 September 2022 Email from Steve Saywell, IGBF Prize Money break-up for 2020 rung and 2021 rung pigeons
- 5 September 2022 Email from Dapto Pigeon Club, Two issues to be discussed at the SCF Committee Meeting

- 1. **Use of GPS for Clock Setting** The GPS times are used worldwide for pigeon racing. Dapto identified a two second variation between GPS and website and found that when they turned off the master timer for 5 minutes, the time did reset and then matched the website. They went on to strongly recommend that the SCF Committee reconsider using the GPS system instead of manually setting clocks using the 'Time Is' system which opens up the possibility for error.
- Sealing of baskets for Combine Races Dapto would like to introduce a compulsory requirement for all
 clubs for the centre door flap to be sealed with a clock seal for every Combine race to improve security of
 the Combine races.

Moved: Bill Accepted: Wayne

General Business

Direction of Racing – Bill spoke about Dom Monteleone's proposal for racing directions over the next few years to follow Central Cumberland Federation. The Committee suggested it was too late to change the direction of racing for next year because the SCF life rings have already been issued but perhaps Dom could move a Motion at next year's AGM for the following years. It has been agreed by the SCF members that we race 2 years north and then 2 years south.

SCF Presentation Night Achievement Certificates to include top three (3) Fastest in the Federation each week and anyone who collected a Combine prize plus the top 10 flyers in the SCF Combine Pointscore.

Baskets for MURP and SERPC for the last races from Welshpool and Phillip Island. We need to retrieve all baskets on the Truck Race to enable the Truck Driver to come back via the Hume and not have to travel back up the coast. **ACTION 9.3:** Bill to organise baskets for all clubs for the last few races, including Shoalhaven, MURP and SERPC, and the return of baskets following the last race using the SCF Truck. Julie to email everyone to get nominations for National, Grand Prix and Phillip Island so that the number of baskets can be worked out.

Use of GPS for Clock Setting (from Correspondence) – Trevor also spoke with Kevin Clarke from Benzing, who recommended using the GPS system. Unfortunately, there is often a difference between the two systems and because of these anomalies the SCF Committee requests that everyone continues to use the Time-Is System to validate the GPS system.

Sealing of baskets for Combine Races (from Correspondence) – The SCF Committee suggested that Dapto (and other clubs) could use cable ties to seal the central door flap, making sure that the excess plastic in the cable tie be trimmed so it does not interfere with the opening of the baskets during races.

Truck Maintenance – Julie prepared a list of the cost of the SCF Truck so far this year.

- With insurances and registration we have spent \$6,624.17.
- Skilton have sent seven (7) quotes totalling \$12,188.51 to get the truck up to scratch, this includes the following:

| Description | Truck - Maintenance |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Diagnose, remove and replace both front top of body white clearance led lights | \$449.24 |
| Replace leaking steering box seals + flush power steering system | \$1,454.90 |
| Replace radiator assembly, replace thermostats, replace all cooling system hoses, pressure test | |
| cooling system | \$4,636.81 |
| Remove and replace all front suspension pins and bushes | \$1,588.74 |
| Remove and replace sway bar stabilizer bushes | \$1,447.42 |
| EVERY 80,000KM - remove front + rear hubs & bearings, hub & axle seals, front & rear wheel | |
| bearings, re-assemble hubs and diff oil | \$2,203.24 |
| Remove and replace manual transmission oil, ultra clear gear oil | \$408.16 |
| Estimates Total | \$12,188.51 |

There was discussion regarding replacement of the truck. Central Coast has a good truck with light baskets. An SCF Truck Replacement Working Party needs to be formed to scope the purchase of a new truck.

ACTION 9.4: Steve to speak to Skilton regarding the quotes for the truck.

1st Sale Race – Trevor is going as liberator to this race.

ACTION 9.5: Julie to book in an extra person at Moruya and Sale motels.

Towradgi Premier Stakes – Dom Monteleone will put out a flyer to everyone regarding the venue at the Fairy Meadow Bowling Club on Friday and Saturday Nights.

Mildura – call for numbers

ACTION 9.6: Julie to email SCF Secretaries for Mildura nomination numbers.

National, Grand Prix and Soldiers' Plate Basketing will take place in your own club. The National and the Grand Prix birds can go in the same baskets as the birds will be liberated together. Phillip Island baskets not to be started until after the National and the Grand Prix baskets are tied up. The National and Grand Prix baskets to be loaded onto the drivers' side and Phillip Island birds to be loaded on the passenger side.

ACTION 9.7: Julie to advise the SCF Secretaries regarding Basketing as per above.

Tosses – some clubs have paid for baskets nominated and some have paid for the number of baskets sent.

ACTION 9.8: Julie to ask clubs to only pay for the baskets sent on Tosses. Julie and Bill to refund the clubs who paid for baskets nominated.

Stray birds – Luca told Julie that a number of pigeon flyers are not picking their birds up within seven days. In one instance a pigeon was left for six weeks. Flyers have also asked Veterinarians to euthanise healthy pigeons.

ACTION 9.9: Luca to advise Julie the names of the flyers who have not claimed their bird within seven days. Julie will send a \$20 fine to these flyers as per Rule 43 of the SCF Racing By-Laws 2022:

43. Any member failing to claim his bird after having same reported to him in writing by the Ring Secretary within seven days shall be fined \$20.00.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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