

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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MINUTES OF THE S.A.H.P.A. Inc.MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE S.A.H.P.A. Inc. HEADQUARTERS ON WEDNESDAY 6TH May 7.00PM. 2009.

1. CHAIRPERSON OPENED MEETING AT:

Attendance: Mr D Thalbourne (Chairperson), Mr G Harris, Mr K.Pridham, Mr D.Walker, Mrs C.Myers (General Secretary) Mr D.Cawte, (Treasurer).

2. **Apologies:** Mr G Hamilton.

3. **Matters Held over: Invitation to the RSPCA** : Mr G Harris presented a report containing our Code of practice and Rules and Regulations. The Management Committee gave them a tour of Race Unit and SAHPA Headquarters to show how we conduct our Racing and Manage our Association.

4. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Moved/Carried /Seconded.

5. Business Arising from minutes –

1. Release Panel Calls- Claims of STD calls and any satellite calls will be claimable on basis of presenting a notarised phone bill. Moved/Seconded/Carried.
2. Loading of food straight onto main race unit hopper will be done by Magill Fodder. Moved/Seconded/carried.

6. **Treasurer monthly report.** -- Moved/Seconded/Carried.

7. Correspondence in –

7.1 **Letter from I. R Yeing.:** Tender for cartage of race unit.

Action: General Secretary to notify Mr I Yeing that the tender was accepted.

7.2 Email J Billings re: combi rings

Action: The Management would like justification to use these rings and proof that they work before looking at approving them.

7.3 Email from J. Harper : Dispute from the Mitcham council regards a new flyer.

Action: Mr G Harris and Mr D Walker to source material on difference between poultry and pigeons.

7.4 Email from Victor Harbor: The cost of rings to country clubs.

Action: The cost of rings is 40c, which covers the Ring Secretary costs for keeping records of all pigeons that are reported. Records for foreign rings for country are not kept therefore it is more beneficial to use SAHPA rings.

7.5 Letter from Kadina and Balaklava Separate release of pigeons.

Action: Approval has been given for Kadina and Balaklava club birds to be released after the main race birds.

SAHPA will donate \$50.00 trophy to all country clubs affiliated with the SAHPA.

7.6 Email from Mr G Nimmo application as Race Unit cleaner.

Action: General Secretary to notify Mr Nimmo that his application was successful.

7.7 Vaccination Forms- Received from various clubs.

Clubs are reminded that vaccination forms should have been forwarded to the General Secretary by the 30th April.

Individual members whose birds have not been verified as being vaccinated on the club's vaccination form by 30th April, will be required to apply in writing along with proof of verification seeking the Management committees' approval before their birds will be accepted on the SAHPA transporter.

7.8 Letter from D Russell: Concerns over a member of the SAHPA.

Action: General Secretary to respond.

7.9 Letter from North East : Regards training unit.

The SAHPA Management Committee (COM) reviewed the 2009 tossing programme following:

1. The decision to take over the operation and maintenance of the SARPF tossing unit in 2009 – in response to the need to provide an equitable service to the southern and western flyers similar to that enjoyed by the northern and eastern flyers.
2. The decision by Bob Chalmers to halt his private tossing service for north eastern flyers.

Decisions taken by the COM were as follows:

1. To provide a tossing programme that would assist the greatest number of flyers in as many areas as possible using both tossing units.
2. To add a towbar to the SARPF unit to enable a tossing trailer to be added and hence additional birds tossed.
3. To add another bay to the Gold unit to enable additional birds to be tossed.
4. The programmes were discussed with both drivers of the units and distances to be travelled by flyers for hampering noted.
5. Collection points were discussed – not all areas reviewed had suitable hampering points.
6. Drivers (during the first weeks) would assess the timings for departure from hampering points to assist flyers in difficult areas.
7. The COM noted that some areas may not be as well served as in the past, and decided to offer the use of the SAHPA toss/race trailers to an SAHPA flyer willing to provide a personal service in those areas.

In essence, the COM has provided the best service it can with the resources it has available.

7.10 Email from Mrs M Coleiro:Application for cleaning of SAHPA headquarters

Action: General Secretary to notify Mrs Colerio the application for 2009 was successful.

7.11 Agenda from AAL/Pal meeting.

Action: Mr D Thalbourne to follow up.

8. Correspondence out.

- 8.1 Letter to Mr W Moyle in response to his suggestions to the Management Committee.
- 8.2 Letter to Southern Country Combine: SAHPA will sponsor one of there races for the 2009 season.
- 8.3 Letter to Southern Districts: Responding to there concerns over money spent on the race unit and there request not spend any more money maintaining the unit.
The Management Committee will look into the loading of birds onto the race unit to see if any improvements can be made to it a more even spread.

8.4 **Fax to Magill Fodder** – Their tender was successful.

8.5 **Letters to Mr D Buxton and Mr R Somerville-** Their application for release panel was successful.

9.General Business.

9.1 Group Make Up for 2009 Season:

All club secretaries are required to advise the General Secretary By Friday 19th June of the group in which they will be flying Association Races for the season 2009.

This information is required so that the Management Committee can issue a list of Hampering centers and clock reading centers.

9.2 **Collection of Statistics for 2009 Season.-**Racing Pigeon Returns. Statistics are to be filled in by secretaries for the 2009 season.

These statistics are recorded for the purpose of demonstrating to any outside interests that as a controlling body, we are seen to be responsible for the welfare of our birds.

Under no circumstances will these statistics be made available to an outside body without the consent of the Management Committee.

9.3 Unit Loading Rosters- 2009 Season.

- **Club with 1-15 Hampers -Send 1 Driver & 2 Loaders**
- **Club with 16 or more Hampers -Send 1 Driver & 3 Loaders.**

To help load hampers on the race unit- THE VEHICLE/UNIT IN FRONT OF YOUR CLUB,STAY FOR YOUR CLUB AND THE TWO VEHICLES FOLLOWING YOUR CLUB.

The more support clubs give to the loading procedure, the quicker the birds will be loaded – enabling the birds and loaders etc. To depart headquarters a lot earlier.

9.4 **Life Ring Transfers.** - \$1.00 per card.

Please advise all members that all transfers are to be forwarded to the Ring Secretary by the- **first race 23rd May 2009.**

One owner per one card when transferring birds.

9.5 Coloured Labels for Hamper:

Unit Labels.

Red-----Cocks

Blue-----Hens

Sires Produce.

White-----Cocks

Orange-----Hens.

Special Races

Yellow-----Cocks

Green-----Hens.

9.6 Race Results.-

All club results will be accessed from the computer generated result. Clubs with no access to a computer may lodge there result with David Thalbourne.

9.7 Release Details- Information Line:

For recorded race result & release information please ring 8262.3857.

This service will enable up to 12 callers at the same time.

A brief message will be heard detailing Release & weather details – at the end of the message you will hear This is the end of the message – please hang up now .

On hearing this message please hang up immediately to allow other members access.

NO MESSAGE WILL BE ACCEPTED .

Similar detail will be on the SAHPA website **www.sahpa.asn.au**.

If there is a possibility of bad weather and changes may occur then all club secretaries are to monitor the situation on the info line **8262.3857**

9.8 Lighting for the main race unit corridor:

Action: General Secretary to follow with an electrician to look at the lights.

9.8 **Mr D Thalbourne** spoke on having a trolley made for the convoyer to have in the corridor of the race unit to save carrying food etc.

Action: Mr D Thalbourne to follow up.

9.9 **Mr G Harris** offered the Southern Vales trailer for extra training bays if needed to go on the back of the White Truck for training.

10 Meeting Closed 10.40pm.

11 Date of next meeting. Wednesday 10th June 2009