



**Meeting Location:** Narooma Mens Shed

**Meeting Day & Date:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Time Commenced:** 10.50 am

**Members Present:**

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

**Visitors Present:**

Tony Dessman

**Apologies:**

Nil

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes from Annual general Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 read aloud to those present.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - (including outstanding actions from previous meeting):

Nil

**Motion:**

The minutes of the AGM conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 be accepted as true and correct.

Moved Manny Byrne

Seconded Darcy Hoyer

All in favour, CARRIED.

**Action: Secretary publish AGM minutes of 10/02/2022 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 - DH

Seconded - RL

No call for or no need for a secret ballot

For - All



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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 - BM

Seconded - GF

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 - BM

Seconded - DH

No call for or no need for a secret ballot

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

**Other General Committee Member -**

GF



Moved - MB

Seconded - MM

No call for or no need for a secret ballot

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

**Liberation Committee –**

Three positions – North, Central and South

BA, MB & DH

Moved - MM

Seconded - GF

No call for or no need for a secret ballot

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

**CONSTITUTION & RULES:**

1.

At this time in the South East Racing Pigeon Combine Incorporated (SERPC Inc.) does not have within its constitution any instruction about what day a scheduled pigeon race is conducted.

**MOTION:**

The South East Racing Pigeon Combine Incorporated (SERPC Inc.) will conduct its scheduled races on Saturdays. Should any schedule race not be able to be conducted on Saturday due to established liberation protocols not being able to be met then that scheduled race will be conducted the next day being Sunday.

Should that scheduled race not be able to be conducted on the next day being Sunday due to established liberation protocols not being able to be met then that scheduled race will be conducted on the Friday immediately before or the Monday immediately after dependant on established liberation protocols being met AND the availability of a liberator.

If the scheduled race cannot be conducted due to established liberation protocols not being able to be met OR the unavailability of a liberator, then that scheduled race will be cancelled.

Whether or not that cancelled race is conducted in the future will be determined by already established protocols.

Moved: MB

Seconded: MM

Speakers For: Nil

Speakers Against: Nil

Questions: BM asked when will decision on race be made. General discussion about same. BA reminded the meeting that a successful motion put forward last year was that the decision be made by Wednesday afternoons.

Secret Ballot: Not request by any person present.

For - All

Against - Nil



Result - CARRIED

Action – Secretary update Combines rules and publish on website.

2.

The South East Racing Pigeon Combine Incorporated (SERPC Inc.) has an established liberation protocol. At this current time that protocol states “A headwind or gusts is a wind or gusting winds heading into the expected line of flight which do not exceed 35kph (19 knots).”

Obviously, a head wind slows the racing pigeons velocity and losses of race birds are usually higher than normal. Many larger and older racing pigeon federations in Australia recognise this fact and have strict liberation protocols to cater.

MOTION:

The current liberation protocol be updated to “A headwind or gusts is a wind or gusting winds heading into the expected line of flight which do not exceed 25kph (13.5 knots).”

Moved: MB

Seconded: MM

Speakers For: Nil

Speakers Against: Nil

Questions: BA will donate a weather meter to the Combine which is to be kept in the trailer for use of the Liberator at liberation sites.

Secret Ballot: Not request by any person present.

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

Action – Secretary update Combines rules and publish on website.

3.

The South East Racing Pigeon Combine Incorporated (SERPC Inc.) established protocols do not define what a pigeon race is.

MOTION:

A pigeon race must.

1. Involve more than one (1) competitor and.
2. Be at least sixty kms from any competitor's loft.

Should any competitor not be at least 60 kms from any race point they are not entitled to participate in the actual race BUT are still able to send surplus pigeons. If this instance does occur the South East Racing Pigeon Combine Incorporated (SERPC Inc.) point score will not commence until all competitors are at least 60 kms from any given race point.

The distance from any race point to any competitors loft is measured in a straight line of flight.

Moved: MM

Seconded: MB

Speakers For: Nil

Speakers Against: Nil

Secret Ballot: Not request by any person present.

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

Action – Secretary update Combines rules and publish on website.



4.

The South East Racing Pigeon Combine Incorporated (SERPC Inc.) in 2022 raced from Welshpool and Phillip Island in conditions that included easterly cross or side winds at times over 25kms per hour. Losses for competing members were high in both races. In fact, losses for all federations competing in those races were high, with only eleven pigeons clocked in on the day from Phillip Island across four organisations. Historically easterly winds are associated with unacceptable high losses in pigeon racing on the eastern seaboard of NSW.

The South East Racing Pigeon Combine Incorporated (SERPC Inc.) liberation protocol currently states “Wind other than a headwind is wind or gusting wind in any direction other than a headwind that is less than 35kph (19 knots) especially as a cross wind on coastal routes.”

**MOTION:**

The South East Racing Pigeon Combine Incorporated (SERPC Inc.) liberation protocol regarding cross or side winds be updated to read “Cross or side wind with any east direction is 15 kph (8.1 knots) or less”.

Moved: MM

Seconded: MB

Speakers For: Nil

Speakers Against: Nil

Questions: Some concern about speed. General discussion. Amendment put forward by BA that the wind speed be increased to read with any east direction is 20 kph (10.8 knots) or less. All present agreed. Second amendment put forward by MM that this new rule only applies to races over 300 kms from the longest marker. All present agreed.

Amended Motion:

The South East Racing Pigeon Combine Incorporated (SERPC Inc.) liberation protocol regarding cross or side winds be updated to read “Cross or side wind with any east direction is 20 kph (10.8 knots) or less and only for races over 300 kms from the longest marker. For all races under 300 kms to the longest marker the cross or side wind with any east direction is 35 kph (18.9)” or less.

Secret Ballot: Not request by any person present.

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

**Action – Secretary update Combines rules and publish on website.**

5.

The South East Racing Pigeon Combine Incorporated (SERPC Inc.) liberation protocol includes references to gusts of wind. A gust is defined as a briefer than a squall and usually lasts 20 seconds or less. Air turbulence around an obstacle causes gusts; they occur frequently over buildings and irregular ground and are less frequent over water.

**MOTION:**

The references to gusts of wind be removed from the South East Racing Pigeon Combine Incorporated (SERPC Inc.) liberation protocol.

Moved: MB

Seconded: MM

Speakers For: Nil

Speakers Against: Nil

Questions: GF said wind gusts do affect pigeons, all agreed however all agreed that gusts are brief in duration. BM asked if we have a limit for gusts at this time. MB pointed out what the current liberation protocol says about wind gusts.

Secret Ballot: Not request by any person present.

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED



Action – Secretary update Combines rules and publish on website.

6.

The South East Racing Pigeon Combine Incorporated (SERPC Inc.) liberation protocol includes DOES NOT include any reference to race birds clashing with race birds from other federations, combines or clubs.

MOTION:

A red light condition in the South East Racing Pigeon Combine Incorporated (SERPC Inc.) liberation protocol includes the risk of our race birds clashing with other racing pigeons travelling in any other direction only when the number of race birds of the other racing organisation is at least double our own on that scheduled race.

Moved: MB

Seconded: MM

Speakers For: Nil

Speakers Against: Nil

Secret Ballot: Not request by any person present.

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

Action – Secretary update Combines rules and publish on website.

7.

Currently, the South East Racing Pigeon Combine Incorporated (SERPC Inc.) has a reporting obligation to the Department of Fair Trading NSW. The reporting period for that obligation is currently 1<sup>st</sup> July of one year to 30<sup>th</sup> June of the next year.

This obligation requires our Annual General Meeting to be conducted within 6 months of the end of this reporting period. Historically we have held our AGMs in the new year following the previous racing seasons. To maintain this pattern, we must amend our Constitution to change the current reporting period.

MOTION:

The current reporting period for the purposes of being an Incorporated Association registered with the Department of Fair trading, New South Wales, be changed from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July of one year to 30<sup>th</sup> June of the next year to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January to 31<sup>st</sup> December of the same year.

Moved: MB

Seconded: MM

Speakers For: Nil

Speakers Against: Nil

Questions: DH asked about fees to Dept of Fair Trading. MB provided details of costs to report to Dept of Fair trading for Tier 2 Associated Incorporations.

Secret Ballot: Not request by any person present.

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - CARRIED

Action – Secretary update Combines rules and publish on website.

Secretary complete necessary correspondence to notify Dept of Fair Trading of this change.

**General Business:**

- SIGNING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAIR-TRADING FORM:

Motion:



That Manny Byrne 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

Speakers For: Nil

Speakers Against: Nil

Secret Ballot: Not request by any person present.

For - All

Against - Nil

Result - 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, be adopted for the 2023 season.

Moved: MB

Seconded: MM

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 as a result of motions 1 to 7 being carried.

Secretary complete the Tier 2 reporting required by the Dept of Fair Trading NSW within a month of 16/04/2023 as required.

Secretary complete correspondence informing Dept of Fair Trading of changes to Constitution and the Combine's new financial year dates.

**Time Meeting Closed: 11.35 am.**

**Next Meeting: TBA**