



Minutes of SCF Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 3 March 2026 at 7.00 pm

Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club

Attendance: Jason Matthews, Matt Nelson, Alec Krkovski, Luca Krkovski, Frank Rascilla,
Adam Southwell, Bill Hider, Julie Hider (minutes)

Phone: Nil

Apologies: Nil

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on Sunday, 8 February 2026

Moved: Matt Nelson Seconded: Jason Matthews

Business arising from the Previous Meeting Minutes - nil

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for February 2026 was presented to the SCF Committee.

Correct documentation is required by IMB with a signed copy of the verified AGM Minutes.

Unfortunately as changeover of IMB Accounts with an Authority to Operate (ATO) has not taken place, a pdf copy of our current bank balances was provided.

Moved: Jason Matthews Seconded: Matt Nelson

Business arising from the Treasurer's Report

- Blind Auction - Only one pigeon per loft from out of area. Two pigeons were not paid for and therefore Peter Clarke is unable to race two pigeons in the Blind Auction race.
- Good idea about investing money from General Meeting on 8 February 2026

ACTION 3.1: Julie and Frank to complete changeover of IMB Account ATO paperwork and investigate investment options.

Correspondence

10 February 2026 – Neil Cavill clarified Point 4 on his Audit Report ‘4 - *These records should be stored safely for NSW Government compliance.*’ It concerned me that the SCF records should be held in a safe place if any time NSW Government would need to check them. My concern was that SCF records and history was kept in storage at the old Towradgi Clubhouse. Not only does the SCF records need to be preserved for NSW Government compliance, it is the preservation of anything that is of SCF heritage and significance.

Transport for NSW Trailer Registration received, registration is **due on 31 March 2026.**

18 February 2026 – Alec Krkovski – correction to AGM 2026 Minutes honorariums. There wasn’t an Assistant Race Secretary during 2025, so \$250 does not need to be paid out.

NOTE: *Julie has noted this correction in the most recent version of the SCF AGM Minutes which have been loaded to the SCF website.*

20 February 2026 – Matt Nelson advised that Matt Beretov is joining Gwynneville Pigeon Club and was approved by Berkeley Pigeon Club.

21 February 2026 – Gwynneville submitted a letter from Greg McEwen putting his name forward to be a part of the SCF Liberation Committee for the 2026 Race Season.

28 February 2026 – Shellharbour City submitted an application for 2026 Liberation Committee from Peter Clarke.

2 March 2026 - Proposed 2026 Racing Schedules received from:

- Towradgi - Jeff Sheppard
- Woonona Bulli - Col Hedley
- Paul Barnes
- Luca + CCRPA Schedule North Route 2026 and Newcastle
- Richard Whitehead
- Shellharbour City
- Berkeley
- Gwynneville

2 March 2026 - Andrew Szalai/Denis Glover – Micko Thompson is joining Berkeley and Baskets club.

13 Tan Baskets
2 Red Baskets
1 Green Basket

2 March 2026 – Email from Karen Isaacs from Intercharge Insurance Brokers regarding Voluntary Workers Insurance

ACTION 3.2: Julie to complete Proposal forms and submit by 9 March 2026

2 March 2026 - Result for the SCF 2026 AGM Notices of Motion Ballot received from all SCF clubs:

2026 AGM Motion 1 - DEFEATED						
Later liberation time that will allow our pigeons to arrive at the flyer's loft at around 2 pm						
Club	For	Against	Abstained	Total Votes	Full Members	Life Member
TOTAL	23	24	1	48	47	1

2026 AGM Motion 2 - DEFEATED						
Cocks' and Hens' baskets on separate sides of the truck where practical						
Club	For	Against	Abstained	Total Votes	Full Members	Life Member
TOTAL	5	42	1	48	47	1

2026 AGM Motion 3 - DEFEATED						
Allow Benzing Live Clocking System from 2026 onwards						
Club	For	Against	Abstained	Total Votes	Full Members	Life Member
TOTAL	14	32	2	48	47	1

2026 AGM Motion 4 - DEFEATED						
Allow individual Clubs to provide the feed they wish to feed their pigeons on the truck						
Club	For	Against	Abstained	Total Votes	Full Members	Life Member
TOTAL	4	43	1	48	47	1

ACTION 3.3: Julie to distribute results to SCF Clubs and Shoalhaven Pigeon Federation (SPF)

2 March 2026 – Email from Karen Isaacs regarding Voluntary Insurance – forms to be completed and submitted by 9 March 2026

ACTION 3.4: Julie to complete and submit by 9 March 2026

2 March 2026 – Daniel Cavill – a couple of changes to Dapto Pigeon Club

- Geoff House is not racing this year.
- Warren Hinde's name should only read as his own not Hinde and Mangion
- Brett & Callum Yeaman will be racing this year 2026
- Alan Zahra will be racing this year 2026
- Connor House will be racing this year 2026 as a new member: As Connor is a new flyer, he is eligible for the 15-bird freight discount. A question for the committee does Connor have to apply to race with SCF or is his application to the Dapto club sufficient?

ACTION 3.5: Connor House will need to fill out an SCF Application - Julie to send to Daniel

Adam Southwell stated that Shellharbour City Pigeon Club also had a new flyer, Eric McAuley

ACTION 3.6: Julie to send Adam the SCF Member Application form.

3 March 2026 - Email from Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) Fundraising Team:

As we look ahead to another busy (and generous!) year in fundraising, it's inspiring to share examples of how this wonderful community support directly enhances the care we deliver and makes a real difference in the lives of patients and their families.

South Coast Pigeon Federation's generosity flies high

The South Coast Pigeon Federation (SCF) is a loyal supporter of ISLHD, with a history of giving through its annual fundraising efforts. Following generous donations to Wollongong Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in both 2023 and 2024, SCF's 2025 Annual Charity Race Fundraising Night has once again made a meaningful impact, raising nearly \$5,000.

These funds will enhance virtual education sessions for patients starting prostate cancer treatment, improving audio-visual quality for patients at the Shoalhaven Cancer Care Centre. The technology upgrade will improve patient education by delivering a more user-friendly digital resource that is consistent, accessible, and concise for individuals receiving treatment and their carers. This will better prepare patients to understand their treatment pathway, manage potential side effects, and access supportive care options.

Having seen firsthand the difference community support makes for cancer patients undergoing specialised treatment, the SCF members remain passionate about continuing that support. We are truly grateful for their ongoing commitment and for their efforts in fundraising at July's Charity Race.

Picture Caption: South Coast Pigeon Federation (SCF) members, Jason Matthews and Matt Nelson visiting with staff. Iris Elliot, coordinator for Charity Race and Fundraising not shown here.

Thank you all once again, for this wonderful donation and for choosing our patients as your recipient. It's so lovely to have this kind of community support.

Best wishes
Katie (Bedwell)
ISLHD Fundraising

Business arising from correspondence

SCF Historical Records – Most SCF records are kept electronically and on the SCF Website. For Auditing purposes only seven (7) years of records need to be retained.

SCF Liberation Committee – only 2 nominations received

ACTION 3.7: Julie to email SCF secretaries to ask for nominations from their clubs.

LIBERATOR AND LIBERATION COMMITTEE

The Committee agreed that a Liberator was needed especially on the long-distance races. Only a couple of nominations received for the SCF Liberation Committee.

ACTION 3.8: Julie to contact Clubs to put forward anyone who might be interested in joining the Liberation Committee for the 2026 Racing Season.

SCF TRUCK REPAIR/MAINTENANCE PERSON

There was discussion regarding the proposal at the February Meeting that a truck repair/maintenance person, who had time to dedicate to looking after the truck throughout the year, was needed to ensure that the truck is maintained correctly.

ACTION 3.9: Julie to email SCF clubs to see if anyone was interested in the role of Truck Maintenance Officer.

SCF JUNIORS

SCF Juniors to be run again this year – Matt Nelson is going to be the Coordinator. All the Committee agreed the SCF Juniors and Presentation Night was a great success in 2025. Many thanks to Matt and all involved.

SCF LIFE RINGS

Alec to order the rings over the next week. The Committee authorised the order. Unfortunately, the ICOM chip rings will have to be a special order as they are poorer quality to the usual life rings.

SCF 2026 RACING SCHEDULES AND TOSSES

A number of proposed racing schedules were received. There was discussion around the different schedules' race and toss liberation points. The Committee agreed on a schedule for this year. They also thought it would be a good idea to go with the East Coast Long Distance Combine (ECLDC) long race if it fits in with our schedule for the last race of the year ie Soldiers Plate.

ACTION 3.10: Julie to put together the agreed PROPOSED schedule and contact Jeff Sheppard who is on the ECLDC Committee regarding the ECLDC long race.

SCF RACE SECRETARY

The previous SCF Race Secretary still has the SCF Laptop and Printer.

ACTION 3.11: Jason to organise collection of the SCF Laptop and Printer for the incoming SCF Race Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

Meeting closed at 10.00 pm