



100 years of Pigeon Racing

President: *Jeff Sheppard* Secretary: *Julie Hider*

SCF Committee Meeting (10)

held on Wednesday, 4 October 2023 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Fraternity Club Roma Room

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

Telephone: Trevor Gasseling

Apologies: Luca Krkovski, Wayne Gallagher, Dave Miller

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on Wednesday, 6 September 2023 was read to the SCF Committee

Moved: Steve

Seconded: Bill

Business arising from the Previous Minutes

ACTION 9.1: Julie to send a copy what we would like printed on the back of the truck to Alec. COMPLETED and Jeff gave Alec the measurements of the back of the SCF Truck



ACTION 9.2: Julie to write thank you letters to donors for the Charity Race. COMPLETED

ACTION 9.3: Julie to write a letter to Shellies and Lake Illawarra Pigeon Club regarding Special Meeting (below) COMPLETED

ACTION 9.4: Julie to send a list of SCF members to Alec and Luca. COMPLETED

ACTION 9.5: Julie to write an email to all the Clubs reminding them and their members of SCF Racing By-Law 43 (below) COMPLETED

- 43.** Any member failing to claim his bird after having same reported to him in writing by the Ring Secretary within seven days shall be fined \$20.00.
- 43a. All transfers must be in writing on the approved SCF Inc. of NSW Transfer form and signed by both the breeder and flyer/owner by the first main series race of the year.
- 43b. All Out of Area IGBF flyers are to use the SCF Inc. of NSW Transfer form to register birds. This form must be signed by both the breeder and flyer/owner.
- 43c. All rings must be registered in the flyers name with the SCF Inc. of NSW Ring Secretary prior to the commencement of the SCF Inc. of NSW Racing Season.

Alec spoke about Greencross Vets reported a Sydney stray pigeon. Alec told them it was not an SCF pigeon but to call him back if they had any problems contacting the Sydney owner.

ACTION10.1: Stray pigeons need to be discussed at the AGM 2024.

Moved: Jeff

Seconded: Alec

Treasurer's Report – September 2023 Treasurer's Report was presented to the meeting:

Freight Owing \$9,714.50 from all clubs combined, except Shoalhaven who paid in full at the start of the year.

We need to calculate refunds after the last race this week.

ACTION 10.2: Julie and Bill to send a copy of freight owing to each club.

Moved: Steve

Seconded: Jeff

Correspondence Received

11 September 2023 – Email from Dominic Monteleone - 2023 Towradgi Sale Prizemoney

12 September 2023 – Kate Bedwell, Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District, organise a meeting with Danielle Coggan at the Wollongong Hospital Neonatal Unit.

13 September 2023 – Thank you letter (below) and receipt from Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District Neo-Natal Unit and thank you letter and receipt for Poi and Peter

Dear Mrs Hider,

Thank you so much for your kind donation.

Our amazing doctors and nurses are expert at providing high quality medical care.

Your support helps us to *enhance* that care.

Community support allows us to purchase top of the line medical equipment, create spaces for respite and fund programs to support patient wellbeing.

It's like a big hug for patients and their families, at a time they need it most.

Once again, a big thank you on behalf of our staff and patients.

Kind regards,

The Fundraising Team
Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

p.s. We will write to you from time to time with updates on upcoming opportunities and the improvements we have made across our health service with generous support like yours.

22 September 2023 – Paul Gibbs, Australian National Racing Pigeon Board

Just re-sending this email as I haven't seen the Nomination Forms on your federation's website at the present time. Any members of your federation that may have pigeons eligible to be considered for one or both of the ANRPB's

"Ace Bird of the Year" will be required to complete one of, or both of the official "Nomination Forms" attached and forward them to me by email. This will be a great opportunity to have top performed/consistent birds recognized on a National basis. There are 10 award certificates to be given in each category with a Trophy for the Ace Bird in each of the categories.

20 September 2023 – Andrew Szalai, I just got notified by a pigeon flyer at Taree that they are back burning in this area and visibility is zero.

20 September 2023 – Kate Bedwell, Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District



Staff: Danielle Cogan, Nurse Unit Manager for the Wollongong Hospital Neonatal Unit and Special Care Nursery
Guests: Jeff Sheppard (SCF President) and Julie Hider (SCF Secretary)

The South Coast Pigeon Federation has been a longtime supporter of ISLHD, and to the Neonatal Unit at Wollongong Hospital. They recently celebrated their 100th year at their annual Charity Race, joined by members from all over the region. Together, they raised an amazing \$14,261, donating over \$20,000 to ISLHD in total!

This included the wonderful support of members who have been personally touched by experiences in the NICU at our hospital and in their hometowns. They are passionate about supporting the needs for equipment by our staff and improving patient care, as they know first-hand the positive impact this kind of community support can have on all those involved.

Having the opportunity to visit our hospital's NICU and see the potential and gratitude from our team, has inspired them to fundraise again for ISLHD next year.

Thank you and congratulations to all! To learn how to get involved with fundraising, visit <https://www.islhd.health.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/make-donation>.

Danielle Cogan, Nurse Unit Manager for the Wollongong Hospital Neonatal Unit and Special Care Nursery also sent a personal thank you card to the SCF for their Charity Race donation.

General Business

SCF National: Michael Horsefield, a pigeon flyer at Ballina, is happy to look after the National pigeons if there was a hold over. Kevin Agnew, who flew with Towradgi some years ago, has volunteered to take the birds up on Saturday and liberate on Monday from Ballina because the weather on the weekend is not supposed to be good.

Stray Pigeon: Alec has had a pigeon reported in Melbourne SCF 2019 26, however, he cannot find any record of any pigeons with that number.

SCF Truck: Steve spoke with Mick Marciano today regarding the leaking in the middle of the water tank. Marciano's will fix the tank.

ACTION 10.3: Jeff to ask Rick to take the SCF Truck to Marciano's on Friday morning.

ACTION 10.4: Steve to check the back door to see how it is closing and have fixed, if necessary.

ACTION 10.5: Steve to organise, Andrew Phillips, Auto electrician, to fix the reversing camera before next year.

Racing Pointscores: People are sending pigeons to the National race this week to maintain their position in the pointscore. Pointscore is currently the best average across the year, however, it could be changed to the top 20 flyers, so people are not compelled to fly. There was discussion about when do we not race?

ACTION 10.6: SCF Committee to move a Motion at the AGM 2024 – Pointscore, if there are less than 25% of SCF Members competing in a Race, the Race will not accrue Pointscore Points.

ACTION 10.7: SCF Committee to move a Motion at the AGM 2024 – Pointscore, that only the top 20 flyers each week will accrue points in the Weekly SCF Pointscore. This will mean that the **CURRENT SCF Racing By-Law 2023 Number 47, 48a, 48b, 48c** as shown below will need to be replaced:

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2024 RACING SEASON: Steve presented a number of graphs from multiple federations from NSW, Qld, and Vic.

There was discussion regarding 3 calls for nominations next year, refine racing for next year to have a sprint series, a middle series, and a long series.

The National is on the schedule and can be raced if there is enough interest. The Grand Prix and the Soldiers' Plate has been cancelled as there has not been enough interest.

The SCF Committee has received numerous calls from concerned members over the last few weeks because they have had poor returns from the longer races, and they did not wish to fly the Northern Racing Route during 2024.

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Meeting closed 9.00 pm

Next meeting to be held Wednesday, 1 November 2023 at 7.00 pm at the Fraternity Roma Room

SCF Presentation Night to be held on Saturday, 4 November 2023 at 7.00 pm at the Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club.

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