

# South Coast Pigeon Federation Incorporated

*President: Jeff Sheppard*

*Secretary: Julie Hider*



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## **SCF Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on Tuesday, 27 September 2022 at 7.00 pm Venue: Berkeley Pigeon Club**

**Record of Attendance:** 32 SCF members - as per attendance sheet

**Proxy Sheets:** 0

### **Reason for the Extraordinary General Meeting**

The Shellharbour City-Lake Illawarra Racing Pigeon Club requested that the South Coast Pigeon Federation Inc (SCF) Management Committee call a Special General Meeting for the SCF members to discuss and vote on the liberation of pigeons from Welshpool for the SCF National and Grand Prix Races.

The SCF Management Committee decided earlier this year to liberate the SCF National and Grand Prix Races at the same time as has been done over previous years. The SCF Committee feels this would benefit the welfare of our pigeons as there would be a diminished numbers of pigeons at that time of the year.

Shellharbour City-Lake Illawarra Racing Pigeon Club would like to follow the Federation rules as per the Rule 15 of the SCF Racing By-Laws 2022:

15. In the event that two SCF Combines are scheduled for the same weekend at a distance greater than 550km and are transported together to the same race point that:
  - 15a. The pigeons be liberated on separate days. i.e., Saturday and Sunday liberations as per schedule.
  - 15b. If the SCF Combines are scheduled for release on the same day that a minimum 30 minute break is given between liberations.
  - 15c. If possible, baskets from each race are to be loaded on opposite sides of the truck.

### **Meeting**

The meeting was opened by the SCF President, Jeff Sheppard, who spoke about the reasons the SCF Management Committee wanted to liberate the SCF National and the SCF Grand Prix together from Welshpool. In years gone by the SCF have had a lot more flyers but this year there have been only 234 pigeons nominated for the National and 455 in the Grand Prix. It was noted that only 32 of the 70 SCF Members were present at this meeting which was not representative of 75% membership needed to change or add a Racing and/or Clock Rule/s (SCF Racing By-Laws 2022, Rule 4).

Warren Glover, Treasurer from Shellharbour City and Lake Illawarra Pigeon Club pointed out that this was not a Rule Change, but that the SCF Committee had decided to liberate the National and Grand Prix pigeons together contrary to Rule 15 of the SCF Racing By Laws, Rule 15.

Steve Saywell, SCF Race Secretary said that this decision had been made at the SCF Management Committee's June 2022 meeting. Steve also said that over the last five (5) years the National and Grand Prix had been liberated together.

Derek Louth, President, Shellharbour City-Lake Illawarra Pigeon Club said that there wasn't a Grand Prix some years ago.

Dave Armstrong, Shellharbour City-Lake Illawarra Pigeon Club said there was a ballot before it was decided to liberate the two races together. Some flyers could not remember participating in a ballot.

Alan Zahra, Dapto Homing Pigeon Club thought that the majority of the SCF Membership did not attend this meeting as they had confidence in the SCF Management Committee's decision.

After discussion it was decided the members present should vote on whether to liberate the SCF National and SCF Grand Prix together.

**Yes:** 14                      **No:** 14                      **Abstained:** 4

The SCF President had the deciding vote to liberate the SCF National and SCF Grand Prix Race birds together from Welshpool.

Meeting closed 8.15 pm