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## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2017**

### **1. Chairperson to open meeting - 7.30PM.**

**2. Apologies** – W March, S Field, G Goodrich, R Male, B Snyders, D Walker, M Bruggerman, B Markou, B Andrewartha, J Cock, A Agar, K Walters, T Jeffries, D Schwarz, G Clare, T Fawcett, D Buxton, L Duits, F DiMella, G Watson, D Shaw, S Gelastopoulos, R Hocking, K Roberts, H DeVries, A Horrocks, S Thame, G Mavros, T Tirrell, T Tirrell, S Nuske, J Crummy, B Donavon, N Stojakovic, M Cook, T McBeath, L Piliskic, K Wing, K Wallace, M Shepardson, D Male, A Cook, D Edwards.

**3. Memoriam** - The Chairman read the names of members who passed 2016-17 and held a minute's silence - H Nicklin, P Brown, C Hawke, I Goodchild, P Brumfield, B Goold, and N Fiebiger.

**4. Minutes of previous AGM** to be confirmed as circulated.  
Moved J Harper/ Seconded W Myers/ Carried.

**5. Business arising out of minutes** – Nil

**6. Correspondence** - Nil

### **7. Reports from officers/committees.**

**7.1. Chairman's Report**- Mr G Harris thanked P Springett and G Clare for the extraordinary amount of work done on the new Transporter, he went on to thank the Committee for all their hard work. Thanks went to S Nuske, Grant Paterson and Greg Kakoschke for their work done on the Australian Nation Racing Pigeon Board.  
Moved D Thalbourne Seconded B Balk Carried.

**7.2. Treasurer Report** - Mr G Harris read the Treasurer Report, showing a small profit of \$2189.84.  
Moved P Beaumont, Seconded I Durrant Carried.

- A. D Aquilina queried training profits.
- B. I Durrant queried the Hino costs.
- C. D Thalbourne queried Mega future.

**7.3.** Paul Springett spoke on updating the Constitution involving a Sub- Committee D Walker and W March overseen by him-self.

**8. Adjourned motions and business:** Nil

**9. Election of chairperson-**

**9.1** Mr G Harris was the only nomination for SAHPA Chairperson. Vote was held Mr G Harris is SAHPA Chairperson for 2017.

Moved B Balk/ Seconded D Thalbourne/ Carried.

**9.2** Election of Vice Chairperson – Mr P Springett was the only nomination for Vice Chairperson. Vote was held Mr P Springett was voted Vice Chairperson for 2017.

Moved P Beaumont/ Seconded D Thalbourne/ Carried.

**10. SAHPA Inc. Notice of Motions - 2017 AGM. - Nil**

**11. Breaches of Rules and Regulations. - Nil.**

**12. General Business.**

**12.1.** Gavin Harris spoke on Rota Virus.

**12.2.** D Thalbourne asked about in WA if there were any cases of re-infection or new cases.

Reply- None that we know of

**12.3.** P Pollard asked if we start racing will birds without the Virus be infected.

Reply- Yes more than likely yet in WA there were cases where they didn't.

**12.4.** R Faccioli queried if we could race the SE line.

Reply- The COM would look at this maybe calling a Special Meeting in June.

**12.5.** R Somerville reported the Virus has reached Tasmania.

**12.6.** B Hill queried if we race, would we be going against the National Board recommendations.

Gavin Harris explained because the Virus was not a reportable Virus, it was not going against the recommendations. Commenting we should still not go across the borders as yet.

**12.7.** R Somerville said once we start racing and training, birds will inevitably stray across interstate.

**12.8.** I Lucas asked will birds get re-infected with the Virus.

Reply- The answer is unknown at this stage. Lofts that have had the Virus and recovered from it then introduced healthy birds without falling ill.

**12.9.** P Pollard asked how we got the Virus in SA

Reply- It was unknown at this stage.

**12.10.** P Burton commented on the Victorian Feds not racing in to SA.

**12.11** E Lenkic stated in the new program put up by Pt. Adelaide that no races enter interstate.

**12.12.** Gavin Harris asked for a show of hands from the Members in regard to the possibility of flying NE and SE in the Program. Two thirds of the Members voted yes.

Reply by Gavin- The COM would look at a new program.

**12.13.** Alan Brown asked should we infect our own birds with the Virus to get it over with as some other Members have suggested.

Reply- Rob Marshall has trialled this along with specialty care, treating them as soon as they were sick.

**12.14.** W Myers stated human vaccinations now have 4 vaccines in them instead of three.

**12.15.** Question asked should we put all of our birds in one basket on race night to reduce the risk of infection.  
Gavin said the COM may consider this.

**12.16** P Beaumont asked should we put Virkon S or similar in the transporters water to reduce risk of infection.  
Reply- P Burton said if you do the birds would not drink it.

**12.17** Question asked if a flyer that has had the Virus will they will be able to race this season. There is no policy to stop infected lofts from racing in 2017.

**12.18** D Aquilina suggests we as Members should sign a declaration before racing starts to state we are aware of the risks re Virus.

**12.19** A discussion took place on when we should start racing. Two thirds of the Members suggested we should start early July.  
Reply- Gavin Harris said a Special Meeting may be called to discuss this and other racing issues.  
D Thalbourne thought we should start as early as possible due to heat restrictions.  
P Burton thought we should race early, and then if others catch the Virus it would still be in the Club races then they could still compete in the Assoc program.

**12.20** Ian Durrant asked would the COM consider a price change as the season goes on.  
Reply- Gavin Harris said they would look at it.

**12.21** R Somerville queried if we start the season later, we should start at Hawker distance and leave out some of the shorter races.  
Gavin replied yes we could revise the program as the Virus dictates.

**12.22** D Thalbourne asked if the Barossa Club decide to race the first 6 races on their own this year could everyone be informed.  
R Somerville replied they may miss the first three races but toss as a Club. Nothing yet decided.

**12.23** P Burton suggested we start training as early as possible.  
Gavin replied the COM will be looking at this in the near future.

**12.24** Question asked have we ordered rings yet. The COM is waiting to see where the Virus takes us.  
D Thalbourne asked how long it takes once ordered.  
P Springett replied around 6-8 weeks.

**12.25** P Beaumont asked if we would be getting race rubbers in time for racing.  
P Springett replied yes if not they will be ordered from another supplier.

**12.26** J Harper stated in regard to the Virus Vaccine that only the people or Associations who invested in the initial making of the Vaccine would be in line to trial it.

Gavin replied if that was the case the Association had donated \$5,000 and the LDC had donated \$1,000 which should put us in that category.  
Secretary to follow up on this.

**12.27** Alan Brown said N Tymms was not going to race this year as he was going on holidays and does not think it is fair he would have to pay an extra \$110 on top of the \$220 for next year's capitations.

Gavin replied and asked Neville to write to us stating his case and the COM would look at it.

F Magro asked if the Country Clubs pay any fees and if they didn't will they be charged extra.

Gavin replied they pay \$77 and would have to pay extra if they choose not to pay. No fee set yet.

**12.28** B Balk asked why the Clubs at the Assoc only pay \$550 per year saying they should be paying a lot more.

Gavin replied, the COM is happy at this time.

12.29 Discussion's took place on the new transporter and the loading of the unit.

Minutes Read Back Moved G Cawte /Seconded P Burton /Carried.

Meeting closed 9.45pm