

## Minutes SCF Committee Meeting

**Meeting Held:** 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 at 7:10pm – Towradgi Pigeon Club.

**Present:** Stephen Saywell, Colin Hedley, Mark Maidman and Dave Thompson with John Koster presiding. Apology from T Gasseling.

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

*Moved C Hedley/M Maidman that previous minutes be accepted.*

### **Financial Situation:**

***The cheque error regarding the ANZ bank operations technicality from last meeting has been corrected by the bank and cash for the amount has been presented to the Treasurer.***

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

The treasurer presented the following financial details:

***Opening Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March:                      \$53,079.35***

2008 Cumulative Deposits	\$850.00	Apr Dep	\$850.00
2008 Cumulative Expenses	\$6,373.69	Apr Exp	\$4,438.42

Term Deposit                      \$20,786.41

***Closing Balance:    \$48,640.93***

- Accounts approved for payment:
  - \$639.05      Voluntary Work Cover Insurance
  - \$1,389.88    Truck Insurance
  - \$31.27      Telstra 1300 phone account.
  - \$1.50        Shell Card.

*Moved M Maidman/C Hedley that accounts be paid.*

### **Correspondence:**

In

- Petition from W Glover and co-signatories requesting a special meeting. This request has been subsequently dealt with at a special meeting prior to this May monthly Fed Meeting.
- Letter from Dapto re moving baskets from their club.
- Berkeley re request for an interclub from 3<sup>rd</sup> Mallacoota.
- T Cooper asking the Fed to make a ruling re an oversight where he inadvertently purchased a total of 30 IGBF rings at different times in 2008.
- Minutes from Gwynneville pigeon club 04-04-09
- Minutes from Gwynneville pigeon club 22-04-09.
- Minutes EPA of NSW

- Charity Race sub committee minutes outlining ideas for this year's charity race.(see attached).
- Letter of resignation by D Thompson.
- Letter of resignation by M Maidman.

Out:

- SCF Committee to support the charity committee recommendations.
- Letter to Berkeley re their interclub.
- Letter to T Cooper advising him that the first 20 rings purchased fall within the intent of our IGBF rule and these will be the only eligible IGBF rings registered for him in 2009. He will be refunded the difference in the price of the IGBF ring and the ordinary ring on the other 10 rings. These other 10 rings will be registered as ordinary SCF rings but if any flyer in the SCF who purchased these IGBF rings in good faith at SCF sanctioned sales then they will be given the option to register those rings as IGBF rings at normal IGBF costs if they have not purchased up to their allocation of 20 IGBF rings themselves.

A re-registration sheet for any IGBF mentioned above will be required to be submitted with the request for use of that ring.

*Moved D Thompson/M Maidman that correspondence be accepted.*

## **General Business:**

### **1. Committee Issues:**

Both M Maidman and D Thompson tendered their resignations due to harassment they have received from some SCF members over committee decisions. After some lengthy discussion both Dave and Mark have agreed to put their resignations on hold after the committee offered their support in this matter.

It is stressed by the committee that there are procedures within our constitution to deal with abuse of officials or continual harassment of those officials. If there is a report of abuse or any further complaint of harassment of our officials by any member of the committee then the appropriate disciplinary steps will be initiated against those individuals.

It was noted that if members wish to enquire about committee decisions there is a formal procedure to follow.

## **2. Dept of Fair Trading**

A question was raised at the special meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> May re the legality of the SCF voting system on our race and clock rules.

Clarification was sought from the Dept Fair Trading on this matter and the following points were noted:

- The SCF when incorporated adopted and registered the Model Rules as its constitution.
- Our Race and Clock Rules were deliberately not registered as they are continually amended and to re-register those rules with the Dept of Fair Trading attracts associated costs.
- The Model rules refer to how our organization is administered and our Race and Clock Rules are considered separate and control how we manage our racing.
- In the reprint of our race and clock rules in 1998 the title was changed from Constitution and Rules to Model Rules and By-laws.
- Under the jurisdiction of the Dept of Fair Trading any By-laws come under the Model Rule procedures and must legally be registered with that Dept.
- Under advice from the Dept competition Rules, Procedures or Guidelines do not need to be registered with the Dept and can be changed as per the organizations voting procedures as determined by the membership.

Consequently, after taking into consideration the events of the past, the voting decisions that have been accepted, the intent of the membership and considering our own race rules, specifically:

### *Admin Rule 14*

*Any questions not specified in these rules shall be decided by The Committee of the SCF Inc. of NSW, whose decision shall be final.*

and

### *General Rule 29*

*The SCF Committee may from time to time amend these rules and conditions at it thinks fit and within its absolute direction.*

The committee has decided to change the title of our Racing and Clock Rules by deleting any reference to the words By-law. There will be no change to the wording, intent or practice of those rules with the exception of admin rule 5:

## **5. Rule Changes:**

*The SCF Inc of NSW Model Rule By-Laws - RACING RULES can only be changed in accordance with Rule 26 and Rule 31 of the Model Rules – Sections referring to Notices and Special Resolutions relating to rule changes. Once the rule change has been*

*presented to that AGM or Extra Ordinary General Meeting then this rule is sent out to all members for a general ballot as per Rule 37 of the Model Rules*

## **5. Rule Changes:**

*The SCF Inc of NSW RACING & CLOCK RULES can be changed by a ballot of SCF members. For the ballot to be valid there must be a minimum participation rate of 75% and once that is achieved then a simple majority of those voting is required for an addition or change to be carried. The rule change must be presented to an AGM or Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the SCF prior to it being sent out to all members for a general ballot.*

This change reflects the intent and understanding of how the SCF has been operating in the past.

## **3. Berkeley Interclub**

The SCF members have previously indicated that they wish to limit the number of interclub races held within the SCF. The committee feels that if the SCF is to have a memorial race to honour a person then that person must have a history of providing outstanding service to the SCF over an extended period. eg Norm Hay and John Graham. For the SCF to support such a race as you propose then the person nominated would have to have made a very significant contribution to the SCF organization in an administrative or supportive capacity.

Those of us who knew George Bond respected his efforts as a promotions officer within the SCF. We also acknowledge that he was a very generous man and consider that he did make a worthwhile contribution to the SCF. Unfortunately we do not consider that his contribution warrants an SCF Memorial race. Therefore in accordance with our members wishes (to minimize the number of interclubs) we would not stop the Berkeley club from conducting this race and advise that it will not be given SCF recognition by inclusion in the pointscore.

Meeting closed 8:50pm. - Next Committee Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May – APOF PC - 7:00pm.