

# South Coast Pigeon Federation Incorporated

President: Jeff Sheppard

Secretary: Julie Hider



## SCF Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday, 18 October 2022 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Fraternity Club Roma Room

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

**Telephone:** Dave Miller (partial meeting attendance for General Business)

**Apologies:** Luca Krkovski, Wayne Gallagher

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on Tuesday, 6 September 2022 was read to the meeting

Moved: Bill                      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.

**ACTION 10.1:** We may be able to salvage the camera system from the truck it will depend if it is classified as a truck fixture by the NTI Insurance Company.

**ACTION 9.1:** Julie to re-send the email to all Club Secretaries -The Australian National Racing Pigeon Board Inc **Cobar Grand National 2022** will be held on Saturday, 8 October 2022. COMPLETED

**ACTION 9.2:** After discussion 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. COMPLETED

**ACTION 9.3:** Bill to organise baskets for all clubs for the last few races, including 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. COMPLETED

**ACTION 9.4:** Steve to speak to Skilton regarding the quotes for the truck. NOT COMPLETED – IRRELEVANT NOW

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

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

**ACTION 9.7:** Julie to advise the SCF Secretaries of the 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 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. COMPLETED

**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. NOT COMPLETED

**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. NOT COMPLETED

**ACTION 10.2:** SCF Committee to reconsider opening an account with Barnett's Couriers to transport live pigeons when needed.

**Electronic Clock Systems:** Trevor spoke about the Notice of Motion for the 2023 AGM that all SCF flyer's pigeon clock systems must be electronic from the 2023 Racing Season onwards. Trevor spoke with Col Linnett who has borrowed a manual Benzing Clock with battery after his clock lost 134 seconds in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sale, SCF Young Bird Derby Race. Col said he couldn't breed any birds to race next year if the *Notice of Motion for the 2023 AGM that all SCF flyer's pigeon clock systems must be electronic from the 2023 Racing Season onwards* is successfully voted in at next

year's AGM. Trevor thought that if this rule is voted in, we should not instigate this until the 2024 Racing Season. After discussion, it was decided to reconsider this Motion at the December SCF Committee Meeting as this rule may discourage new flyers to the sport who may start out with a manual clock as they may not be able to afford an electronic clocking system when they first start racing.

**ACTION 10.3:** Notice of Motion for the 2023 AGM that all SCF pigeon clock systems must be electronic from the 2023 Racing Season onwards – REVISE AT DECEMBER SCF COMMITTEE MEETING.

**Treasurer's Report** – September 2022 was emailed to the SCF Committee and was presented to this meeting  
Moved: Bill Seconded: Jeff

**Freight bills for 2022** - The SCF Committee reviewed the freight refund for 3<sup>rd</sup> Mallacoota Race cancellation and decided that due to the unexpected expense of \$770 to have the truck towed after it was bogged at Lake Entrance that the refund would probably be worked out at 37 cents per bird. Also, due to the write off of the truck following the last race and the added expenses to salvage the truck and the baskets, we cannot see our way clear to refund this money as it would only be a few dollars per flyer.

**ACTION 10.4:** Julie to contact all clubs to advise that there will not be a refund this year and to ask those clubs who have not paid for 3<sup>rd</sup> Mallacoota to pay their remaining freight money.

### Correspondence Received

- 9 September 2022 – Email from Alec and Luca Krkovski with spreadsheets of 2022 SCF and IGBF Rings
- 9 September 2022 – Email from Moruya Tilt and Tow – Statement for Tow on 15 June 2021 for \$88.00 – Julie advised them that this account as been paid.
- 10 September 2022 – Email from, Jeff Henderson, asking for the progress of his Membership Application.
- 12 September 2022 – Julie emailed, Jeff Henderson, advising of the rejection of his Membership Application.
- 12 September 2022 – Email from, Jeff Henderson, acknowledging receipt of SCF Letter emailed to him.
- 16 September 2022 – Email from Anthony Davis regarding Rockhampton Race nominations.
- 19 September 2022 – SMS Message from, Bill Hunt, an old Sydney pigeon flyer who is asking for old pigeon rings as he is trying to collect them. Julie emailed the secretaries but no one has contacted with old pigeon rings.
- 19 September 2022 – Email notice from NSW Fair Trading with New associations incorporated regulation 2022
- 21 September 2022 – Email and letter - 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.
- 27 September 2022 – A Special Extra Ordinary Meeting was held and it was voted that the two races would be liberated together.
- 23 September 2022 – Email from, Stephen Saywell, with prize money for the John Graham SCF Young Bird Derby.
- 25 September 2022 – Email from, Bruce King, MURP regarding Mildura nominations and 3 baskets to Welshpool and 3 baskets to Phillip Island so all baskets will be returned from MURP following these races.
- 20 and 27 September 2022 – Emails from, Manny Byrne, regarding basketing of birds and transfer of birds from their own baskets to the trailer baskets for the Mildura 800 km Race.
- 27 September 2022 – Application for Membership of Association received from, Julie Hider.

18 October 2022 – Julie’s Application for Membership was accepted by the SCF Committee.

28 September 2022 – Email from, Stephen Saywell, regarding John Armstrong’s Young Bird Derby Entry and Result sheets. There is no reference to the lettering or year of the clock pigeon on either sheet. It was requested that confirmation as to the bird’s identity needs to be verified by the Shellharbour City and Lake Illawarra Pigeon Club Executive and the SCF Assistant Race Secretary, Wayne Gallagher, and it will then be referred to the SCF Management Committee at their next meeting (this meeting). **REFER TO GENERAL BUSINESS**

28 September 2022 – Email from, Jeff Henderson, on behalf of some older flyers he was asking if the same 3 birds can be put in the Grand Prix and the National.

29 September 2022 – Julie responded to, Jeff Henderson, that the SCF National and SCF Grand Prix are two separate races and the same pigeons cannot be entered into the two races.

29 September 2022 – Thank you email from, Bryan Solomons, Central Coast regarding allowing Central Coast to liberate their birds with SCF birds and EFT Lodgement Receipt.

2 October 2022 – Email from Trevor Gasseling regarding Dapto Breeders’ Plate 2021/2022 run and won from 1<sup>st</sup> Sale on Saturday, 17 September 2022. List of winners and list of sale dates attached to email.

2 October 2022 – Email from Stephen Saywell regarding prizes for the Graham Davison SCF National, Grand Prix, and Soldiers Plate.

5 October 2022 – Email from Mario Saliba inquiring about the Champion of Champions in the SCF National

5 October 2022 – Julie emailed Mario explaining who the eligible flyers were for the Champion of Champions

6 October 2022 – Email from, Sara Folau, Claims Consultant, NTI Limited, NTI Claim Advice – **Claim Reference #464919** and second email with details of additional benefits covered by our policy, if required ie Finance Payments, Substitute Hire Motor Vehicle, and Additional Expenditure.

6 October 2022 - Email from, First Constable Kyle Arestia, with Police Report Number for Incident on Tuesday, 4 October 2022 with Truck Rego NSW ZDV927

Moved: Jeff

Accepted: Trevor

### General Business

**SCF Truck:** Dave Miller spoke about the truck. It will be after Christmas before we can start on a new truck. There are spare trucks in Sydney including Brian Walters’ truck which we could use for one or two weeks. Another spare truck could be Vince Pedavoli’s truck we could hire but we would need a driver and liberator. Southern Federation have two trucks, 84 baskets in the spare one. We could lease one of those.

Dave spoke of another alternative is that Central Cumberland is racing south next year and their program is very similar to our program for this year. They have three modes of transport 320 baskets, for 300 flyers and trailer which holds 56 baskets. Surplus truck hold 350 baskets through to Eden to make it worthwhile they have a driver and liberator for that truck. They would probably charge \$20 per basket, totalling around \$42,000 which is similar to what we paid for freight this year. They take their baskets to Fairfield, but perhaps they could pick up somewhere in the SCF. We would need permission to get the spare baskets. With the extra money as they get to 55 to 60 baskets and give us a trailer to save them a lot of money. President of Central Cumberland is currently overseas.

Dave talked about Coke Cola truck which have ventilated roller doors, two either side. The new truck would need to be 600 mm lower than the old truck as not many people can put the baskets up high on our current truck. New truck 4 tonner mainly for around town, need a truck with a turbo charger to get up hills, drinkers on the back of the truck, drinker behind the chassis, and the feed needs a little space underneath. Fixtures on the SCF Trucks will need to stay with the truck, baskets and drinkers need to be retrieved as baskets are around \$500 per basket.

Jeff spoke with Skilton today. How many baskets do you want to fit on the new truck? 6 m tray x 2.4 m – 6 baskets long by 84 baskets plus the trailer if we need it, height and weight of the trailer. In 10 years’ time we will probably get away with just a trailer but for now we need four wheels at the back, 6m extended tray. 4.5 truck allows anyone with a C Class Licence to drive the truck.

Steve, 3 tonne of pigeons. Framework was 25 to 30 mm square framework on the trailer. Light frames with steel frame and screws.

## SCF Truck Options:

1. Buy the truck back and repair it
2. New truck and a trailer
3. Hire a truck in the meantime

Jeff said we need a delegation to go and pick up baskets in Melbourne – we may have to cut out baskets with angle grinders and hire a removalist truck, fly a truck driver down and we may have to cut out baskets. Jeff asked who would be willing to go down to retrieve the baskets. Steve, Bill and Jeff volunteered.

Jeff to raise a bit of money we might raise some money and auction some birds online. Top 10 flyers in the SCF. Propose fund raising at the Truck Meeting tomorrow night to raise funds for a new truck.

**Clocks:** Trevor asked if a flyer purchases a Benzing Live, do they have to bring the clock to the club? This is something that needs to be investigated further. The flyer would need to write a letter to the SCF Committee to have it approved and a proposal on how it can be used.

**SCF Race Secretary:** Steve spoke about checking the result sheet for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sale SCF Young Bird Derby and the Top Pigeon clocks this year. Because of the complexity of these clocks and keying in the data, this has led to some details of the pigeon not being written on the result sheet ie no reference to the lettering or the year, colour and sex of each bird. Because of the confusion Steve requested that the Shellies-Lake Committee provide a written explanation as to why John Armstrong's entry form was not rejected and advise the SCF Committee why this happened and what steps are going to take place to make sure this doesn't happen again. Following this request, John Armstrong's pigeon was validated by Wayne Gallagher and was not rejected from the SCF Young Bird Derby.

Steve also spoke about the Welshpool SCF National Race where John Cassidy's Race Entry Sheet was incomplete as the Year of the pigeon was missing and therefore John Cassidy's pigeon does not qualify for a place in the SCF National. The SCF Committee discussed incomplete Race Sheets and felt that the onus was on the flyer to check their own Race Sheet to ensure they are complete. **It was decided unanimously by the SCF Committee that John Cassidy's pigeon be disqualified from the SCF National because the Race Entry Sheet was incomplete.** John Cassidy can appeal this decision and the correct information on the race sheet and signed at a meeting of the SCF Committee with the Shellharbour City-Lake Illawarra Pigeon Club Committee.

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**SCF Presentation Night - ACTION 10.6:** Julie to send out reminder for SCF Presentation Night numbers.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, 31 October 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Fraternity Club Roma Room.

Meeting closed 9.45 pm

**ACTION ITEMS – SCF Committee Meeting (10) held Tuesday, 18 October 2022**

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