

South Coast Pigeon Federation Incorporated

President: Jeff Sheppard

Secretary: David Armstrong



Protect these Birds

SCF Committee Meeting held on 14 September 2021 at 7.00pm

Venue: Teleconference

Present: Jeff Sheppard, David Armstrong, Dave Miller, Derek Louth, Bill Hider, Peter Clarke, Trevor Gasseling, Julie Hider (minutes)

Apologies: Luca KrKovski

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes accepted: Jeff Sheppard Seconded: Dave Miller

Matters arising from the Previous Minutes

- Bill – the floor on the truck needs to be sandblasted, rust removed with a boilermaker to repair and paint.
ACTION: David Armstrong has volunteered to undertake work on the floor of the truck.

Correspondence Received – Nil received

1. A letter dated 20 June 2021 was received from Brent Cavill regarding being accepted back into the South Coast Pigeon Federation (SCF) to race next year as he had already served 2 years ban and has asked for leniency on the 5 year ban. This letter was emailed to the SCF Committee on 21 July 2021 as the Committee could not meet because of the COVID lockdown. Brent was advised that he would need to write another letter with an apology to the SCF Committee. An email was received from Brent on 26 August 2021, apologising to the SCF Committee stating he had learnt from his ban and that he just wants to race his pigeons on the South Coast. A number of the SCF Committee members have been contacted by Brent on numerous occasions regarding this matter.
ACTION: A letter to be drafted and sent out to the SCF Membership to vote on whether Brent Cavill should continue his five (5) year ban or be allowed to race pigeons again with the SCF next year (2022) and if Brent is allowed to race, he would be on a good behaviour for a period of three (3) years. If Brent Cavill abuses any of the SCF Committee Members during this time, he will receive an automatic suspension of his SCF Membership for life.
2. An email was received from Stephen Saywell as SCF Auditor on 30 June 2021 with an official request for information from SCF Committee regarding outstanding monies for tosses from clubs and an official request to view the Race Secretary Combine reconciliation accounts for all 2019 SCF Combines.
 - Frank Raschilla sent an email in response to Stephen Saywell to state that the Towradgi Pigeon Club had paid all their toss money in March 2021.
 - Derek spoke regarding Stephen Saywell's query regarding the 2019 combines. Derek used Neil Cavill's (2018 SCF Race Secretary) computer and changed the year from the 2018 race prize allocation graphs to the 2019 race prize allocation graphs. All 2019 Combine monies collected were paid to Andrew Szalai along with details in an email. In 2020, Derek was advised that he should use the race prize allocation matrix on the SCF website, which he did use in 2020.
ACTION: Julie to follow up email records with Andrew Szalai regarding the 2019 Combine records.
ACTION: Julie to follow up records of 2020 tosses and monies received from clubs.

3. An email was received from Col Hedley on 1 July 2021, commenting on Stephen Saywell's SCF Information request. The SCF Committee did not appreciate the insinuation in this email that 'those responsible for the lack of accurate records are either inept, incompetent or corrupt or all of these...' as he did not know the full circumstances.

ACTION: Col Hedley to be cautioned for his criticism of the SCF Committee with a request for an apology for these allegations or there would be repercussions.

4. A letter was received from Woonona-Bulli RSL President, Stuart Hancox, and Race Secretary, Graham Kerr, regarding their disappointment at the SCF Committee making decisions without consulting the members in response to the '2021 SCF Racing Season if lockdown continues after Saturday, 28 August 2021' email sent out on 6 August 2021.

Treasurer report:

- The new ANZ cheque book has been received.
- Three (3) payments were queried earlier this year and two have been identified by Andrew Szalai but had not been receipted. The three deposits have now been receipted but the member/club for the Cash Deposit for Rings has not been identified. Stephen Saywell has also confirmed these Outstanding Freight amounts with the estimates of outstanding freight monies owing and refunds for 2020 and 2021 document.

Date	From	Description	Receipt Number	Fees	Freight	Tossing	Rings
8-Jan-21	????	Cash Deposit - Rings	4998				\$48.00
5-Feb-21	Towradgi	Outstanding Freight 2020	4999		\$68.06		
5-Feb-21	Gwynneville	Outstanding Freight 2020	5000		\$106.16		
8-Mar-21	Dapto	Outstanding Freight 2020	4995		\$462.50		

- Stephen Saywell kindly put together some 2021 Freight Calculations recommendations as mentioned previously. In summary:

2021 Flying Expenses incurred:	\$16,153.62
Less Membership Fee Contribution	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Balance to be paid:	\$11,153.62
Number of birds nominated for 6 races:	13,287
Cost per bird to be charged to each flyer:	84 cents

Trevor emailed querying if the charge could be left at 80 cents per bird rather than going through the hassle of issuing the amended invoices and asking each club to collect an extra 4 cents per bird from their members. Julie pointed out that if we leave at 80 cents per bird there would be a shortfall of approximately **-\$570.40** which could be borne by the SCF as it has been such a horrible year for everyone anyway. Jeff asked everyone whether we should charge clubs 80 cents or 84 cents per bird. The Committee unanimously voted that we charge the original 80 cents per bird.

David Armstrong has received money from Ron Beattie and Tom Watson (basketed at Shellies), for their fees and freight for the full year. We have not received any payment from the 10 Shoalhaven flyers for \$696 for three (3) Moruya Races.

ACTION: Julie to revise Stephen's recommendations and advise the clubs of amounts owing and refunds.

ACTION: David to send a copy of Ron and Tom's invoice for fees and freight to Julie.

ACTION: Julie to contact Jeff Formosa in the Shoalhaven and advise them how much money they owe for fees and freight.

- All clubs have paid their Toss money in full (Gwynneville money and baskets included with Towradgi)

Club	15/05/2021 Toss Baskets	22/05/2021 Toss Baskets	6/06/2021 Toss Baskets	Total Baskets	Amount Owing	Date Paid	Receipt #	Amount Paid
Berkeley	2	4		6	\$ 30.00	4/06/2021	5001	\$ 30.00
Berkeley			8	8	\$ 40.00	16/06/2021	5003	\$ 40.00
Dapto	9	13	6	28	\$ 140.00	31/08/2021	5018	\$ 140.00
Shellies	16	33	16	65	\$ 325.00	18/08/2021	5016	\$ 325.00
Towradgi	31	35	26	92	\$ 460.00	9/08/2021	5010	\$ 460.00
Woonona-Bulli	7	14	6	27	\$ 135.00	7/08/2021	5008	\$ 135.00
TOTALS	63	95	62	220	\$ 1,130.00			\$ 1,130.00

- Treasurer's Reports for June, July and August are attached
- Treasurer's Report/s accepted by Jeff and seconded by Dave.

General Business

- Jeff sent out a request to all clubs to vote on whether they wanted to fly North or South during 2022 and 2023. Clubs conducted ballots which resulted in 55% of members voting to fly South, as shown in the following table:

Club	North	South	Abstained	Total Votes
Berkeley Invitation Pigeon Club	4	9	0	13
Dapto Homing Pigeon Club	10	2	0	12
Gwynneville Pigeon Society	1	4	0	5
Shellharbour City Pigeon Racing Club	4	10	0	14
Towradgi Homing Pigeon Society Inc	8	3	1	12
Woonona-Bulli RSL Pigeon Club	1	7	0	8
TOTAL VOTES:	28	35	1	64
	44%	55%	2%	100%

- New schedule for 2022 – all ideas for next year's schedule to be sent through to David Armstrong.
- Trevor Gasseling – Dapto Homing Pigeon Club have protested the week that Towradgi's clocks were one minute out on the night. This was human error and was rectified on the night.
MOTION: That all SCF clubs use the GPS Timing System to set their race clocks.
Moved: Dave Miller Seconded: Peter Clarke.
All the committee agreed with this motion.
- Derek asked about the Point Score for this year. The Point Score has been completed for this year and a new Point Score will begin in 2022 Racing Season.
- Bill advised that JVC Stereo Bluetooth has been installed into the Driver's cab by Leisure Coast Auto Electrics and Mechanical to enable hands-free phone calls.
- Truck driver for next year. David to check with Robert to see if he is going to drive next year. If not, we need to find another truck driver who is reliable.
ACTION: David Armstrong to check with Robert regarding driving for next year's races.

7. Dave Miller said the East Coast Long Distance Committee are going to sponsor another Tasmanian Race next year. Liberation will be on Friday, 16 September 2022 at \$10 per bird. If there are no birds home within the South Coast Pigeon Federation area, SCF flyers will be refunded \$8 per bird. If there are no birds within race time, flyers from the seven (7) Federations will be refunded \$10 per bird. There will also be a second race to Rockhampton on Friday, 30 September 2022 which will be self-supporting.
8. Luca emailed to say that all money has been collected for life rings except Towradgi and Dapto. Out of Area Life Rings monies have also been collected except for Towradgi, Dapto and Berkeley.
Note: Julie and Bill received Dapto's ring money in one cheque which included their fees, freight and toss money.
ACTION: Julie and Bill to advise Luca of Dapto's money for Life Rings, \$743.
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Meeting closed 8.40 pm. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12 October 2021 at 7 pm via Teleconference.

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