

SOUTH COAST PIGEON FEDERATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING HELD: 1PM The Fraternity, 8th April, 2017.

PRESENT: SCF Members as per the SCF Official Sign-on Sheets.

ALSO, PRESENT BY INVITATION: SPF Officials, Ian Price, Jeff Formosa, Jim Kensey.

APOLOGIES: none.

SCF President, Jeff Sheppard opened the meeting thanked everyone for coming. JS spoke about the reasons we were here and expected a fair debate. JS acknowledged the presence of Ian Price, thank him and the SPF Officials for attending. JS thanked IP for the hard work he has put in over the years with our Printing.

General Business:

JS discussed the agenda that the Special Meeting would follow.

JS read the Notice of Motion to be put to the SCF Members present:

- Notice of Motion to be put to the SCF Membership will be: "With regards to the SCF Race Season 2017, the SCF Members have a choice to either:
 1. Cancel Racing in the SCF for 2017 until a suitable Rotavirus Vaccine is available, OR
 2. Racing in the SCF to resume later in 2017, using an amicable route, South, North, South West."

NC stated that AZ and DM would be the Voting Scrutineers. It was also stated that there were 6 accepted PROXY VOTES, being 3 for Option 1 AND 3 for Option 2. One Proxy vote was not accepted due to the Vote not appearing on an SCF Official Proxy Voting Slip and was in a letter form with only one signature.

A W/B Official asked that the names of the Proxies be read out, AZ read the Proxy Voters' Name and their voting preference.

JS asked for comments from the Floor with respect to the Motion.

1. R Bird spoke about the birds on the SCF Truck may or may not have the Rotavirus and when the birds are all together all birds would become infected.
2. W Glover spoke at length about outside parties would be looking at the SCF and the way the SCF Managed the Rotavirus.

3. M Maidman said that the SCF had had only one confirmed case of Rotavirus and that he thought SCF Members must be doing the right thing. He suggested we continue to do this and not race.
4. D Armstrong spoke about if the Rotavirus was in the area and Members had not notified anyone, the first place that Rotavirus would be spread would be on the truck.
5. D Monteleone spoke against racing.
6. Comments from the Floor regarding strays and lost SCF birds.
7. A Cavill spoke for Racing.

JS suggested that most SCF Members had made their minds up and asked for the Vote to take place.

The FINAL TALLY was:

27 VOTES from the Floor plus 3 PROXY VOTES, so 30 VOTES, that we "Cancel Racing in the SCF for 2017 until a suitable Rotavirus Vaccine is available."

16 VOTES from the Floor plus 3 PROXY VOTES, so 19 VOTES, that "Racing in the SCF to resume later in 2017, using an amicable route, South, North, South West."

JS announced that the SCF would: "Cancel Racing in the SCF for 2017 until a suitable Rotavirus Vaccine is available".

There was a question from the Floor regarding IGBF Rings and \$10 rings. JS said that all monies would be repaid for these two Ring Races.

Question from the Floor regarding Club Breeders Plates, etc JS said that would be a matter for individual Clubs to sort out.

Question to the SCF Comm from the Floor regarding SCF Fees this year 2017. NC said that the SCF Comm had left Fees as they were in 2016 for 2017.

NC also stated that given that the SCF was not racing and the SCF Comm is charged with keeping the SCF Finances in a healthy state, then he expected SCF Members to pay a realistic Fee to help with income. NC suggested that his Budget was reasonably close to expected Expenses and Income. S Saywell suggested that he had done a budget and he expected Expenses would run at around \$10,000 not the \$16,840 figure NC had suggested.

SS suggested that instead of full fees, that an Assoc Fee of \$50 be set, with the SCF absorbing a loss. He suggested that in 2006/7 the SCF had less than \$1000 in the bank and that as Sec he buffered the Freight over several years to help the Bank Balance to cater for times like this.

JS asked the Members what would be a reasonable figure from the Floor. After some discussion, it was moved that SCF Members be Associate Members for 2017 and the Fee be \$25. Carried.

Meeting Closed 1.40pm Pres JS thanked all for coming.