



### 100 years of Pigeon Racing

President: Jeff Sheppard Secretary: Julie Hider

#### SCF Committee Meeting (6)

held on Wednesday, 7 June 2023 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Fraternity Club Roma Room

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

**Apologies:** Luca Krkovski, Wayne Gallagher, Bill Hider,

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on Tuesday, 2 May 2023 was read to the SCF Committee

Moved: Steve

Seconded: Jeff

#### Business arising from the Previous Minutes

**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.

**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.

**COMPLETED:** Thanks again for contacting the South Coast Pigeon Federation (SCF) Committee. Following discussion at our Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 2 May 2023, we are happy for the Central Coast Racing Pigeon Association (CCRPA) to join with us on our liberation at Deception Bay. We will contact you closer to the time to organise the combined liberation. Reminder set for Friday, 1 September 2023.

**ACTION 5.3:** Julie to contact Bruce King, MURP, 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 for both SRP and MURP will be \$100 for pensioners and \$140 for non-pensioners.

**COMPLETED –** MURP were only going to race 10 races this year but because of the rise in costs have decided not to fly with the SCF truck this year.

**ACTION 5.4:** Julie to contact clubs to ask for the PMV Forms before racing begins on 27 May 2023. **COMPLETED**

Clubs	PMV Declaration Received
Berkeley	23 May 2023
Dapto	Waiting on one flyer
Gwynneville	19 May 2023
Shellies Lake	29 April 2023
Towradgi	27 May 2023
Woonona Bulli	received
Shoalhaven	PMV + ROTA – received

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.

COMPLETED – Shoalhaven are still racing with the SCF Truck but MURP have declined.

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.

COMPLETED. Steve reported that the e-TAG has been used in the truck but it looks like it has not registered over the first two races. Steve has ordered a new e-TAG for the new truck.

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

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

ACTION 6.1: Contact Ian Price to see if he can supply signage for the truck – vinyl stencils.

Towradgi will sponsor the Toll component of the SCF freight charges on a monthly basis. Steve contacted Linkt regarding the Tolls and there was no activity over the last two weekends. The truck driver said the e-Tag has been beeping but they will send us a new e-Tag.

Freight fuel consumption – Wagga Wagga Motors advised that fuel consumption of the old truck would be similar to what is used by our new truck. The SCF Committee will review the freight operating charges through the year to ensure the members are not overcharged.

ACTION 6.2: Review Freight costs at the August 2023 SCF Committee Meeting, taking into consideration the new SCF Truck's fuel consumption and Towradgi's toll sponsorship.

Steve has fixed the wiring in the Trailer – many thanks to Steve!

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

Moved: Jeff

Seconded: Steve

### Correspondence Received

12 May 2023 – Berkeley 2023 final bird nominations

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13 May 2023 – Shellies-Lake final bird Nominations

13 May 2023 – Towradgi final bird Nominations

16 May 2023 – Gordon Smith emailed to advise that Alan Greenberg can't race this year due to illness. 5 + 5

25 May 2023 – GIO CTP Greenslip paid receipt

25 May 2023 – Service NSW, SCF Truck Registration and Stamp Duty Receipt

26 May 2023 – Nick Norris, Gallagher Broker, receipt and Comprehensive Insurance details.

28 May 2023 – Shellies-Lake asked why liberation time was moved from 12.00 noon to 12.30 pm? DEFER TO GENERAL BUSINESS

29 May 2023 – Black Swan Waterfront Motel, Swansea – booking confirmation for 17 and 24 June and 1 July 2023, Caves Beach three races.

30 May 2023 – Email from Berkeley, Ian Sunlay has joined the SCF as a full member even though he is not racing.

5 June 2023 – Anthony Davis email from the East Coast Long Distance Committee – forwarded to all secretaries.

6 June 2023 – Berkeley – problem with their pointscore – fixed by Trevor

Moved: Dave

Seconded Jeff

### General Business

**LIBERATION TIMES** – there was discussion regarding the 12.30 pm liberation time. An explanation email was sent to the SCF Club Secretaries: *Thanks for your query regarding the liberation time changing from 12.00 pm to 12.30 pm. Rick was leaving his home this morning (Sunday morning) instead of staying in a motel overnight. This has saved the Fed money. They changed the time as they thought it would give him a little bit extra time to arrive at*

*The Entrance and rest the birds before liberation. Or, just in case he was delayed along the way. He had a good run there this morning and arrived at around 9.30 am. So all good for a 12.30 pm liberation.*

**CLOCKS AND POINT SCORES** – Dave queried why Jeff Sheppard's electronic clock had been disqualified in the first race as he believed that if a clock is fast or slow it was acceptable to correct the time. The clock was disqualified as it was not set up correctly and still had the Hobart Race in the clock with the date 21 April 2023 appearing on the clock. Dave thought that flyers should not be penalised for a clock which is not correct. There are two point scores, the Federation Point Score and the Federation Combine Point Score. Point scores are affected when a flyer is disqualified, or they have sick pigeons or they are sick themselves. Point scores need more discussion.

**ROTA** - A number of flyers have Rota in their lofts. The SCF Committee will need to continue to review to see how ROTA is affecting racing over the next couple of weeks.

**ACTION 6.3:** Julie to email clubs to find out if many of the flyers have ROTA and the severity of ROTA. SCF Committee will monitor developments from the Flyers' feedback over the next 2 weeks to see how ROTA is affecting Flyers. Each of the clubs need their members to monitor the birds as they are basketed. Flyers should take care to make sure they are entering healthy birds to a race.

**CLOCKS:** All wind-up and analog clocks need to be checked before Combines.

**NEW SCF TRUCK** – Rick has some ideas for modifications to the truck. Steve has purchased two (2) Jerry Cans to store the pigeon feed. Jeff is yet to speak to Dennis from Woonona Produce regarding donation of wheat and corn bags for the truck. Water – is there enough capacity for 70 baskets? 200 litres of water on the truck, trays take around 2 litres, there was 300 litres of water on the old truck. Steve said we were given this tank for nothing however; Mick Marciano will build a larger stainless steel water tank if needed. Fuel tank is 140 litre, the truck uses half a tank to get The Entrance – we are looking at fuel consumption. Rick has requested a lift chair for the driver seat. Weld chains to the truck supports for the truck walkway. Potential modifications will be considered later in the year once we have more experience in the operation of the truck. The clubs need to ensure that all the supports are inserted and locking pins for the release mechanism before the truck leaves.

**Brown Slip** – Sincere thanks goes to, John Cassidy, for finding someone who approved the new SCF truck with a brown slip.

**THURSDAY NIGHT NUMBERS:** Julie to send an email to the clubs to ask for firm numbers from the members by Thursday night so we can see if we really need the trailer this week because of ROTA and flyers' loss of pigeons. Trevor to send message out to clubs too.

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Meeting closed 10 pm

Next meeting to be held Wednesday, 5 July 2023 at 7.00 pm at the Fraternity Roma Room

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