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Agenda

9) Motions of which Notice has been given.

9.1) **Change to The Constitution** 4.3 (Motion from Barossa Club)

Constitution change to boundary from 50km to 100km.

Membership (present rule)

4.3 The lofts of all members competing in Association Races shall be situated within a 50 km radius of the Adelaide GPO.

Proposed change to read:

4.3 The lofts of all **SAHPA** members competing in Association races shall be situated within a **100 km** radius of the Adelaide GPO.

9.2) **Changes to Code of Practice** 5.3.9

Code of Practice

5.3 Roles and Responsibility (present rule)

5.3.9 The release panel may move a Race Day Back but not forward.

Change to read:

5.3.9 The Release Panel may move a Race Day either back or forward if weather conditions on the programmed day of release are unsuitable. Preference on Race Days would be Saturday / Sunday / Monday / Friday.

9.3) New Addition to Code of Practice 7.4.3

7.4 Rain, Fog, Heat and Winds

New addition:

7.4.3 Releasing Birds in Winds

The Race Release Panel will use the SAHPA Race Speed Estimator spreadsheet, by entering wind direction and wind speed estimates from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM). A calculation of the estimated average speed of the pigeons at various points en route will be derived, which then calculates the estimated average velocity of the pigeons for the entire race. If the average velocity for the entire race is estimated below 900 metres/min (54km/hr) or above 2000 metres/min (120km/hr) the race should be held over or rescheduled to another day.

9.4) Changes to Race By-Laws RBL 1

Change to RBL 1 regarding release of training birds on race day.

Old Rule: All races will be flown under the auspices and management of the S.A.H.P.A Inc. Any associated club or body of people wishing to organize and compete in a race not approved on the S.A.H.P.A. program must seek the permission of the Management Committee. This relates to pre-program, post program and during the program events. Members are not permitted to privately release birds from race-points on the same day as the scheduled race.

New rule to read:

Control of Races RBL 1. All races will be flown under the auspices and management of the S.A.H.P.A Inc. Any associated club or body of people wishing to organize and compete in a race not approved on the S.A.H.P.A. program must seek the permission of the Management Committee. This relates to pre-program, post-program and during the program events. **Training pigeons may be released from race points on the same day as the scheduled race providing, they have been transported on the official race vehicle. Training places will be allocated by booking on a first come first served basis. Additional toss birds that accompany the race birds must be registered under the prepaid system.**

9.5) RBL 16.

New Addition.

A SAHPA Inc. “**Bird of the Year**” trophy shall be awarded and presented each season. Points shall be awarded to the first (30) birds in all races under the heading of Association races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program. The first bird shall receive 30 points with one less point for each succeeding bird.

Bird of the Year awards will also be recognised for **North line and also for East line**. In addition, Certificates for the **Champion North line flyer and top 10-point scorers**; and similarly, for the **Champion East line flyer and top 10-point scorers**. Certificates for the overall **Aggregate Points** as usual will be issued to the first thirty flyers. **The Aggregate Points winner will no longer receive a jacket.**

9.6) **Change to Race By-Law** RBL21

RBL 21. That there are no qualifications for birds on all SAHPA races.

To be changed to RBL21 Vacant

9.7) **Change to Race By-Law** RBL23

Hampering (present rule)

RBL23. Four (4) competing flying members and two (2) other club or SAHPA members, which is a total of six (6), must be present to constitute a hampering center. If less than four (4) competing flying members and two (2), they should also sign the other or SAHPA members then the hampering of birds must be with other club/s. Clubs who find it difficult to comply with the above may hamper at the SAHPA Inc. headquarters. When phoning your bird and member numbers through you must state the names of the two (2) SAHPA members overseeing the hampering, they should also sign the other four (4) member’s race compiling sheets stating their name and date. This is to be done on both hampering and result nights.

Change to now read:

RBL23. Four (4) members must be present to constitute a hampering center. The members must be registered as club members, when tallying up the number of members they cannot be of the same family living at the same address. If a club falls below 4 members they must hamper with another club. Clubs who find it

difficult to comply with the above may hamper at the SAHPA Inc. headquarters. When notifying the General Secretary with your club's bird and member numbers you must, if less than 4 competing numbers, advise the names of the noncompeting members overseeing the hampering. They should also sign the club clock off sheet stating their name and date. This is to be done on both hampering and result nights.

9.8) Change to Race By-Law RBL35

Non SA Rings (Present rule)

RBL 35. (a) No old life rings shall be sold while there are unsold current year rings on hand. Should stocks of current year rings be exhausted, the Ring Secretary may, upon approval by the Management Committee, sell old rings at the same price as the current year rings.

(b) Foreign rings are not eligible for SAD or YBC races. Only South Australian rings or those issued by the SAHPA Inc. will be allowed to enter these races with the exception of young birds sold through the LDC Sires Auction, as these have been verified as young birds. Prepaid birds from the LDC Sires Produce race with foreign rings are not eligible for the SAD or YBC races. All South Australian country clubs that use their own prefix rings e.g. ANG or LM etc. can apply to the SAHPA COM to have the received date of their rings verified and are not been issued before the SAHPA rings of the current year.

(c) Life rings over ten years of age and private prefix rings cannot be used in any SAHPA sanctioned event.

Change to read:

RBL35. (a) No old life rings shall be sold while there are unsold current year rings on hand. Should stocks of current year rings be exhausted, the Ring Secretary may, upon approval by the Management Committee, sell old rings at the same price as the current year rings.

(b) Foreign rings are not eligible for SAD or YBC races. Only South Australian rings or those issued by the SAHPA Inc. will be allowed to enter these races with the exception of:

- Young birds sold through the LDC Sires Auction, as these have been verified as young birds. (Prepaid birds from the LDC Sires Produce race with foreign rings are not eligible for the SAD or YBC races).
- All Australian Feds and country clubs that use their own prefix can apply in writing to the SAHPA COM to have the received date of their rings verified and as long as they have not been issued before the SAHPA rings of the current year they will be eligible.

(c) Life rings over ten years of age and private prefix rings cannot be used in any SAHPA sanctioned event.

9.9) Change to Race By-Law RBL40

Short Distance Championship Series – (Present Rule)

RBL 40 - The SAHPA Inc. will conduct a Short Distance Championship Series (SDC Series) on all races under the heading of club races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program. A sub-committee of at least three (3) members of the SAHPA Inc. shall be responsible for the organization and management of the series. The sub-committee shall be known as the SDC subcommittee.

Change to read:

RBL 40 – The SAHPA Inc will conduct a Short Distance Championship Series (SDC) on all races shown on the SAHPA Race program with a status of (SDC). A maximum of 30 birds can be entered to compete in the SDC result by any flyer, if the flyer has more than 30 birds hampered for the race they must mark up to 30 birds with SDC on the nomination sheet to be part of the SDC result. If the flyer does not mark the nomination sheet then by default the first 30 birds listed on the nomination sheet will be deemed SDC entries. Flyers entering 30 or less birds do not need to mark their nomination sheet. Short Distance Championship aggregate points will be distributed as per the standard used by SAHPA for Aggregate Points. Only birds entered from a Hampering Centre that complies with **RBL 23** can appear in the SDC result.

9.10) Acknowledgment of Bird performance.

Exciting new Awards for 2020

The COM is keen to emphasise recognition of high performing birds. In 2020 the top 10 Young Birds competing in three races will be recognised providing they

finish in the top 10% of the convoy. The top 10 Old Birds will also be recognised according to the same criteria. Currently known as **The SAHPA Ace Pigeon Award** but birds previously had to finish in the top 5%.

9.11) Change to Race By-Law RBL21 implemented from 2021

Qualification for Long Distance Races

RBL21. From 2021 no young bird can compete in any race further than 800km. Old Birds competing in Long distance races must have first qualified by having competed in a middle distance race on that line of flight in that season.

SAHPA Management Committee to specify each season which long distance races need qualification and which races provide qualification.

Onus is on flyers to provide proof through club nomination sheets that birds have competed from at least one of the races from those points.

9.12) Rule 3 Clock By-Law

New Addition

28. Rounding of Manual and Electronic timing clocks.

The COM has deemed that commencing from season 2021 there will be no rounding of seconds on the manual clock print or the electronic timing evaluation sheet.