

Minutes SCF Committee Meeting

Meeting Held: 31st March, 2009 at 7:10pm – Towradgi Pigeon Club.

Present: Peter Clarke, Trevor Gasseling, Stephen Saywell, Colin Hedley, Mark Maidman and Dave Thompson with John Koster presiding.

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

Moved C Hedley/P Clarke that previous minutes be accepted and adopted.

Financial Situation:

The cheque for the sum of \$338 from the previous meeting could not be cashed due to a technicality with the ANZ bank and steps have been taken to resolve that banking matter with R Bird.

The treasurer presented the following financial details:

Opening Balance as at 31st March:	\$31,577.37		
2008 Cumulative Deposits	\$850.00	Mar Dep	\$850.00
2008 Cumulative Expenses	\$1,935.27	Mar Exp	\$134.43

Term Deposit \$20,786.41

Closing Balance: **\$53,079.35**

- Accounts approved for payment:
 - \$1,275.00 Zurich Truck CTP
 - \$881.00 RTA Truck Registration
 - \$90.00 Telstra Line rental
 - \$30.72 Telstra 1300 phone account.
 - \$100.00 auditor gift.

Moved C Hedley/T Gasseling that accounts be paid.

Correspondence:

In

- Dept Primary Industry re representations regarding the welfare and survival rates of Racing Pigeons in NSW.
- Minutes of meeting of Gwynneville Pigeon Club on 22 Feb 09. Meeting discussed venue options for basketing and reading of clocks. Meeting was chaired by John Koster, by invitation.
- EPA minutes of 16th February.
- D Monteleone re suggestion for use of a back up system for ETS users.

- D Monteleone re having a short, middle distance and long distance pointscore based on the fed weekly results.
- APOF club:
 - re request to have the birds liberated no later than 10:00am for all races
 - re request to have over payment of rings from 2007 refunded.
- Lake Illawarra club requesting that National basketing be done at their club this year.
- Gary Paget re abnormal loss/gain variations with Mega System clocks on one race last year. He suggested that there should be some variation limit on ETS systems.
- Berkeley sent a letter to the SCF Committee informing the Fed that they intend to conduct an Open Interclub, to be named the George Bond Memorial. The Berkeley proposal was that this race was to be held on 2nd Seaspray.
- OAMPS Insurance Brokers requesting any change of information re conditions for insurance of truck and voluntary work cover premiums.
- Notice for Pigeon Seminar to be held at Bankstown Trotting Club on Sunday, 5th April.
- Dapto re storage of race baskets in their club.

Out

- Letter to G Paget explaining that an adequate explanation was provided by the members of APOF regarding this matter. It was determined that this anomaly in clock variation was a simple human error that has since been resolved. The Committee will also investigate options for ensuring that ETS setting procedures are followed by all clubs.
- Letter to D Monteleone regarding his submissions and actions taken by the Committee.
- Berkeley – advising the club that their application for an Open Interclub has been denied as it is in direct conflict with the SCF Combine – the John Graham Young Bird Derby.
- Letter to Lake Illawarra club accepting their request to basket the National birds at their club.
- Letter to Gwynneville club regarding the formation and membership of their club for 2009 race season.

Moved D Thompson/M Maidman that correspondence be accepted.

General Business:

1. Ballot Results:

The following results were recorded for the seven notice of motion put to the AGM this year:

	Intent of Motion		Total Votes	% For	Motion	abstnd	Voted	% Memb
Motion 1	Affiliation Fee	For	69	91%	carried	0	76	84%
		Against	7					
Motion 2	SCF Boundaries	For	76	100%	carried	0	76	84%
		Against	0					
Motion 3	Tied Pointscore	For	73	96%	carried	0	76	84%
		Against	3					
Motion 4	Vel Decimals	For	12	17%	lost	4	76	84%
		Against	60					
Motion 5	Basket limit	For	38	50%	carried	0	76	84%
		Against	38					
Motion 6	Club Boundary Authority	For	46	61%	carried	1	76	84%
		Against	29					
Motion 7	Tomerong BP	For	30	43%	lost	7	76	84%
		Against	39					

2. Basket Limits

The ballot was drawn for the basket limits and the chairman cast the vote in support of the motion. Therefore the motion was carried.

3. Communication to the SCF Committee

This month there were several submissions made by individuals. While they have been acceted it is noted that if any submission is other than that of a personal nature then those submissions should be directed to the club in the first instance. Once accepted by the club then that submission should be submitted to the SCF Committee.

4. Pointscore Suggestion

- The suggestion to conduct the Weekly Pointscore as three sections and an overall result has been adopted for the 2009 season.
- There will be:
 - Short Distance Pointscore Milton to and including Eden
 - Middle Distance Pointscore Mallacoota to and including Seaspray
 - Long Distance Pointscore all races past Seaspray
 - The Long Distance Pointscore will be recognized as Norm Hay Cup.

Moved M Maidman/C Hedley – carried

5. DPI letter

- The SCF Secretary has contacted all feds involved – CCF, CC-Newcastle, Shoalhaven.
- Contacted Ross Burton, Director of Animal Welfare – DPI, requesting information regarding any complaints or representations made to the DPI. A commitment was made by the DPI to forward details of the submissions made.
- Waiting on reply from DPI
- Contacted DPI today – not back in office until Thursday.

6. Moved C Hedley/T Gaseling that \$39 be reimbursed to APOF club for their over payment of ring monies in 2007.

7. Liberation Suggestion

- Discussed options for liberation and the results that this committee has achieved in the past two years off the North and South routes.
- It was stated that in this time the early races have resulted in good racing and there have been excellent returns.

A motion and amendment were put regarding liberation times. The Amendment to have earlier liberation times was lost and the Motion to liberate the birds the same as previous year's and left to the discretion of the Liberation Committee was carried.

8. National Basketing

- Moved D Thompson/C Hedley that national basketing is done at Lake Illawarra club rooms – carried.

9. Gwynneville Club for 2009

There was some discussion regarding the membership structure for the Gwynneville club for 2009. The following points were noted as guidelines for the reformation of racing by this club:

- The club is known as the Gwynneville Racing Pigeon Club and that it is administered within the current boundaries of that club.
- Special exemption has been given by the SCF Committee to allow flyers from the ex Southern Fed membership to join the Gwynneville club.
- No other members within the SCF Boundaries who live outside the Gwynneville Club boundary are eligible to fly in the Gwynneville club.
- Basketing and reading clocks are to be carried out at the discretion of the members of the Gwynneville club.

10. Tossing to commence on 9th May at \$10 per basket from the Nowra Vet site used last year. Please advise SCF Secretary numbers of baskets required by 2nd May 2009.

11. Truck Rego

- Truck inspected and all OK.
- Ready for registration.

Meeting closed 9:13pm. - Next Committee Meeting 5th May – APOF PC - 7:00pm.