



Meeting Location: Narooma Mens Shed

Meeting Day & Date: Sunday 7th April 2024

Time Commenced: 11.45 am

Members Present:

Brett Anderson, Manny Byrne, Brenda Hoyer, Darcy Hoyer, Richard Lawrie, Barb Magrin, Mario Magrin.

Visitors Present:

Nil

Apologies:

Nil

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from Annual general Meeting held on 16th April 2023 tabled and read aloud to those present.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes 16th April 2023 - (including outstanding actions from previous meeting):

Nil

Motion:

The minutes of the AGM conducted on 16th April 2023 be accepted as true and correct.

Moved DH

Seconded BA

All in favour, CARRIED.

Action: Secretary publish AGM minutes of 16/04/2023 on Combine's website.

Election of Office Bearers (as defined by Model Rules for Incorporated Associations):

MM – All positions are vacated, and nominations are now called for.

President –

MM

Moved - MB

Seconded - BA

No call for or no need for a secret ballot

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

Vice President –

BA

Moved - MB

Seconded - MM

No call for or no need for a secret ballot

For - All



Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

Secretary/Treasurer –

MB

Moved - MM

Seconded - BA

No call for or no need for a secret ballot

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

Race Secretary –

MM

Moved - RL

Seconded - DH

No call for or no need for a secret ballot

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

Ring Secretary –

DH

Moved - MB

Seconded - MM

No call for or no need for a secret ballot

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

Publicity Officer –

MB

Moved - RL

Seconded - BA

No call for or no need for a secret ballot

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

Other General Committee Member -

RL



Moved - MB

Seconded - DH

No call for or no need for a secret ballot

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

Liberation Committee –

To be decided after proposed constitution change is discussed and voted on.

CONSTITUTION & RULES:

The SERPC Inc. has established Liberation Protocols. The following motions relate to motions to change parts of the established Liberation Protocols.

Liberation Protocols @ LIBERATION GUIDELINES; 1. State.

“The Liberation Committee shall consist of three flying members who shall communicate with each other and in consultation with the liberator shall oversee all liberations conducted by the SERPC INC.”

MOTION - BYRNE

Liberation Protocols @ LIBERATION GUIDELINES; 1. Be changed to.

“The Liberation Committee shall consist of two (2) flying members who shall communicate with each other and in consultation with the liberator (Liberation Committee members can also be the liberator from time to time) shall oversee all liberations conducted by the SERPC INC.”

Moved

MB

Seconded

DH

Secret Ballot

No

Speakers For

Nil

Speakers Against

Nil

Result

All in favour - Carried.

Liberation Protocols @ LIBERATION GUIDELINES; 3. State.

The use of current weather reports and forecasts are obtained from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) and are to be used in conjunction with the liberator’s observations at the liberation site.

MOTION - BYRNE

Liberation Protocols @ LIBERATION GUIDELINES; 3. Be changed to.

“The use of current weather reports and forecasts are to be obtained from credible weather reporting organisations and are to be used in conjunction with the liberators observations at the liberation site and any local information received by Liberation Committee Members along the expected line of flight.”

Moved

MB

Seconded

MM

Secret Ballot

No

Speakers For

Nil

Speakers Against



Nil

Result

All in favour - Carried.

Liberation Protocols @ LIBERATION GUIDELINES; 7. State.

" The Liberation Committee shall not liberate the pigeons for any race unless all Liberation Committee Members agree to do so."

MOTION - BYRNE

Liberation Protocols @ LIBERATION GUIDELINES; 7. Be changed to.

" The Liberation Committee shall not liberate the pigeons for any race unless all Liberation Committee Members agree to do so. Should the Liberation Committee members not agree on liberation then the matter is to be decided by the SERPC Inc. President."

Moved

MB

Seconded

DH

Secret Ballot

No

Speakers For

Nil

Speakers Against

Nil

Result

All in favour - Carried.

Release of non-racing birds on race day.

The SERPC Inc. has no rules governing the release of non-competing race birds by its members on race day.

MOTION - BYRNE

From the time of liberation and thereafter for the duration of a current race in which members of the SERPC Inc are competing all other members of the SERPC Inc are not to release their own pigeons not competing in the current race either around their home loft or from any other point (tossing).

All members of the SERPC Inc are allowed to exercise and/or toss their pigeons before any scheduled race has been commenced.

Any member/s who breach this rule will be subject to usual disciplinary processes for the SERPC Inc.

Moved

MB

Seconded

DH

Secret Ballot

No

Speakers For

MB – It appears a lot of race birds are straying late to members lofts that exercise their pigeons late on race day.

Speakers Against

BA - What about toss birds, they could get caught up with race birds?

DH – I like to exercise my birds on the afternoon of race as it helps bring my late birds in.

Result

Amendment to motion

Pigeons not competing in the current race are not to be liberated at their home lofts or away from their home lofts on the day/s the race is current, including before the race actually starts.

Moved

BA

Seconded

DH



Secret Ballot

No

Speakers For

Nil

Speakers Against

Nil

Result

All in favour - Carried.

Bird Limits.

SERPC Inc Race Rules @ at 3 states.

SURPLUS BASKETS & BIRD LIMITS

"The bird limit for any race conducted by the South East Racing Pigeon Combine shall be determined by.

1. The number of fliers
2. The period of confinement (overnight or longer)
3. The space available in the club's transport in accordance with the recommendations made by the Australian National Racing Pigeon Board for the transport of racing pigeons.

The bird limit for any racing participated in by the South East Racing Pigeon Combine when the transporting federation or combine is not the South East Racing Pigeon Combine will be whatever that transporting federation or combine determines."

MOTION – ANDERSON

Add an additional dot point (No. 4).

4. Bird limit will be determined on a year by year basis by a clear and transparent vote at the AGM.

Moved

BA

Seconded

DH

Secret Ballot

No

Speakers For

BA – Excess birds for members creating an advantage for those members. Should be made fairer by introducing a bird limit which I think should be 30 or 40 birds starting from 2024 race season. I have put motion forward based on discussions with other members about bird limits.

Speakers Against

MB – I initially agreed with that as a way to ensure those with fewer birds can get more racing in rather than sending most birds each week however upon reflection who am I to tell a person how to manage his loft. By imposing a limit and reducing the number of race birds we will be telling all fliers how to manage their own lofts. We have the room in our trailer for more birds. I like to breed more birds to cater for the falcon around the box, whilst tossing and racing. If I have a good year I have more numbers, if the falcons are active then I have less. If we impose a limit, then we should allow surplus birds which is another discussion for another day.

Result

Amendment to Motion

The SERPC Inc. will vote on a bird limit for the coming race season when life rings are ordered for that coming race season.

Moved

MM

Seconded

BA

Secret Ballot

No

Speakers For

Nil



Speakers Against

Nil

Result

All in favour - Carried.

General Business:

MM

- Life rings have been ordered for 2025 race season. A bird limit should be set.

Motion

The race bird limit for 2025 race season will be 40 pigeons for each flying member.

Moved

MM

Seconded

BA

Secret Ballot

No

Speakers For

MB – I am travelling in 2025 so I will not be racing hence I cannot vote as I am not a flying member.

Speakers Against

Nil

Result

All in favour (BA, DH, MM) - Carried

- SIGNING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAIR-TRADING FORM:

Motion:

The Secretary/Treasurer prepare, sign, and lodge the Department of Fair-Trading document of Tier 2 Incorporated Associations and pay from club funds the appropriate fees.

Moved

MB

Seconded

MM

Secret Ballot

No

Speakers For

Nil

Speakers Against

Nil

Result

All in favour - Carried.

Action – Secretary complete necessary correspondence for Dept of Fair Trading.

- CONSTITUTION & RULES OF THE SERPC Inc

Motion

The current constitution and all the current rules of the South East Racing Pigeon Combine Inc with the alterations adopted today, excluding bird limit amendments, are adopted for the 2024 season.

Moved: MB

Seconded: DH



Speakers For: Nil
Speakers Against: Nil
Secret Ballot: Not request by any person present.
For - All
Against - Nil
Result - CARRIED
Action – Nil

Outstanding Actions:

Secretary update the Combine's Constitution and associated rules with carried motions.

Secretary complete the Tier 2 reporting required by the Dept of Fair Trading NSW within a month of 07/04/24 as required.

Time Meeting Closed: 12.40 pm.

Next Meeting: TBA