

South Coast Pigeon Federation Incorporated

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Minutes SCF Annual General Meeting

Meeting Held: 7th February, 2009 at 1:10pm – Fraternity Bowling Club.

Present:

42 financial members of the SCF with Alan Kerr presiding. Graeme Sullivan and Keith Penfold attended the meeting as observers and Bill Hider and Graham Kerr tendered their apologies.

President's Report:

President's Report presented by Alan Kerr. The report complimented the efforts of the Committee and the SCF members in making 2008 a successful year for the SCF. Alan specifically mentioned how the 2008 Committee functioned and how it had managed some difficult situations during the year.

Presentation of Balance Sheet:

The Treasurer presented the balance Sheet for the 2008 season and the Auditors report with qualifications and recommendations from that report. A comprehensive account of ALL financial transactions conducted by the SCF in 2008 was presented to the members. Questions arising from the Balance sheet were:

- Frank Raschilla enquired about the account for the Long Distance Committee and where it appeared in the Balance Sheet. It was explained that these monies were not considered as a liability for the SCF but an asset. As such they were included in the funds marked Sponsorship and the amount was separated in that account. The Treasurer reported that the amount was around \$3500.
- Denis Glover enquired about a sum of expenditure of \$44 for APFA funds and no income showing. It was explained that this was similar to the previous year where the income was included in the account for fees.

Moved R Bird/M Maidman that the balance sheet be accepted.

Auditor Appointment:

Moved J Koster / C Hedley that Mr. Anthony Abela be approached and invited to be the SCF auditor for 2009.

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Election of Officers:

There was no written nomination for the position of President and nominations were taken from the floor. Nominations for D Monteleone, G Davison, A Carrington, J Sheppard were all declined. J Koster was nominated by F Raschilla and D Monteleone and C Bell was nominated by D Glover and R Harris. In a show of hands John Koster was elected President.

The following offices were elected SCF Committee:

President	John Koster
Vice-President	Peter Clarke
Secretary	Stephen Saywell
Treasurer	David Thompson
Race Secretary	Trevor Gasseling
Assistant Race Secretary	Colin Hedley
Ring Secretary	Mark Maidman

Notices of Motion:

A total of 8 motions were presented to the meeting. Five came as recommendations from the 2008 SCF Committee and three from members. Each motion was read to the meeting and discussion of each motion followed.

1. **Club affiliation fee** – this motion was moved by the Committee to include a fee of \$2 to each club for affiliation of that club to the SCF. This fee had lapsed a number of years previous and has been proposed by the committee to correct that omission.

Moved SCF Committee

2. **SCF Boundaries** – this motion was proposed by the Committee to correct an omission from previous years where the definition of the SCF boundaries had been omitted from our race rules. The definition of the boundaries has not been changed from the original ruling of 1991.

Moved SCF Committee

3. **Tied Pointscores** – the committee proposed the motion to have the membership endorse a ruling made during 2008 regarding a tied pointscore. Previously there was no official ruling regarding ties in a pointscore and this motion was moved to cover that anomaly.

Moved SCF Committee

4. **Velocity Definition and Calculation**– The committee proposed the motion to have all velocity calculations rounded off to one decimal place. The reasoning for this motion was that the current system of survey measurement, release and reading of clocks had

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considerable variations that were outside the accuracy of the calculation of velocity. Rounding off velocity calculations to one decimal was seen as a fairer method of determining a result than the current method of going to an undefined number of decimal points to declare a mathematical result.

Moved SCF Committee

5. **Basket Limits** – The committee has done some research into the subject of truck ventilation and basket accommodation. Validation of the logic behind the number of birds put into a basket may be required if we are questioned by a regulatory authority such as the RSPCA. Based on the results and data from the available literature a recommendation has been made for a basket limit of max 22 birds.

Moved SCF Committee

- *Questions from the floor indicated that there was still some confusion over why the committee was making this recommendation.*
- *Therefore the data that the committee used to calculate the basket numbers will be provided to the members when this motion is sent to them for ballot.*

6. **Club Boundaries** – this motion was proposed to enable the SCF Committee to administer the club boundaries within the SCF.

Moved G Worthington/A Carrington

- *There was some discussion regarding this motion and the impact it may have on certain clubs.*
- *G Worthington explained that it was not the intention to alter any current membership arrangements.*
- *The motion was moved to allow the SCF Committee to be empowered to regulate any future club or member movements.*

7. **Southern Breaking Point**– this motion was proposed to change the Southern breaking point from Huskisson Airport to Tomerong.

Moved G Wiktor/B Rea

- *A second motion to change the breaking point to Milton was withdrawn at the meeting.*
- *G Kerr was unable to attend the meeting and he was asked to provide an expert opinion and explanation of the impact of this motion to change the breaking point.*
- *This letter was read to the meeting and will be included with the ballot sent to the members.*

Annual General Meeting closed 2:24pm.

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General Meeting of SCF Members

Several items were discussed by the membership to provide some idea of how the committee should proceed in the planning of the 2009 season. The major points noted were:

1. 2009 Freight Charges:

- A detailed explanation of the freight charge system was provided to the members in the Annual Report issued to each member who attended the AGM.
- This explanation was the same as that which had been presented to the membership in 2008.
- Col Hedley provided an explanation of how the SCF would be calculating freight costs for this season.
- An indicative costs spread sheet was presented to enable members to calculate what their likely freight costs would be for this season.

Questions arising included:

Q. Would there be a pro-rata limit or a top end limit?
A *It was explained that there would be a top end limit.*

Q How would the system work and when would the SCF require numbers.
A *A request will be sent to clubs to have confirmed numbers 2 weeks before the first race. From this response the clubs will then be advised of costs and any limits.*

2. 2009 Charity Race.

- Alan Kerr explained to the meeting the proposal for this year's charity event.
- We will be supporting Parameadows.
- The race will be known as Pigeons for Parameadows.
- A suggestion came from the floor that a sub-committee be formed to organize this event.
- Volunteers for that sub-committee were called for and Alan Kerr, Paul Breeze, Jeff Sheppard and Dom Monteleone all volunteered.
- The meeting accepted their nomination with acclamation.

3. SCF Combine Pointscore:

- Paul Breeze requested that the committee consider that Launceston and Mildura be included in this pointscore.
- An overwhelming majority of the meeting supported that suggestion.
- Paul Breeze also suggested that all Fed Combines be limited to 12 points.
- *After the meeting it was noted that this suggestion would be in contravention of our Racing Rule No 48 and would require a notice of motion at the next AGM for that rule change.*

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4. Pensioner Fees:

- Paul Breeze requested that due to changing financial positions that all members pay the same fees and the pension rebate be removed.
- *This would contravene Race Rule No 6 and would require a notice of motion at the next AGM to have that rule rescinded.*

5. ETS Antenna Location:

- Denis Glover raised the question of location of ETS antenna with respect to Rule 10 of our Race Rules - Clock Rules Part B.
- It was explained that during 2008 race season that this question had been raised and that the committee had made a ruling of the definition of antenna location relating to this rule.
- That ruling defined the acceptable area of an antenna location as being any area covered by the roof line of the loft. This would then be consistent with the many different timing systems (ETS and Traditional) where birds could be clocked.
- Glover was advised that if he disputed that ruling then there was an appropriate process to follow.

6. ETS Spare Clock:

- Dom Monteleone enquired about how we could have a spare ETS clock for racing. He was advised to get his club to send a proposal to the committee for consideration.

Meeting closed 3:25pm

Stephen Saywell
SCF Secretary