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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION

INC.ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2015.

1. **Chairperson to open meeting - 7.30PM.**
2. **Apologies**- B Markou, T Jeffries, B Donovan, A Muirhead, R Hockinh, C Moukas, D Edwards, G Cummings, R Fewings, D Boxton, B Synder, K Roberts, B Andrewartha, S Fields, R Caruso, B Huff.
3. **Memoriam** - The Chairman read the names of members who passed 2014-15
B Hall, B Button, D Wing, J Grout, B Strongman, D Dunnage,
J Kolthek, W Fekete, M Coulston.
4. **Minutes of previous AGM to be confirmed as circulated.**
Moved D walker, Seconded A Cook. Carried.
5. **Business arising out of minutes** - Nil.
6. **Correspondence** - Nil
7. **Reports from officers/committees.**
Treasurer Report -Read.
Treasurer clarified query of GST from Mr B Hill.
Mr Hill read his letter with queries over GST (Letter to be followed by the COM).
Mr R Somerville spoke on the unit replacement fund.
Mr Cawte replied to Mr Somerville.
Mr G Harris spoke on the unit replacement.
Moved D Cawte Seconded D Walker Carried.
Mr J Jarzabeck put up a motion put up an offer to auditor for remuneration for 2015
if not accepted can put auditing out for tender for other offers.
8. **Adjourned motions and business:**
9. **Election of chairperson-**
Mr D Thalbourne vacated the chair Mr G Harris took the Chair Mr D
Thalbourne was the only nominee for the SAHPA Chairperson.
Moved Mr D Thalbourne be appointed SAHPA Chairman for 2015. Vote was
held Mr Thalbourne was voted Chairman for 2015 Seconded /
Carried.
 1. **Election of vice chairperson** - Mr D Thalbourne advised that Mr G Harris
was the only applicant Moved/Seconded/Carried Mr G Harris be Vice
Chairman for 2015
 2. **Life membership**- Mr D Thalbourne nominated for Life Membership of the
SAHPA.

Mr G Harris read profile of Mr Thalbourne 15 years Chairman of the SAHPA volunteering his time for many years with

- many councils
- Meetings with Bird Strikes at airports.
- Pigeon presentations and expos.
- Releases panel.
- Many radio and publicity advertisements where he has volunteered his time.

10. Motions of which notice has been given- see attachment

SAHPA Inc. Notice Of Motions - 2015 AGM.

Motions from the SAHPA COM.

RACE BY LAW.

CURRENT RULE .

RBL 38 . The Main Race Unit (Transporter) shall use a Medium of a type of straw for all S.A.H.P.A. Inc. programmed races.

TO BE REPLACED WITH .

RBL 38 . Vacant.

CONSTITUTION

CURRENT CLAUSE

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

22. 1) All financial members of the Association, with the exception of the presiding Chairperson (see part 7), shall be eligible to vote for the election of members to the Committee of Management and shall be entitled to one vote for the electorate candidate of their choice. Members will be deemed to belong to one of five electorates and will only be invited to vote in the years that their electorate requires a replacement member. At the date of formation, no electorate shall comprise more than 25% or less than 15%, of the official financial members of the Association in the year preceding an election.
- 2) Nominations for election to the Committee of Management shall be in writing and signed by the nominee and two other members of the said electorate.
- 3) Nominations shall be received by the General Secretary up to two calendar months prior to the date of each Annual General Meeting.
- 4) Ballot papers containing the names of all electorate nominees for election to the Committee of Management shall be prepared by the General Secretary in alphabetical order as to surname and such ballot paper shall be posted to each financial member of the said electorate(s) of the Association no later than one calendar month prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting (or at any other time as determined by the rules of the Association). This notice shall list the nominees accepted for the electorate concerned, and voting shall be effected by the member clearly placing against the name of the nominee of first preference, the number "1". Subsequent preferences are not required.
- 5) Votes shall be returned by hand or by post to the General Secretary no later than fourteen (14) clear days from the date set for the Annual General Meeting or any other constitutionally convened election.
- 6) A Returning Officer shall be appointed for each election by the Committee of Management. The duties of the Returning Officer shall be to obtain all ballot papers from the General Secretary and to count and record all votes cast by members.
- 7) In the event of two candidates receiving the same number of votes in a given electorate, the Chairperson of the Association shall cast his/her vote to determine the outcome for the said electorate.

- 8) It shall not be compulsory for all members of the Association to cast a vote, and the returning officer shall take into account only the votes received in accordance with the rules outlined above.
- 9) At the Annual General Meeting (or other specially conducted General Meeting of members), the Returning Officer shall deliver into the hands of the Chairperson of the Committee of Management, a return of all votes cast and the Chairperson shall announce the results of the election and shall declare the successful nominees elected as members of the Committee of Management.
- 10) Subject to these rules, the management of the business of the Association shall be vested in the Committee of Management who may in addition to the powers and authorities by these rules or otherwise expressly conferred upon them, exercise all such powers of the Association and do all such things which may be exercised and done by the Association and are not hereby directed or required to be exercised and done by the Association in General Meeting, but no rule or regulation made by the Association in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior contract entered into by the Committee of Management which would have been valid if such rule or regulation had not been made.
- 11) The Committee of Management may meet together for the dispatch of business at such times and from time to time as the committee or the Chairperson thereof shall think fit, and may adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings as they may think fit. Until otherwise determined four members of the committee shall form a quorum.
- 12) Only members present in person shall vote at meetings of Committee of Management.
- 13) Until otherwise determined by a Special General Meeting of members, the number of electorates represented by members of the Committee of Management shall be five. These electorates shall be titled Southern, Northern, Eastern, Western and Hills.
- 14) Vacant.
- 15) At the Annual General Meeting held each year after 2001, those members of the Committee of Management longest in office shall retire progressively from office. In this way, subject to their being no other vacancies brought about by other means, two new members shall be elected each year, with only one member required every third year.
- 16) All retiring members of the Committee of Management shall, following retirement from office, be eligible for re-election, regardless of how many terms of three years in office, the member has held.
- 17) No member of the Committee of Management shall hold office for a term exceeding three years, provided however, that a member of the Committee of Management shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting, notwithstanding that the Annual General Meeting shall be held after such member shall have completed three years in office.
- 18) The Committee of Management shall have power at any time and from time to time to appoint any other person as a member of the Committee of Management to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Committee so that the total number of members of the at any time shall not exceed the maximum number fixed. Any member so appointed shall be a member of the electorate from which the vacancy arose or if no one from that electorate is willing to be appointed then the Committee of Management can appoint a member from another electorate, and may hold office for the year in which he/she was appointed and shall retire at the end of that year, but is eligible to nominate for re-election at the next Annual General meeting. Such member may nominate for one more consecutive three year term after completion of their first full term in office.
- 19) The Chairperson, and in the Chairperson's absence the Vice-Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee of Management.
- 20) Votes of members of the Committee of Management shall be by show of hands unless deemed otherwise by the Chairperson.
- 21) All decisions of the Committee of Management shall be carried by a simple majority.
- 22) All meetings of the Committee of Management shall be held in camera. With the exception of the Annual General Meeting, no notice of such meetings shall be given to members of the Association.
- 23) The Secretary and Treasurer and any other officer of the Association except for the presiding Chairperson, may be appointed as a member of the Committee of Management.

- 24) The Committee of Management may in its sole discretion and at any time invite any person(s) to attend meetings of the Committee of Management. Such persons may by invitation be heard, but unless a member of the committee, shall not be entitled to vote.
- 25) Minutes of all meetings of the Committee of Management and of the Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting shall be recorded at the meeting by the Secretary and shall at the end of the meeting at which they are recorded be read by the Secretary to members and such additions and alterations as may be necessary made thereto and approved and in evidence of such approval signed by the Chairperson of that meeting.
- 26) Within a period of fourteen (14) days after each meeting referred to in Sub Rule (25) hereof, the Secretary shall cause a copy of that meeting's minutes to be posted to each of the clubs in the Association.
- 27) The acceptance by a 75% majority of members present at the Special General Meeting, and subsequent implementation of this amended rule, shall require the 1998 elected Committee of Management to retire immediately, and be replaced by a new Committee elected as soon as possible and in accordance with the above. In the brief interim period whilst the elections being called and run, as per the rules of the Association, the General Secretary shall co-ordinate the management of the affairs of the Association.
- 28) Any currently elected member of the February 1998 SAHPA Committee of Management, shall be eligible to be re-elected to stand as candidate for their nominated electorate, and hence stand for

re-election to the new Committee of Management, regardless of previous terms on the old Committee.
- 29) In addition to and without prejudice to the powers and obligations incidental to the Committee of Management, the Management Committee of the Association for the time being shall have, and exercise full powers of arranging for and carrying out the building and erection of the clubhouse and buildings appurtenant thereto on the land acquired for that purpose by the Association and of letting, leasing, hiring and otherwise managing and controlling such premises and the keeping of the accounts in connection therewith on behalf of the Association and for the purpose of enabling the Management Committee to carry out their duties in this respect. The monies at present standing to the credit of the Building Fund of the Association and all future allocations of subscriptions to the Building Fund and all other monies raised, subscribed or borrowed for the purpose of erecting the said clubhouse and buildings, as well as the revenue derived from the letting, leasing or hiring of the said premises and furniture shall be subject to the control of the Management Committee, who may from time to time expend and apply the same in and towards the erection of the said clubhouse and buildings and the maintenance, upkeep and repair of the same and the payment of all expenses incidental to the proper management and control thereof. The monies referred to in this rule shall be paid by the Secretary and/or Treasurer into an account to be opened in the name of the Association in a bank or banks as the Management Committee shall decide, to be called the Building Fund Account, and all payments made pursuant to this rule shall be made by cheques drawn on the said account and signed by Treasurer and one other Management Committee member.
- 30) Each Representative of the Management Committee must call a meeting with his/her electorate members each year prior to the drafting of the SAHPA Inc. race program. Once all Management Committee members have fulfilled their obligation to the electorate with respect to the race program, the Management Committee will draft the race program for the following year.
- 31) That the convoyers report be distributed with Committee of Management minutes sent out to Club secretaries.
- 32) Before any major capital expenditure over \$10,000 by the Association occurs the members must approve by a majority vote at an AGM or special meeting.

TO BE REPLACED WITH

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

22. 1) For the purposes of this clause, the members of the Association shall be divided by the Committee of Management into four electorates. These electorates shall be titled Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western.
- 2) The Committee of Management shall consist of 5 members of the Association. The Committee shall be made up of one representative from each of the four electorates plus an Independent Member (from any electorate) elected by the four electorate representatives from nominations received for the Independent position. Members shall be elected for a term of 3 years. All retiring members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.
- 3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sub Clause (2), members elected at the 2015 Annual General Meeting shall be elected for a term of 12 months only.
- 4) The General Secretary and Treasurer and any other officer of the Association, except for the presiding Chairperson, may be appointed as a member of the Committee of Management.
- 5) Nominations for election to the Committee of Management shall be in writing and signed by the nominee and two other members of their electorate.
- 6) Nominations shall be received by the General Secretary up to sixty (60) days prior to the date of each Annual General Meeting.
- 7) All financial members of the Association, with the exception of the presiding Chairperson (see Sub Clause 11), shall be eligible to vote for the election of members to the Committee of Management as representatives of the electorates.
- 8) Ballot papers containing the names of all electorate nominees for election to the Committee of Management shall be prepared by the General Secretary in alphabetical order as to surname and such ballot paper shall be posted to each financial member of the electorate of the Association no later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting (or at any other time as determined by the rules of the Association). Voting shall be effected by members clearly placing against the name of the nominee of their choice, the number "1".
- 9) Votes shall be returned by hand or by post to the General Secretary no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for the Annual General Meeting or any other constitutionally convened election.
- 10) A Returning Officer shall be appointed for each election by the Committee of Management. The duties of the Returning Officer shall be to obtain all ballot papers from the General Secretary and to count and record all votes cast by members.
- 11) In the event of two or more candidates receiving the same numbers of votes in any electorate, the Chairperson of the Association shall cast his/her vote to determine the outcome.
- 12) It shall not be compulsory for all members of the Association to cast a vote, and the returning officer shall take into account only the votes received in accordance with the rules outlined above.
- 13) At the Annual General Meeting (or other specially conducted General Meeting of members), the Returning Officer shall deliver into the hands of the Chairperson of the Committee of Management, a return of all votes cast and the Chairperson shall announce the results of the election and shall declare the successful nominees elected as members of the Committee of Management.
- 14) The Committee of Management shall have power at any time and from time to time to appoint any other person as a member of the Committee of Management to fill a casual vacancy. Any member so appointed shall retire at the end of that year, but is eligible to nominate for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting.
- 15) Subject to these rules, the management of the business of the Association shall be vested in the Committee of Management who may in addition to the powers and authorities by these rules or otherwise expressly conferred upon them, exercise all such powers of the Association and do all such things which may be exercised and done by the Association and are not hereby directed or required to be exercised and done by the Association in General Meeting, but no rule or regulation made by the Association in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior contract entered into by the Committee of Management which would have been valid if such rule or regulation had not been made.
- 16) In addition to and without prejudice to the powers and obligations incidental to the Committee of Management, the Management Committee of the Association for the time

being shall have, and exercise full powers of arranging for and carrying out the building and erection of the clubhouse and buildings appurtenant thereto on the land acquired for that purpose by the Association and of letting, leasing, hiring and otherwise managing and controlling such premises and the keeping of the accounts in connection therewith on behalf of the Association and for the purpose of enabling the Management Committee to carry out their duties in this respect. The monies at present standing to the credit of the Building Fund of the Association and all future allocations of subscriptions to the Building Fund and all other monies raised, subscribed or borrowed for the purpose of erecting the said clubhouse and buildings, as well as the revenue derived from the letting, leasing or hiring of the said premises and furniture shall be subject to the control of the Management Committee, who may from time to time expend and apply the same in and towards the erection of the said clubhouse and buildings and the maintenance, upkeep and repair of the same and the payment of all expenses incidental to the proper management and control thereof. The monies referred to in this rule shall be paid by the General Secretary and/or Treasurer into an account to be opened in the name of the Association in a bank or banks as the Management Committee shall decide, to be called the Building Fund Account, and all payments made pursuant to this rule shall be made by cheques drawn on the said account and signed by the Treasurer and one other Management Committee member.

- 17) The members of the Association must give approval by a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting before any major capital expenditure above \$10,000 can occur.
- 18) The Committee of Management may meet together for the dispatch of business at such times and from time to time as the Committee or the Chairperson thereof shall think fit, and may adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings as they may think fit. Until otherwise determined four members of the committee shall form a quorum.
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- 25) Within a period of fourteen (14) days after each meeting referred to in Sub Clause (25), the General Secretary shall cause a copy of the minutes of the meeting to be posted to each of the clubs in the Association.

Mr R Goodacre spoke for the motion .

Mr J Jarzabek spoke against the motion stating could have three committee members from one group .

Mr D Walker spoke against the motion suggesting they have a special meeting in 2015 in an open discussion.

Mr P Beaumont spoke against the motion stating that motion is out of order as some rules have been deleted.

Vote was held

Motion defeated.

Motion from North Suburban Pigeon Club.

Meeting Held 2nd December 2014 .

Moved: Mr C Moukas Seconded: Mr R Dixon.

Current Clause .

Race and Clock By-Law.

36) A maximum of 30 birds may be entered in races under the heading of Association races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly race program. A lower maximum may be specified on the yearly program for specific races 5 birds or 10 birds.

To be replaced with:

36) The entire official SAHPA Inc. yearly race program be Association races with a maximum of 30 birds may be entered in all races . A lower maximum may be specified on the yearly program for specific races - 5 birds or ten bird.

Mr T Perkins spoke for the motion stating if SAHPA where to lose money they could run a series same as Verco series .

Mr B Balk spoke against the motion points could be decided in first 10 Races.

Mr D Walker said SDC racing should be followed up.

Mr T Perkins said that North Suburban would take an amendment .to the motion.

Mr R Chapman spoke against the motion.

Vote was held Motion was defeated.

Mr T Tirrell spoke on the SDC .

Mr P Beaumont spoke on the alternative.

11 General Business.

1. Mr J Cock spoke on his Potential Future for SAHPA issues that needed to be addressed in the coming years.
Mr D Walker spoke on the Verco Series and Nth Suburban Walford race.
2. Mr Thiele spoke on hiring out the SAHPA hall and putting advertising in local papers.
Mr Thiele spoke on the electronic clocks and the 2 second rule.Mr P Springett spoke on electronic systems and their own tolerance all electronic clocks should run with 2 sec. out only.
3. Mr D Russell spoke on future of racing and the lines of flight Equalling the east line tossing same as North .
4. Mr R Chapman spoke on the Western AGM and the potential Future Racing wants an assurance that the Management Committee do not implement it in the year 2015.
5. Mr A Thede spoke on elected delegate to go to their clubs and get feedback from their members on a regular basis .Mr Hill said there is a rule in the constitution that states delegates have a meeting at regular intervals .
6. Mr G Watson spoke on the short races ,middle races COM to add boards.
7. Mr D Russell spoke on having a sale within SAHPA to raise money .
8. Mr R Dixon spoke on using the Hino for racing Mr D Thalbourne spoke on issues we have had with Hino Mr Springett explained that issues where being dealt with.
9. Mr R Somerville spoke on the Barossa Valley notice of motion an there disappointment ,suggesting the SAHPA hold an informal discussion in the near future at the SAHPA hall.
10. Mr G Sheehan asked for the race program to be set at next meeting.

Minutes read back and confirmed

Meeting Closed 10.15pm.

