

SHOALHAVEN PIGEON FEDERATION

AGM MINUTES

Venue: MILTON SHOWGROUND
Date: 12 FEBRUARY 2017
Meeting Opened: 10.00AM
Attendance: as per registration sheet: I Price, N Fowler, G Smith, J Formosa, P Boardman, G Way, J Kensey, G Barker, O Millar, P Barrett, A Greenberg, C Ganderton, S Bishop, T Watson, R Beattie, N Achurch, J Thurbon, A Binks, T Glasgow, C Price, S Price, K Kiss, S Baillie, D Lamont, S Brown
Visitors: B King, G Ford, Mario from Moruya PC, Cec & Lorraine Hickey
Apologies: Lane Family

President, Ian Price opened the meeting and welcomed members and thanked Ulladulla for hosting meeting and providing a BBQ, drinks etc.

Ian spoke of the sadness felt by members regarding the loss of Paul Zammit & Murray Barton, long time members of the SPF.

Ian asked members to be courteous to each other and only one person to speak, not 'but in' or 'talk over' the person who is speaking.

PART 1

Minutes from previous AGM & 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT: Read by the Secretary

Nothing arising from minutes

Minutes to be accepted

Moved: A Greenberg 2nd: Steve Baillie passed

Correspondence in:

Westpac Statements

IMB statement

Letters from Tom Watson & Central club

Letter from G Matthews re proxy vote & his willingness to stand for President or Vice President

Moved that they be accepted A Greenberg 2nd: C Ganderton Passed

2015-2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTED by Sec/Tres

Business arising from 2015 -2016 Financial Report

Tom Watson asked that the column be rewritten as it is wrong. Reads – the last 5 races

Should read – 2 x Crescent Heads; picking up & dropping off baskets from clubs and to SCF for last five races

Sec/Tres agreed to fix before being sent to Dept. Fair Trading

A Greenberg asked if books had been audited. Sec/Tres replied that W Chaplin had audited the books and his statement was read out

Moved by S Price to be accepted 2nd: A Greenberg Passed

Meeting closed

12.02.2017

10:20 am

PART TWO

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Ian Price vacated the chair.

NOMINATE RETURNING OFFICER : A Greenberg accepted

Nominations called for

PRESIDENT

G Matthews nominated by T Watson 2nd: C Ganderton

I Price nominated by S Price 2nd: S Baillie

Vote taken GM-10 IP - 12

Vice PRES

G Matthews nominated by P Barrett 2nd: C Ganderton

T Glasgow nominated by S Price 2nd: G Smith

Vote taken GM – 10 TG - 11

SECRETARY

Prior to nominations, ? asked if JF would do the sec/tres job under the same conditions as last year. JF said 'yes, only if we race, otherwise, only reimbursements of costs.'

J Formosa nominated by S Price 2nd: N Fowler unopposed

TREASURER

J Formosa nominated by T Glasgow 2nd: S Price unopposed

RACE SECRETARY

J Formosa nominated by S Baillie 2nd: N Fowler unopposed

RING SECRETARY

J Formosa nominated by T Glasgow 2nd: S Price unopposed

A Greenberg thanked the out going committee for the work they did and handed over to the new committee

I Price took over the chair and thanked Alan for his assistance as Returning Officer

GENERAL BUSINESS – continues

- A Greenberg asked regarding the SCF minutes notation 'that the SPF bought 4 bottles of PMV vaccine Sec/Tres replied that the SCF sec Neil Cavill, must have been under the impression that it was the SPF, when in fact it was the NDIRPC that purchased them for their club members. Neil will be contacted and made aware of this.
- **VIABILITY of 2017 RACE SEASON**
Discussion about the viability registering SPF truck, given we may not be racing. Members were made aware of the fixed costs involved in having truck rego, insurances etc
This subject will be visited again at next management committee meeting.
- Moved T Glasgow 2nd: R Beattie that we have a full meeting open to all members regarding what to do about truck in early April. Also considering racing south maybe the only option.
- **VIRUS SITUATION**
Question raised from the floor, 'are we permitted to let birds out for training?'
At this stage 'Yes'. The virus is not in the Shoalhaven area. Lock downs are voluntary.
It was also explained that there are no confirmed cases of Rota Virus in the SCF & SPF. The reported health scares in Wollongong and Milton have been PMV. It is imperative that if a health issue arises and you suspect ROTA virus, contact the SPF committee and get the birds tested. This is the only way to be sure.

Jim K advised the meeting that he is being updated regularly with ROTA virus information, biosecurity protocols, legal implications from ANRPB, DPI NSW & VIC, Vets Colin Walker & Rob Marshall, also Vet Mark White through SCF Sec Neil Cavill. All information is available through our SPF website.

The ANRPB has asked for donations/levy from members, clubs, federations & pigeon industry participants to help fund the vaccine creation and the trials that need to be conducted to verify the vaccine usage. Dr Walker has applied for a \$2 to \$1 grant from the government to assist in developing a vaccine. The estimated amount the ANRPB needs to raise is \$60k

This can be in the form of a levy or donation.

Jim also spoke of his overseas trip where he spoke with 2 vets that race pigeons about the ROTA virus. They have no experience with the virus in pigeons. Their experience is with poultry and cattle. There is 'No' pigeon vaccine for ROTA virus.

Ian Price advised the PMV outbreaks have been caused by fliers being 'lax' in vaccinating birds and not giving booster shots each year. (The **PMV index** used states that if the **HI level** falls to 3 or below birds are capable of infection. **HI levels** after booster are approx 8 or higher which gives the bird 99% protection.)

- A Greenberg suggested that \$20 be added to fees and donate to the ANRPB for funds to produce a pigeon ROTA virus vaccine.
- Nash Achurch asked if anyone down here had infected birds. Answer –No
- Steve Bishop asked 'what will we do if SCF calls off racing for 2017.
We will have more discussion at a later meeting in April when more details are known.
- RING ORDER FOR 2017-18 – wait until April meeting to order rings for next year/

Other items from clubs

- A Greenberg asked if it would be OK for G Matthews to sign over Murray Barton's birds to the different fliers that received them. R Beattie asked the same for Paul Zammit's birds. Moved T Glasgow 2nd R Beattie that permission to sign birds over. Passed
- Miller asked if George would be driving the truck this year. George would be approached and asked if he is still interested.

Meeting Closed: 12 noon

J Formosa
Hon. Sec