

Minutes SCF Committee Meeting

Meeting Held: 13th October, 2009 at 7:00pm – Towradgi Pigeon Club.

Present: Stephen Saywell, Colin Hedley, Trevor Gasseling, Brett Yeaman and Dave Thompson with John Koster presiding, apologies Mark Maidman

Visitors:

Graeme Sullivan and Peter Barrett Shoalhaven Federation.
Graham Aston and Anthony Aguis Sutherland Club.

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

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

Moved C Hedley/ T Gasseling that previous minutes be adopted.

Financial Situation:

The treasurer presented the following financial details:

Opening Balance as at 1st September: \$83,028.40

2009 Cumulative Deposits	\$93,131.79	Sep Dep	\$43,733.56
2009 Cumulative Expenses	\$46,993.44	Sep Exp	\$26,077.61

Term Deposit \$21,167.79

Closing Balance: \$100,684.35

- Accounts approved for payment:

- \$2,104.69 Fuel
- \$320.00 Return of birds from Tas
- \$250.00 Tas liberator expenses
- \$50.10 Telstra 1300
- \$46.64 Secretary mobile phone calls to truck for 2009
- \$2,000 Honorariums
- \$2,000.00 Cash for Secretary Disbursements
- \$435.00 Cash for Secretary Disbursements
- \$660.00 Parameadows donation - cash
- \$13,763.85 Parameadows donation - cheque
- \$124.97 Prize certificates stationary
- \$14.65 Prize certificates
- \$389.00 Truck service
- \$292.60 Junior trophies
- \$715.00 Truck repairs and supply of loading platform.

Moved C Hedley/T Gasseling that accounts be paid.

Correspondence:

In

- Telstra re notification of direct debit details
- Lake club re bus attendees for Canberra trip
- APFA re stock catalogue and order form
- Robert Usher (Launceston Liberator) re liberation of pigeons at Launceston and an explanation of how quickly the weather deteriorated after the birds were liberated.
- BHP Billiton re changes to procedure for administration of their Matched Giving programme.
- ANZ bank informing SCF of the availability of a smart banking package for eligible non-profit organizations.

Moved B Yeaman/C Hedley that correspondence be accepted.

Correspondence:

Out:

- BHP Billiton explaining the role taken by Graham Worthington in the management and organizing of the 2009 Charity Event held by the SCF.
- Order confirmation for fastest in fed trophies.
- Robert Usher expressing SCF appreciation of his efforts in the care and subsequent collection of birds at Launceston.
- Para Meadows School detailing funds raised by SCF for donation to their school.

General Business:

1. Interfed Racing Proposal for 2010

Representatives from Sutherland Pigeon Club and Shoalhaven Federation were invited to attend a meeting to discuss the possibility of some joint venture re flying for the race season of 2010 and into the future.

The discussion was seen as the first step to look at how each fed can best help each other in the coming years of pigeon racing. Our numbers are declining, racing is becoming harder from the distance and costs are rising. The following points should form a starting point to establish if there is an opportunity to help each other and how any options should progress in our individual organizations.

After introductions and explanation of meeting format it was established that:

- There are potentially approx 30-40 flyers in the Sutherland/Maroubra/Illawarra clubs that could be interested in an association with the SCF.
- Shoalhaven have 31 flyers for 2010.
- It was proposed that some Sutherland flyers would be interested in having their birds transported on the SCF truck in 2010. The concept would be of a similar nature to the association the SCF have with Shoalhaven.

- The proposal for 2010 would see up to 10 flyers send a limited number of birds for at least 10 races to see if racing with the SCF is attractive.
- The Sydney based flyers see their racing as starting from Redhead on the North route.
- If successful there is a potential for approx 35 flyers to come on board from 2011.
- Shoalhaven reps commented that their main concern from their feds perspective was liberation times. Any proposal that would include Shoalhaven would require that the liberation of the birds be done off the North to accommodate their flyers that live in the Ulladulla area.
- Shoalhaven fed indicated they would be looking to come on the SCF truck from Crescent Heads onwards. They would require approx 25 baskets per week.

For this proposal to succeed it was mentioned that all feds would need to have significant majority support. Any obstacles that may limit or prevent those options from being implemented would need further discussion. The following points formed the basis of discussion with answers in italics:

- Number of flyers – who will be flying. Who will be eligible from Sydney? *Sutherland, Maroubra and Illawarra Club flyers.*
- Limits and how baskets will be filled. What is the combined truck capacity? *SCF truck 112 baskets, Shoalhaven truck 55 baskets at a 22 bird limit.*
- Optimization of transport – SCF and Shoalhaven trucks.
- Working out a freight deal for a win/win situation for all flyers
- Pick up times. *As per normal SCF times and around 10:30pm for Sydney off the North.*
- Release times. *To be confirmed but with enough time to allow birds flying to Ulladulla to have enough light to get home.*

The meeting concluded “with agreement in principle” that there is opportunity for some form of co-operative alliance between the feds that met. Sutherland club members were asked to put a firm proposal for 2010. The outcome of any joint racing in 2010 would determine if there should be any continuation and/or expansion in 2011. The proposal from Sutherland Club was requested to be submitted prior to the next SCF Meeting on 3rd November, 2009.

2. SCF Presentation Night

The venue has been booked and names of members attending need to be supplied to the SCF Secretary by 17th October. Cost is \$35 per head for a very good meal and some drinks.

3. Canberra bus

Due to insufficient interest from the membership there will be no SCF organized transport to the Canberra sale this year.

4. ETS Clock Variation

During the season there has been some questions raised regarding the variation of some ETS clocks. . The majority of ETS clocks have excellent time keeping. It has been determined that there is technology available to update ETS clock programming and that clocks that have more than 2 seconds variation per 24 hours should be recalibrated.

5. SCF Combine Pointscore:

A question was raised regarding points allocation for the SCF Combine pointscore. This committee has adopted the practice for points allocation that has been done for as long as this committee can remember. Points in the SCF Combine Pointscore are awarded to a flyer based on the points for the position he attains regardless of other positions in the race. If a flyer attains more than one prize in certain races then those additional points are not counted in the pointscore.

Meeting closed 9:30pm. - Next Committee Meeting 3rd November, 2009 – APOF PC - 7:00pm.

Stephen Saywell
Secretary
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