

Minutes SCF Committee Meeting

Meeting Held: 7th July, 2009 at 7:00pm – APOFPigeon Club.

Present: Stephen Saywell, Colin Hedley, Mark Maidman, T Gasseling, B Yeaman and Dave Thompson with John Koster presiding.

Long Distance Committee:

D Miller, P Clarke, F Raschilla also attended and presented minutes of their last meeting.

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

Moved C Hedley/D Thompson that previous minutes are a true copy and they be accepted.

The cash debit card was found to incur an annual admin fee of \$130/year and therefore was not implemented. Shell has been approached to increase our weekly limit.

Moved C Hedley/M Maidman that previous minutes be adopted.

Financial Situation:

The treasurer presented the following financial details:

Opening Balance as at 7th July: \$44,938.43

2009 Cumulative Deposits	\$20,105.40	Jun Dep	\$18,917.40
2009 Cumulative Expenses	\$12,404.66	Jun Exp	\$1,990.47

Term Deposit \$20,786.41

Closing Balance: \$61,865.36

Unpresented cheques for 2008:

- Cheque 1136 \$74.00 APFA
- Cheque 1225 \$65.00 J Monteleone prize money.

- Accounts approved for payment:

- \$37.20 Telstra 1300 phone account.
- \$346.80 Truck Service
- \$234.65 Rubber Rings
- \$539.00 Fuel
- \$156.20 Truck Fuel Tank caps

Moved T Gasseling/C Hedley that accounts be paid.

Correspondence:

In

- EPA re Public Liability Insurance premiums.
- EPA minutes
- APOF re Thursday noms.

Moved C Hedley/B Yeaman that correspondence be accepted.

Correspondence:

Out:

- Email response to APOF re discussion of increasing Thursday night nominations. (see following in General Business for details)
- Email response to phone conversation with D Glover re failure of Berkeley to advise of additional member and bird nomination for that member and the overpayment of freight charges by Berkeley. D Glover also commented that the SCF Committee advice re how we manage our payments was illegal and in contravention to our Model Rules of Incorporation. In reply to that accusation the correspondence noted that the Fed Committee was not only empowered but had a moral responsibility to administer the SCF affairs fairly and accurately and referenced Model Rule 13(c) – Powers of the Committee:

(c) has power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the association.

The Berkeley executive were invited to this meeting if they had any further issues with the way the SCF Committee was managing the affairs of the SCF. They failed to attend.

- The Fed Committee has unofficially become aware that the financial situation re the dissolution of Western Suburbs Pigeon Club has been finalized. The Berkeley Club has been requested to advise the Fed Committee “officially” of the outcome of that transaction and if there are any outstanding issues. Clarification of the outcome of this transaction is essential as the Berkeley club indicated that legal and or disciplinary may be required against a named individual. The Fed Committee must be made aware if those proceedings are still required.

General Business:

1. Long Distance Committee

- F Raschilla presented minutes from their last meeting. Discussion points from those minutes included the following:
 - Sub committee authority
 - There is a need for establish LDC Fund protocols and how those funds are to be managed. This will be done in consultation with the sub committee and the Fed Committee.
 - Treasurer to report on LDC funds.
 - The LDC were directed to keep a detailed account of LDC funds.
 - Moved that \$100 be transferred to LDC Funds to account for feed donated at last year's race.
 - The LDC advised that the Rosebud race and GP could be moved to A Sipioulos's property near Cranbourne. The suggestion was accepted for the Rosebud race but the GP will remain from Welshpool as it is a proven, good racepoint.
 - The final decision of whether we race the Sunday race on the GP weekend will be done on the week prior to that race at the Fed YB Derby. We will require a minimum of 250 birds to be nominated for each race or the Sunday race will be cancelled due to lack of numbers.
 - Fed to support with a \$250 donation to the LDC for 2009.

2. SCF Committee Management Comments

- The issue of how this Committee manages the affairs of the SCF has now been raised on two occasions – once this year and once last year.
- Those who raised the concern have been advised of the actions taken by this committee and how our affairs are managed.
- This committee would like to take this opportunity to emphasise that all SCF transactions are done in the best interests of the members and we are totally transparent in all our activities.
- We would also like to take this opportunity to reaffirm that the SCF is now in a very strong financial position after 3 years of competent management.
- Management structures that have been put in place to ensure the way in which our affairs are managed are both accurate and totally accountable.
- A protocol has been established that will form a “blueprint” for any officer that is elected to the committee in the future.
- This has been done to ensure that there is continuity in the goals and the purpose in the way the SCF Committee manages the affairs of the SCF.
- We have managed to reach this position by maintaining or reducing costs to the members and have provided the membership with responsible and accountable leadership.

3. Bird Nominations

There have been some comments about members wishing to increase their Thursday night nominations. The following couple of points summarise those comments:

- Members want to increase number – have not lost enough birds yet
- Some members think the cost increase of 50% for their entire nomination for increasing their Thursday nominations is too harsh.
- Fed losing opportunity to gain some increased revenue.

The Fed Committee would like the members to be aware of the following reasons why the cost penalty for increasing nominations has been adopted:

- This Fed Committee has a goal to make racing in the SCF as cheap as possible.
- Freight costs have never been lower on this truck than what is being charged per bird this year.
- We have got more race birds away than ever before on this truck and that applies to Thursday night basketing as well.
- The Committee has a very good estimate of what our total racing costs are and has developed a budget plan. This plan includes a small profit margin to allow for any contingencies and also to ensure that the SCF remains in a financially stable position for the future.
- This Fed Committee is not interested in increasing revenue above what we have budgeted for by charging members extra.
- The freight charge has been calculated on total member nominations. If members under nominate then the cost to all members increases.
- The Fed Committee has been totally transparent in communicating to the membership, on a number of occasions over the past 12 months, on how the freight costing will be done this year.
- The cost penalty for increasing nominated numbers has been developed as a deterrent to members to stop them under nominating and trying to rot the system and thereby increasing the cost to all other members.

4. Notification of basket limits

Clubs are reminded that the Thursday night basket allocation will commence from the 1st Eden.

5. Lake request:

- The Lake club requested that the Mildura basketing be done at their club with the National birds for this year.
- That request was declined due to the possibility of confusion over the basketing of the two races. Mildura birds are to be basketed in own clubs and brought to the Lake Club.

6. Fastest in Fed Trophies:

Options are being investigated for an appropriate trophy for the Fastest in Fed for each race this year.

7. InterFed Challenge Combine:

- The Interfed Challenge will be conducted from the 2nd Eden – see attached flyer.
- Birds will be basketed and clocks will be set in members own clubs.
- There will be a mixed social night at Woonona-Bulli RSL on the Sat night where the out of area flyers will attend.
- Direct surveys will be used due to the difference in location of out of area flyers.
- Fed pools will apply with the addition of a \$5 loft pool

8. ETS Registration

- Members are reminded that a list of all registered (coupled) birds must be supplied to the SCF Race Secretary. Soft copies or hard print outs are acceptable.
- Members are reminded that they must have their ETS installations correctly registered with the SCF Secretary – Registration forms are available off the SCF website.
- These reminders are in accordance with SCF Clock and Racing Rules and failure to comply may result in disqualification of the flyer concerned.

9. Truck loading platform for next year.

It was noted that there is a potential hazard when loading on the rear most column of the truck. A design for a temporary platform for loading the truck will be investigated and appropriate mods made to the current loading system.

Meeting closed 9:45pm. - Next Committee Meeting 4th August, 2009 – Towradgi PC - 7:00pm.

Stephen Saywell

Secretary
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