

Minutes SCF Committee Meeting

Meeting Held: 3rd December, 2008 at 7:00pm – APOF Pigeon Club.

Present: Colin Hedley, Stephen Saywell, T Gasseling, M Maidman and Dave Thompson with Peter Clarke presiding, Alan Kerr apologies.

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 8th October: ***\$49,992.83***

2008 Cumulative Deposits	\$101,123.90	Nov Dep	\$6,296.00
2008 Cumulative Expenses	\$108,308.91	Nov Exp	\$23,327.57

Closing Balance: ***\$32,961.26***

Fixed Deposit: ***\$20,000.00***

- Accounts approved for payment:
 - \$95.74 1300 Telstra
 - \$16,000.00 McGrath Foundation
 - \$1,058.68 Fuel card
 - \$4,438.30 Presentation Night – Fraternity
 - \$60.00 Telephone rental – Ring Secretary
 - \$80.00 Answering machine – part payment

Moved C Hedley/P Clarke that accounts be paid.

Correspondence:

In

- Email demand from D Cavill regarding distribution of 2008 SCF prize money.
- Letter dated 26/11/08 of Cavill's intention to seek mediation with Dept Fair Trading
- WCC re Gwynneville club rental fees.
- WCC re query regarding J Kavanagh's loft.
- Receipt from McGrath Foundation for donation of \$16,000 from SCF.
- RTA re driver regulations for management of driving hours and fatigue.
- Sale schedule for "Hop the Water Classic" received and details included in minutes

Out:

- Reply to WCC regarding number of birds that J Kavanagh's loft can house.
- Letter and cheque to McGrath foundation for \$16,000 raised from Pink Ring Race.
- Letter to BHP Billiton re request for match giving donation.
- Letter of thanks to Leo Sylvester for assistance with SCF presentation dinner.
- Letter and receipt for accounts paid by Shoalhaven Fed.

Moved C Hedley/P Clarke that correspondence be accepted.

General Business:

1) 2008 payment of SCF prize money:

On Saturday 8th Nov D Cavill rang the SCF Secretary and questioned the variation into National Loft Auction prize to that which had been published with the race results. It was explained:

- That during the Race Secretary's illness and the absence of the SCF Secretary that there were some errors in the prizes awarded for the majority of SCF Combines.
- That the SCF Committee had agreed to rectify those anomalies and correct the errors and pay out the Combine Prizemoney as per the SCF Prizemoney Distribution Schedule.
- That the allocated prize money was also corrected to include those monies allocated from SCF funds as indicated at the start of the season.
- That the allocated Pool Prizemoney was corrected to include Pool monies that had been omitted.
- That of the 58 cheques issued 55 of these had had their prizes money increased and that only three had been decreased.

The Secretary apologized to D Cavill that there had been errors made and pointed out that he had been paid the correct amount for the National Loft Auction of \$805 rather than the \$1,000 that had been incorrectly published.

On the following Monday; 10th November, the SCF Secretary received an email from D Cavill demanding that the prizemoney balance of \$195 be forwarded to D Cavill's home address within 7 days. The Secretary responded and explained in a number of emails how the situation arose and if D Cavill was not satisfied with the response then he was advised of the correct appeal procedure to follow. It was also noted that the SCF Committee "would not anticipate that any reasonable person would expect to profit from someone else's honest misunderstanding of procedures".

The response from D Cavill was "it's not my problem 'someone' made a mistake with the calculations" and continued to demand that the money in question be forwarded to his home address.

D Cavill was advised of Rule 11 and Rule 44 of the SCF Racing Rules and advised to put an appeal in writing to the SCF Committee within 7 days and to detail the grounds for any appeal. No appeal was lodged.

On 3rd December Fed Committee meeting correspondence was received from D Cavill (on behalf of Cavill Brothers) informing the committee that they would not follow due SCF process of appeal and that they had approached the Dept of Fair Trading for mediation.

2) Ring Sales for 2008-09:

SCF Ring Sales to date for 2008/09 rings are:

- Sold 9117 Life Rings \$3,646.80
- Sold 783 IGBF Rings \$2,349

Total - \$5,995.80

Meeting closed 8:15pm.

Next Meeting SCF AGM 7th February, 2009 at the Fraternity Bowling Club at 1:00pm.

Stephen Saywell
SCF Secretary