

South Coast Pigeon Federation Incorporated

President: Jeff Sheppard

Secretary: Julie Hider



Protect these Birds

SCF Committee Meeting (5)

held on Tuesday, 2 May 2023 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Fraternity Club Roma Room

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

Apologies: Wayne Gallagher, Dave Miller, Luca Krkovski

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on Tuesday, 4 April 2023 was read to the SCF Committee

Moved: Alec

Seconded: Bill

Business arising from the Previous Minutes

ACTION 4.1: Trailer brake light wire and globe needs to be fixed on the back. Jeff and Bill to organise the fix. One of the Men's Shed who is an electrician suggested purchasing a sensor which shows if any of the lights are broken.

TRAILER UPDATE: Jeff went to the trailer today. None of the trailer lights were working. He will ask Jim, the electrician from the Men's Shed to check it again tomorrow. Jeff will try to get it fixed over the next week so that it can be used for tossing if needed. Julie to email the clubs to see if they are interested in a mid-week toss using the SCF Trailer next Wednesday, 10 May, weather permitting and at \$8 per basket – trailer is still not fixed so there won't be a mid-week toss.

ACTION 5.1: Julie to email the clubs: **Toss cancellation** - due to the trailer and truck not being ready the toss scheduled for this Saturday, 6 May has been cancelled. We hope to have the truck next week and will advise if the Saturday, 13 May toss will go ahead. There may be a possibility of some mid-week and Sunday tosses but this will depend on numbers and the weather permitting.

Jeff also spoke with Darren the manager from the Bulli Trotting Track and he was happy for the trailer to be parked beside the water tank. Darren will give Jeff the key to the main gate so that the trailer can be accessed.

ACTION 4.2: Julie to advise all the clubs that the fees are to stay the same. COMPLETED

Pensioner	\$100.00
Full member	\$140.00
Associate Member	\$10.00
Affiliation Fee	\$2.00

ACTION 4.3: Discuss Toss from Sutherland on 20 May 2023 at SCF Committee May 2023 Meeting which may potentially clash with CCF's first race. The Liberation Committee will decide if there is a problem with this Toss and schedule for another day, possibly Sunday, 21 May?

ACTION 4.4: Jeff to check with last year's Liberation Committee to see if they are happy to be on the Liberation Committee again this year.

UPDATE: All members of 2022 Liberation Committee have agreed to be on the Committee again for 2023. The liberation committee will consist of: Frank Rascilla, Wayne Gallagher and Steve Saywell.

ACTION 4.5: Luca and Julie to check with Telstra to see if it would be easier to have a separate phone and SIM card. COMPLETED

Julie spoke with her nephew who said that we could get another phone if we gave up the 1300 number. Luca hasn't had any more problems since the 1300 number was re-connected and diverted to his personal phone. No more action taken at this time.

ACTION 4.6: Steve to report back on suitability of liberation points Karuah vs Anna Bay

UPDATE: Steve gave the Committee an update on the Karuah Liberation Point which was found to be a satisfactory race point from the car park next to the sea, Anna Bay car park next to the sea has a slope is a good race point but the birds could not be watered in the truck as it is not a level car park. Karuah to remain as the liberation race point.

Treasurer's Report – April 2023 Treasurer's Report was presented to the meeting.

- 2nd Instalment for SCF Truck build – paid \$22,000
- Monthly fee to Mick Rippon for SCF Website – direct debit of \$32.50

Moved: Steve

Seconded: Alec

Correspondence Received

11 April 2023 – Email from Stephen Saywell with Invoice from Marciano Industries, \$22,000 for 2nd Instalment

12 April 2023 – P & H Gibbs, The Australian National Racing Pigeon Board (ANRPB) will be conducting two National Ace Bird Awards this year, a Short to Middle Distance and a Middle to Long Distance. Paul asked if the two attachments could be placed on the SCF website? Julie has distributed to the SCF Secretaries and has asked Trevor to place on the website.

17 April 2023 – Andrew Szalai has asked how many nominations there will be this year. Julie replied to all clubs to let them know there would only be two calls for nominations this year, Short and Long Distance.

17 April 2023 – Bryan Solomons, Central Coast Racing Pigeon Association (CCRPA), if there is a possibility of combining liberations, providing more bird coverage, over the long races.

It appears from your schedule that you are planning for liberation from Deception Bay on the 1st October and we are scheduled for liberation at Caboolture. If we were to combine our members would be just as happy for release from Deception Bay.

ACTION 5.2: Julie to write to Bryan Solomons, CCRPA, to let him know that we are happy for them to liberate with us again this year.

20 April 2023 – Official Receipt from Wagga Motors, Isuzu Trucks dated 30 December 2022, for \$72,448

21 April 2023 – Nick Norris, Gallagher Insurance Brokers, for new SCF Truck Comprehensive Insurance, a snapshot of our advice is provided below; however we suggest reading the full report for a detailed overview.

Policy Type	Insurer	Total Premium
Commercial Motor Insurance	National Transport Insurance	\$7,272.45 (Includes \$100 Broker fee)

23 April 2023 – Email from Bruce King, MURP, trying to get some idea if we still might get on or at what point. If your truck is full, I need to make other arrangements. I know its hard to try an organise things up there, trying to please so many fed members.

UPDATE: Julie replied, ‘Unfortunately, we are waiting on nomination numbers from flyers to work out if we will have room for you guys. We may get some idea as the first call for nomination numbers is due on 30 April and we are having a meeting on Tuesday, 2 May 2022. So, I should have some news for you on Wednesday, 3 May 2023. We also envisage that the cost of freight will be over \$1.00 per bird due to a rise in costs but again we are waiting to see what nominations we have.’

ACTION 5.3: Julie to contact Bruce King, MURP, to check to see if they are only going to race for 10 races this year and inform them that it will cost \$1.32 per bird for freight. Also, fees will be \$100 for pensioners and \$140 for non-pensioners.

24 April 2023 – Trevor Gasseling & Graham Kerr – Great-Circle Distances Compared to Vincenty Method. DEFER TO GENERAL BUSINESS

24 April 2023 – Shellies Lake Nomination Numbers
28 April 2023 – Berkeley Nomination Numbers
29 April 2023 – Gwynneville Nomination Numbers
30 April 2023 – Dapto Nomination Numbers
1 May 2023 – Towradgi and Woonona Bulli Nomination Numbers

DEFER TO GENERAL BUSINESS

29 April 2023 – Shellies Lake - PMV Forms received via email.

ACTION 5.4: Julie to contact clubs to ask for the PMV Forms before racing begins.

General Business

SCF Truck – Steve spoke with Mick Marciano and they hope to have the truck ready by this Friday, however, it could be next week at this stage. It will be registered it as a Pan-tech truck. The sides, back and front have been fitted and so it is able to be registered before the slots for the baskets are fitted. There will be a 300 mm gap at the front and the back of the truck for ladders, feed and other items to be stored. We may install some shelves in this area to house the feed for the pigeons. Also, Rick asked if he could put a bag in the truck with a change of clothes. Alec thought that the Isuzu truck may have room behind the seats in the cab but there would be room in the back of the truck if needed.

The Committee were happy for Rick to fill up with diesel where the diesel was cheaper, not just at Shell Service stations.

Freight – Steve spoke about the costs which have increased by 25% with a decrease in birdage. We would have a 36 bird limit if we did not include Shoalhaven and Moruya Ulladulla birds and freight would cost \$1.60 per bird. Accommodation may be a bit cheaper as Rick has nominated not to stay overnight on the first 3 races but it will still be around \$4,000. Diesel fuel will cost approximately \$16,000; Registrations and Insurance will cost around \$10,000. Overall, the cost to race will be approximately \$59,000 not including Motorway Tolls. The Tolls will cost \$69.66 one-way, with a total of \$139.32 per race.

ACTION 5.5: Julie to email all clubs, including Shoalhaven and Moruya Ulladulla to advise them of the **cost of freight at \$1.32 per bird.**

ACTION 5.6: Jeff to drop old e-TAG into Julie so she can obtain a new e-TAG for the new truck once it is registered.

Race Distances - Great-Circle Distances Compared to Vincenty Method. Trevor has looked at the two methods, and the Vincenty Method is more complex but also more accurate. The Committee unanimously voted to change to the Vincenty Method on the SCF Website as this only required a switch to be turned on.

ACTION 5.7: Trevor to turn on the Vincenty Method on the SCF Website.

Breaking Point from the north is the old Toll Gates site at Waterfall.

SCF Committee Meeting day to change to Wednesday, so that Wayne is able to attend.

Bird of the Year for 2023 – John Faulks would like to contribute \$500 cash plus a trophy to the best performing SCF bird. John will check the website each week and select the Bird of the Year.

Sponsor Names on the back of the truck, \$200 sponsorship has been pledged by RMB Lawyers. Alec will find Jones Signs if they can give us a quote for the Sponsors and the South Coast Pigeon Federation Signage on the back of the truck.

ACTION 5.8: Alex to contact Jones Signs for a quote for the truck signage.

Meeting closed 9.15 pm

Next meeting to be held Wednesday, 7 June 2023 at 7.00 pm at the Fraternity Roma Room

ACTION ITEMS – SCF Committee Meeting (4) held Tuesday, 4 April 2023

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