



100 years of Pigeon Racing

President: Jeff Sheppard Secretary: Julie Hider

SCF Committee Meeting (7)

held on Wednesday, 5 July 2023 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Fraternity Club Roma Room

Record of Attendance: Jeff Sheppard, Wayne Gallagher, Bill Hider, Steve Saywell, Dave Miller, Alec Krkovski, Julie Hider (minutes)

Telephone: Trevor Gasseling

Apologies: Luca Krkovski

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on Wednesday, 7 June 2023 was read to the SCF Committee

Moved: Jeff Seconded: Dave

Business arising from the Previous Minutes

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.

ACTION 6.2 (ACTION 8.1): 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.

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.

ACTION 6.4: Trevor and Julie to send out messages to the Clubs: *The Committee would like Members to provide feedback to their Club Secretaries to advise if they have Rota and how it is affecting them. We are also asking Club Secretaries to let their club Secretaries know by Thursday afternoon each week to advise how many birds they will be sending particularly if they don't plan on sending their full nomination. Secretaries can then let Julie know how many baskets their club will need to use based on 25 23 birds per basket. We can then work out if the trailer is needed this week.*

CORRECTION: **there was 300 litres of water on the old truck (not 400)

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 water 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.

Moved: Dave

Seconded: Jeff

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

- Final Payment for the Truck Build was paid to Mick Marciano for \$32,000

Moved: Dave

Seconded: Jeff

Correspondence Received

13 June 2023 – Dapto Pigeon Club – inquiry regarding the Freight Charge for Triple Header Long Weekend Races and reply from Steve Saywell: Freight was calculated on 7 races for 2023 (in the long series). The freight for the National is covered by the nomination from Welshpool and Deception Bay is considered a separate race.

15 June 2023 - Black Swan Motel - Booking Confirmation - Cancel and rebook request confirmed, new dates:

1. Friday, 30 June 2023
2. Friday, 7 July 2023
3. Friday, 14 July 2023 (already booked)

3 July 2023 – Dapto Pigeon Club had a meeting and they have some serious concerns about the number of race birds coming home from the last two races with oil on their heads. It appears the birds have been exposed to exhaust fumes and for the welfare of our birds we believe this needs to be eliminated as soon as possible.

It was noted that the day after their meeting, birds returned home from the toss with oily heads. Also of note was that the Dapto baskets had not been cleaned/hosed out since they commenced racing.

Steve said that the two air vents at the back of the truck had been closed off and that the Muffler Centre would be looking to extend the exhaust pipe to the back of the truck and the pipe would be pointed down to the roadway. This work to be carried out before racing this week.

Other clubs have hosed out their baskets after each race and haven't experienced this problem. It was recommended that Dapto hose out their baskets and clean with detergent as well to remove the oil from the baskets.

The SCF Committee will continue to monitor this issue.

General Business

LIFE RINGS: Alec asked that pay Kevin Clark to be paid for 2023 rings.

ACTION 7.1: Bill to pay Kevin Clark for rings.

ACTION 7.2: Alec to contact Jones Signs for a quote for the truck signage. Alec asked what we would like on the truck signage. We would like the South Coast Pigeon Federation and a pigeon/s picture.

ACTION 7.3: Alec and Luca to email invoices to the individual clubs and also copy in Julie and Bill. Clubs can pay directly into the SCF account with an EFT Transfer but need to advise Alec, Luca, Bill and Julie with an email of the details of the money paid so it can be receipted properly.

WEEKLY BIRD NUMBERS: Steve said the numbers of birds need to be more accurate as there were a number of clubs who sent less birds and we may have been able to go without the trailer last week. People need be honest with their bird numbers.

ACTION 7.4: Julie to email Club Secretaries asking for their numbers again this week. There is also a toss planned for this Sunday. Numbers to be in by Thursday afternoon for the Race and the Toss.

NEW SCF TRUCK: Steve spoke about the issues with the truck. There were 13 items that were to be addressed after we picked up the truck, 12 items were completed over the last two weeks. Mick Marciano will look at the truck while it is at the Muffler Centre and measure up for a new 300 litre stainless steel water tank which he will build. Dave suggested a deflector plate to protect the water tank. Mick has offered to put a step on the back of the truck too. Rear door lock has sprung some of the pot rivets which will also need to be fixed. Steve approached Woonona Produce and got some wheat and corn for the year.

PRESENTATION NIGHT Jeff organised with Adam Southwell, regarding SCF Federation Presentation Night on Saturday, 11 November 2023 at Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club at \$40 per head.

SCF NATIONAL will be held on 6 and 7 October at Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club.

SCF CHARITY RACE: Charity will be held at the Fraternity Club. Friday and Saturday night, games and fund raiser on the Friday night.

SHOALHAVEN BASKETS: Jeff Formosa has asked for a loan of some of our baskets as theirs are not fitting well in the truck. 8 or 6 baskets to get them going. Bill will organise for Shoalhaven to have the green baskets currently at the Bulli Showground Clubhouse.

ROTA VACCINATION: Julie asked if the Rota Vaccination could be made mandatory for all SCF pigeons? This was raised at the Special SCF Meeting held on 14 June 2023. Unfortunately, Rota is not a notifiable disease like PVM so we would not be able to force flyers to vaccinate for Rota.

Meeting closed 8.20 pm

Next meeting to be held Wednesday, 2 August 2023 at 7.00 pm at the Fraternity Roma Room

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