

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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MINUTES OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2010.

1. CHAIRPERSON OPENED MEETING AT: 7.40PM.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Mr R Somerville, Mr T Langsford, Mr G Cawte, Mr J Harper, Mr Hendrie, Mr V Allan, Mr B Millman, Mr B Gould, Mr K Roberts, Mr T Fawcett, Mr J Hills, Mr P Blaser, Mr T Haines, Mr R Liegerski, Mr J Axon, Mr B Bilecki, Mr G Allan, Mr L Jones.

MEMORIAM – The chairman read the names of members who passed away in the last twelve months- Mr C Maricic, Mr J Aldritt, Mr B Freeman, Mr W Lehman.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM TO BE CONFIRMED AS CIRCULATED.

Moved Mr K Pridham– Seconded B Abraham that the minutes circulated of the 2009 AGM were a true account of the meeting held.

Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES.

Moved: Mr K Pridham, Seconded B Balk. That business arising had been dealt with.

Carried.

5. CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

6. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS /COMMITTEES:

The SAHPA Chairperson Mr D Thalbourne stated that his annual report was printed in the year book.

Mr G Harris gave a report on the Special Races Committee stating that the Sires Produce Race entry will be kept open until the 28th February.
And a National race will be looked at in the future.

Mr D Walker gave a report on the Electronic Race rules- they have been reviewed over the last 12 months for race rules and the rules to be put to Committee for approval.

The SAHPA treasurer Mr D Cawte presented his report for the period 1st December 2008 to November 2008.

The treasurer addressed the meeting and gave a brief outline of loss and profit balance sheet for the period, reporting a loss due to interest rate drops for the period.

Moved Mr D Cawte – Seconded Mr P Squires that the treasurer be accepted.
Carried.

7. ADJOURNED MOTIONS AND BUSINESS

1. Election of Chairperson.

The Chairperson Mr D Thalbourne vacated the chair and Mr G Harris filled the position. Mr G Harris noted that no one had nominated for the position and asked Mr D Thalbourne if he would stand. Mr D Thalbourne.

Moved Mr G Harris – Seconded Mr B Abraham. That Mr D Thalbourne be appointed as SAHPA chairman for the 2010 season.
Carried.

2. Election of Vice Chairperson:

Mr D Thalbourne advised that the members that there have been no nominations for the position of vice-chairperson.

Moved Mr G Harris –Seconded that Mr G Kakoschke be appointed as the SAHPA Vice Chairperson for 2010 season. Mr G Kakoschke accepted the position.

Carried.

3. Central Electorate.

Mr C Forbes nominated for the position and went in unopposed.

4. Northern Electorate.

Mr P Couzner nominated for the position and went in unopposed.

8. MOTIONS OF NOTICE WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN:

2010 “NOTICE OF MOTION”

Received from Central Districts Pigeon Club.

NEW RACE BY-LAW 20.

That in short and middle distance races should have a maximum of 27 birds per club hamper and 2 club hampers maximum per bay of (54 birds) on the SAHPA

RBL 13

The owners of birds finishing in the first 30 for any race, shall receive SAHPA Inc. certificates stating the bird's colour, sex, ring number, the date of the race, the race point and distance, the velocity, the position gained and the number of owners and birds competing.

To be replaced with:

The owners of birds finishing in the first 30 in all races under the heading of Association Races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program shall receive SAHPA Inc. certificates stating the bird's colour, sex, ring number, the date of the race, the race point and distance, the velocity, the position gained and the number of owners and birds competing.

Show of hands

Motion Carried.

RBL 14

SAHPA Inc. special point's aggregate certificates shall be awarded to the 30 owners at the end of each flying season.

To be replaced with:

SAHPA Inc. Aggregate Points Certificates shall be awarded to the 30 owners with the most aggregate points at the end of each season.

Show of hands

Motion Carried

RBL 16.

A SAHPA Inc. "Bird of the Year" trophy shall be awarded and presented each season. Owners intending to nominate a bird, must inform their Club Secretary as soon as the bird accumulates more than forty (40), SAHPA Bird of the Year points.

To be replaced with:

A SAHPA Inc. "Bird of the Year" trophy shall be awarded and presented each season. Points shall be awarded to the first thirty (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.

Show of hands

Motion Carried.

RBL 18.

1). When the first bird is clocked at or before midnight, velocities shall be calculated from release time to the corrected clocking time, and all birds which comply shall be placed in order of their respective velocities. When birds are clocked after midnight, but at or before one half hour before sunrise, velocities shall be calculated from release time to one half hour after sunset first day. Flying time for birds clocked after one half hour before sunrise second day shall be from release time to one half hour after sunset first day and shall re-continue from one half hour before sunrise second day.

The bird with the slowest velocity of those clocked at or before midnight shall be credited with a velocity one hundredth of a metre

faster than the best bird clocked after midnight, and each preceding bird shall be credited with a velocity one hundredth of a metre faster than each following bird.

- 2) When the first bird is clocked after midnight, but before one half hour before sunrise second day, flying time shall be from release time to one half hour after sunset first day and from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunrise thereafter.
- 3) When the first bird is clocked after one half hour before sunrise on the second day or following days, flying time shall be from release time to one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunrise thereafter.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- a) When the first bird is clocked before one half hour after sunset OR before midnight first day, paragraph 1. will apply.
- b) When the first bird is clocked after midnight but before one half hour before sunrise second day, paragraph 2, will apply.
- c) When the first bird is clocked at any time on any day after one half hour before sunrise second day, paragraph 3, will apply.

To be replaced with:

- (1) Flying time for birds clocked at or before midnight shall be from release time to the corrected clocking time with birds placed in order of their respective velocities.
- (2) Flying time for birds clocked after midnight, but at or before one half hour before sunrise shall be from release time to one half hour after sunset first day.
- (3) Flying time for birds clocked **after** one half hour before sunrise second day shall be from release time to one half hour after sunset first day and then continue from one half hour before sunrise second day to the corrected clocking time.
- (4) The bird with the slowest velocity of those clocked at or before midnight shall be credited with a velocity one hundredth of a metre faster than the best bird clocked after midnight, and each preceding bird shall be credited with a velocity one hundredth of a metre faster than each following bird.
- (5) Flying time for birds clocked **after** one half hour before sunrise third and subsequent days shall be from release time to one half hour after sunset first day and then continue from one half hour before sunrise second day until one half hour after sunset second day and thereafter from one half hour before sunrise third day and so on to the corrected clocking time.

- (6) Sunrise and sunset times shall be as published in the Government Gazette

Mr D Walker spoke for the motion stating that the rule be looked at for the Next AGM.

Mr R Goodacre spoke for the motion.

Mr G Harris spoke on an amendment to the motion stating that it be changed to the Government Gazette.

Show of hands

Carried.

RBL 22

Each bird gaining first, second and third position in each SAHPA race, must be tossed by the Chairperson or the Secretary of the owner's club or Group Hampering centre within seven (7) days of homing and the prescribed form duly filled in and presented to the Association prior to prize-money or points being allocated. The Committee of Management reserves the right to toss any Pigeon. The onus is on the owner to arrange his/her bird(s) to be tossed.

To be replaced with:

Birds finishing first, second and third in all races under the heading of Association Races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program must be tossed, within seven (7) days of homing, by the Chairperson or Secretary of the owner's club or Group Hampering Centre. The onus is on the owner to arrange for his/her bird/s to be tossed. The Committee of Management reserves the right to toss any pigeon. The appropriate form duly filled in must be presented to the Association. Prior to prize money or points being allocated.

Mr G Kakoschke spoke on an amendment to the motion adding prior to prize money or points being allocated.

The amendment now becomes the motion

Show of hands

Carried.

RBL 25

All birds competing in S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Races must comply with the following:

1. Pigeons must be race marked with rubber race rings, the prefix letter (where available) and number to be shown on the Nomination Form by a recorder. Each Members rubber ring duplicates shall be placed in his/her own envelope and all envelopes together with original Nomination Forms and Clock Setting Sheets shall be kept in a sealed container under the control of the club/Group Chairperson. The duplicate nomination forms are to be sealed in an envelope and handed to the General Secretary (or delegate) on the night of hampering. In the event of a recording error being made on a Nomination Form or Rubber Ring Duplicate by a third party or representative of the Club/Group, then the matter will be referred to the S.A.H.P.A. Inc race secretary for his/her adjudication.

OR

2. Each Race Bird must have placed upon its leg an EBSS Band, which will trigger an Electronic Scanning Device. On basketing nights, EBSS birds are to have the life ring details on the pigeon checked against the life ring details as recorded on the EBSS clock. If there is a discrepancy, the pigeon shall be disqualified from the race – see ETS Race Bylaw 41 and the EBSS Rules and Conditions.

To be replaced with:

All birds competing in SAHPA Inc. Races must comply with one of the following:

1. Birds must be rung with rubber race rings, the prefix letter (where available) and number to be shown on the Nomination Form by a recorder. The rubber ring tags for each member shall be placed in an envelope and all envelopes together with original Nomination Forms and Clock Setting Sheets kept in a sealed container under the control of the Club/Group Chairperson. In all races under the heading of Association Races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program:
 - (a) Duplicate nomination forms are to be sealed in an envelope and handed to the General Secretary (or delegate) on the night of hampering.
 - (b) In the event of a recording error being made on a Nomination Form or Rubber Ring Tag by a third party or representative of the Club/Group the matter shall be referred to the SAHPA Inc Race Secretary for adjudication.

OR

2. Birds must have on a leg an EBSS Band that will trigger an Electronic Scanning Device.
Show of hands Carried

RBL 30

Lines of flight for the 2010 Season be North North West and the South East Lines.

Lines of flight and length of time of operation, shall be determined by members of the SAHPA Inc. at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose is to be held in August of the final year of any current Line/s of Flight Program. The only resolutions to be considered at any such Special General Meeting called for this Purpose, are resolutions which pertain to Line or Lines of Flight and the number of Year or Years they are to be flown.

Once the Lines of Flight and Length of Time of Operation have been determined by the Members, at any such Special Meeting called for the Purpose, the SAHPA Management Committee shall draft the Race Program (allowing for race points and distances only). Such Race Program shall be made available and/or posted to all members by no later than the last race on the SAHPA program calendar.

To be replaced with:

The line or lines of flight and the length of time to be flown shall be determined by members of the SAHPA Inc. at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose. Such meeting shall be held in August of the final year of the existing line or lines of flight program. The only resolutions to be considered at the meeting are resolutions that pertain to line or lines of flight and the length of time to be flown.

The SAHPA Management Committee shall each season draft the Race Program for the following season. The Race Program shall be made available and/or posted to all members by no later than the last race on the SAHPA program.

Show of hands

Carried

RBL 31

A foreign ring levy is payable, once only, on rings other than S.A. Rings (with the exception of International Rings which as of the commencement of the 2007 season will be banned from competing in all Races conducted under the Auspices of the S.A.H.P.A. Inc.).

The owner/s wishing to Race a Pigeon rung with a Foreign Ring must pay, to the Ring Secretary before the commencement of the Season, the amount of the foreign ring levy.

The levy will be the same as that charged for a standard S.A. Ring. Failure to pay this levy will cause the disqualification of the Pigeon from any Prize Money and Points earned in S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Races. The Ring Secretary will issue a Receipt showing the Ring Numbers on which the Levy has been paid.

To be replaced with:

A foreign ring levy is payable, once only, on rings other than SA Rings with the exception of rings on pigeons purchased at Squeaker Sales (including Sires Produce Sales) conducted by Associated Clubs or the Special Races Committee.

An owner wishing to race a pigeon rung with a Foreign Ring must pay to the Ring Secretary before the commencement of the season the amount of the foreign ring levy. The levy is the same as that charged for an SA Ring. The Ring Secretary will issue a receipt showing the ring numbers on which the levy has been paid. Failure to pay the levy will cause the disqualification

of the pigeon from any Prize Money and Points earned in races under the heading of Association Races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program.
Birds rung with international rings are banned from SAHPA races with exception of Sires Produce birds purchased at the Sires Produce sale.

Mr G Harris spoke on an amendment to the rule with Birds rung with International rings are banned from racing SAHPA races with the exception of Sires Produce birds purchased at Sires Produce sales.

The amendment was seconded by R Billings.

The amendment now becomes the motion

The motion was put to the members to decide.

Show of hands

Carried.

RBL 32

Before a Pigeon rung with an S.A. Ring is flown by a person other than to whom the ring was sold, the Registered Owner must sign a transfer to the new Owner. The new Owner must produce this form to the Ring Secretary together with the transfer fee applicable at that time. The Ring Secretary will issue a Receipt showing the ring numbers on which the Transfer Fees has been paid. Pigeons rung with S.A. Rings and purchased at Associated Clubs' Squeaker Sales will not attract a Transfer Fee. However, the Secretary of the Club conducting the Sale must submit Purchasers of all Pigeons to the Ring Secretary. Failure to transfer Pigeons in the above manner will cause the disqualification of the Pigeon from any Prize Money and points earned in SAHPA Races.

TO be replaced with:

Before a pigeon rung with an SA Ring is flown by a person other than to whom the ring was sold, the new owner must, except in the circumstances outlined in paragraph (2), produce to the Ring Secretary a signed transfer card from the Registered Owner and pay the appropriate transfer fee. The Ring Secretary will issue a receipt showing the ring numbers on which the transfer fee has been paid. Failure to transfer pigeons in the above manner will cause the disqualification of the pigeon from any Prize Money and Points earned in races under the heading of Association Races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program.

Pigeons rung with SA Rings and purchased at Squeaker Sales (including Sires Produce Sales) conducted by Associated Clubs or the Special Races Committee do not need to be transferred in this manner. However, the Club or Committee Secretary must submit the names of purchasers of all pigeons to the Ring Secretary.

Show of hands

Carried

RBL 34

A trophy or similar will be presented to an owner winning an Association race.

To be replaced with:

A trophy or similar will be presented to an owner winning a race under the heading of Association Races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program.
Show of hands Carried

RBL 36

The S.A.H.P.A. Inc. have a Thirty (30) Bird Maximum Limit on all Races carrying S.A.H.P.A. Aggregate Points. This Rule to apply for the 2007 Season and beyond.

To be replaced with:

A maximum of 30 birds may be entered in races under the heading of Association Races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program. A lower maximum number may be specified on the yearly program for specific races, e.g. 5 birds or 10 birds.
Show of hands Carried

RBL 40

Short Distance Championship Series (SDC Series).

It is proposed that:

The S.A.H.P.A. Inc. will implement a Short Distance Championship Series which will operate and be known as the S.A. Short Distance Championship Series.

- 1) This series will be flown under the auspices of the SAHPA. Inc and will consist of all races under the heading of Club Races on the official SAHPA. Inc yearly program.
- 2) The implementation of the S.D.C. Series will be subject to the formation of a sub committee (prior to the commencement of the first (1st) Club Race) and consisting of at least three (3) members of the SAHPA. Inc. This sub committee is to be responsible for the organization and management of the series. The sub committee shall be known as the S.D.C. sub committee.
- 3) The following will apply for the S.D.C. Series.
 - a) Certificates for the top 10 places each week.
 - b) It is proposed that an owners first three birds may be clocked for certificated purposes.
- 4) Points on a 30 to 1 basis for the 30 weekly race positions.
 - a) Points will be awarded to an owner's first bird only.
 - b) An aggregate table would be made available on the S.A.H.P.A. website and revised weekly.
- 5) Certificates for the top 20 aggregate places (at the end of the season) will include a certificate for Champion S.D.C. Series flyer.
- 6) No nomination fees or charges will apply to the S.D.C. Series but members must have complied with all SAHPA freight charges as per SAHPA. Inc yearly Race Program.
- 7) Birds would be clocked for club racing as normal.
- 8) Clocks would be checked as per club racing as normal.
- 9) Race details (ring number, bird colour/pattern/etc and velocity) would be entered into the SAHPA. Inc. Association results website as normal.
- 10) No trophies or cash prizes to be awarded.

- 11) The maximum number of S.D.C. bird entries is proposed to be 30. Nominated birds to be so noted on (as a minimum requirement) duplicate forms. EBSS flyers must provide a duplicate basketing list.
- A. Flyers with 30 or fewer birds are automatically entered and do not need to mark the forms.
 - B. Flyers with more than 30 birds may choose to race either the first 30 birds as SDC (and mark the nomination forms #1 SDC, #2 SDC), or mark up to 30 individual birds (with an 'S').
 - C. Additional birds to the maximum allowed by individual club rules may be flown. These additional birds may be noted on the same set of nomination forms as SDC birds.
 - D. Only one set of nomination forms are required. This will cover SDC and club requirements.
 - E. Entries are to be scrutinized by the club (normal club management) for accuracy and conformity however a duplicate copy set of nominations is to be sent to the SAHPA General Secretary on the night of hampering for forwarding to the SDC committee for review.
 - F. Issues of concern (post race results) are to sent (by the club management) to the SDC sub-committee for ruling.
 - G. The SDC sub-committee rulings will be firm and final.
- 12) The complete race result (web based) would be reviewed as per the race rules noted above, with certificates and aggregate points awarded and posted on the website during the week following the race. Please note – on 'clocking' nights, the club/group race secretary is required to tick the SDC box on the results input website to ensure clocked & nominated birds are recorded for the SDC race result.

To be replaced with:

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 sub committee.

Mr D Walker spoke for the motion.

Show of hands

Carried.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS.

- o Mr D Thalbourne spoke on the need of a publicity officer and the requirements of having one.
- o Mr P Squires spoke on the new training unit and the cost of truck he sent to Mr G Harris.
- o Mr M Terreri spoke on the cost of pigeons on the training unit being a minimum of \$5.00
- o Spoke on the loading of pigeons on the race unit one before and two after and loading only your own club pigeons.
- o The age of members loading pigeons on the race unit for insurance purposes.
- o Mrs R Langer spoke on scaffolding for loading of pigeons.
- o Mr B Balk responded on the cost of scaffolding.

- Mr P Squires spoke on country flyers coming earlier than 8.00pm to load there pigeons on the race unit.
- Mr N Molchanoff suggesting some club hampers are very heavy too lift could clubs have lighter hampers.
- Mr B Balk spoke on costing for birds this year.
- Mr L Smith on the line of flight and staying on the South East and flying over the water to Welshpool.
- Mr D Thalbourne spoke on flying Salt Creek instead of Kingston and asked members to show hands for preferred point members show of hands was for Kingston.
- Mr W Moyle spoke on having Salt Creek for maybe two races.
- Mr D Walker spoke on the last race and going over the water.
- Mr D King spoke on birds flying over Adelaide
- Mr R Billings spoke on races from Rosedale in the past.

10. Minutes Read, Confirmed and Passed.

The General Secretary read back the minutes as taken during the AGM. The Chairperson asked for a mover and a seconder, that the minutes read back were in fact a true account of the meetings business.

Moved Mr B Abraham Seconded Mr W Myers. Carried.

12. MEETING CLOSED ----- 9.20pm.