

Minutes SCF Committee Meeting

Meeting Held: 3rd April, 2008 at 7:05pm – APOF Pigeon Club.

Present: Peter Clarke, Trevor Gasseling, Stephen Saywell, Colin Hedley and Dave Thompson with Alan Kerr presiding, apologies Mark Maidman.
Denis Glover attended upon request of the Committee.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and declared a true copy.

Moved D Thompson/C Hedley that previous minutes be accepted and adopted.

Financial Situation:

The treasurer presented the following financial details:

Opening Balance as at 4th March:	\$40,261.00		
2008 Cumulative Deposits	\$1,085.00	March Dep	\$545.00
2008 Cumulative Expenses	\$572.45	March Exp	\$147.18
Closing Balance:	\$40,658.82		

- Accounts approved for payment:
 - \$1.50 Shell Card monthly account.
 - \$138.38 Wollongong Phone Book Listings.
 - \$33.28 1300 phone account
 - \$817.00 Truck rego
 - \$1,056.00 Truck CTP Insurance
 - \$1,284.89 Truck Comprehensive Insurance
 - \$175.00 Paint for truck

Moved C Hedley/T Gaselling that accounts be paid.

Correspondence:

In

- WCC re contact details
- WCC re Gwynneville clubroom lease agreement.
- W Glover re allocation of Pink Rings.
- Berkeley re basket allocation and info about possible new membership from West's.

Out

- WCC re contact details.
- Reply to W Glover.

Moved P Clarke/T Gasseling that correspondence be accepted.

General Business:

Denis Glover, as President of Berkeley Invitation Pigeon Club, was requested to attend this month's meeting to discuss events and decisions made at Berkeley Club in the past week. Two points were tabled for discussion and the following summarises those points:

1. Berkeley Club Membership Decision:

With the demise of West's Pigeon Club 6 West's members verbally applied for membership to Berkeley Invitation Pigeon Club at a meeting held 29th March, 2008. Pat Wonson also made written application to join Berkeley at this meeting. The 6 West's members were accepted and P Wonson's application was rejected.

Denis Glover was asked to attend this meeting to explain the decision of the Berkeley club to reject the application for membership of P Wonson.

The reason for the rejection of this application of P Wonson, given by D Glover, was that it was based purely on personal grievances against people currently living at the same address as P Wonson. The only reason given was that his membership had the potential to "create problems". It was accepted that P Wonson had not previously flown as a senior member of the SCF, had not broken any SCF or club rules and had not caused any damage to any club or member's reputation.

After some lengthy discussion the Committee advised D Glover that the Berkeley Club's decision was unacceptable and had the potential to bring our sport into disrepute with the judicial system and the media. The Committee thanked D Glover for his attendance and candid comments. The Committee then made an official request that the Berkeley club reconsider their original decision to reject P Wonson's application for membership.

It is pleasing to announce that at a subsequent meeting of the Berkeley club on 5th April that P Wonson's application for membership has now been accepted. This Committee would like to thank the Berkeley members for the reconsideration of this situation and we wish them well in the coming season.

2. Western Suburb's Pigeon Club:

The members of West's Club have had meetings earlier this year to discuss the expenses associated with the leasing of their club premises from WCC. The departure of 3 members over that discussion resulted in the failure of the club to elect an executive committee and the club has folded. Some members of West's have made application to the Berkeley club while others have approached Dapto. There may now be an opportunity for the increased membership of Berkeley to take over the West's club room lease. This option was discussed with D Glover when he attended this meeting and support from the Committee was offered to provide assistance with the approach to WCC.

3. Basket Allocation:

The following baskets were allocated to each club based on their original requests:

- The basket fee is \$20 each per basket from the first race up to the 1st Welshpool.
- The National is freight free.
- The surplus baskets were allocated on a pro rata basis and will be available to each club as allocated at \$10 per basket.
- Only those surplus baskets sent will be paid for and they will be liberated 30 minutes after the main liberation.
- No additional surplus baskets for any club are available over their nominated allocation.
- Launceston and Mildura costs will be announced later.

	Basket Allocation	Surplus Allocation
Woonona-Bulli RSL	9	2
Towradgi/Ocean Beach	28	8
Berkeley	15	4
Dapto	16	4
APOF	9	2
Lake Illawarra	9	2
Truck	1	
Junior Tow	1	

4. Fed Tosses:

Two toss points have been selected by the Committee. The first toss is on 10th May and will be from the Two Figs Winery at Broughton Creek, a distance of approximately 50-60kms to Wollongong. A second toss point at the Vet Clinic at Sth Nowra has also been selected and it is approximately 10km longer, as the pigeon flies.

5. Pink Rings:

Payment of the Pink Rings are required before any bird rung with a Pink Ring can be raced. Details of who purchased the ring and who is flying the bird are required with payment.

6. Truck:

The truck has had some minor repairs and has been registered and is ready to for the 2008 season. There has been a further saving of \$700 in comprehensive insurance of the truck due to applied diligence in this matter.

Meeting closed 9:24pm. - Next Committee Meeting 7th May – Towradgi PC - 7:00pm.

Stephen Saywell
SCF Secretary