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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION INC.

Annual General Meeting Friday 22nd March 2019

1. Chairperson opened the meeting at 7.35 pm

(Quorum present. All names filed.)

2. Apologies: – G Watson, Troy Tirrell, A Cook, R Hocking, T Tonkin, A Agar, I Lucas, A Ward, B Snyders, K Waters, T Fawcett.

3. Memoriam: - The Chairman read the names of members who passed in 2018 and held a minute's silence – T Castle, R Muller, T Langsford, K Wing, J Ewendt, D Jackson, L Randell, J Thalbourne, R Bellis, S Orfarnos

4. Minutes of previous AGM as circulated.

Moved by T Perkins that they be accepted. Seconded T McBeath. **Carried.**

5. Business arising from the minutes – Nil

6. Correspondence - Nil

7. Reports from officers/committees

7.1 Treasurer's Report: - Mr G Harris read the Treasurer Report, showing a profit of \$5,359 . (Full report on SAHPA website)

Moved by D Thalbourne that it is true and correct. Seconded Troy Tirrell. **Carried**

7.2 Chairman's Report:- Mr G Harris thanked the Committee for all their hard work and the support shown by the Members. (Full report on SAHPA website)

Moved P Thalbourne, Seconded D Thalbourne. **Carried.**

7.3. Auditor's Report:- Mr G Harris read the Auditor's Report.

Moved by D Buxton, Seconded T O'Loughlin. **Carried**

7.4. Westline report:- R Sommerville said that the club would be happy to continue with 4 midweek races in 2019.

8. Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Management Committee.

- **Chairperson:-** Mr G Harris was the only nomination for SAHPA Chairperson. A vote was held and Mr G Harris was elected SAHPA Chairperson for 2019
Moved D Thalbourne. Seconded T Perkins. **Carried**

- **Vice Chairperson** : – Mr P Springett was the only nomination for Vice Chairperson. A vote was held and Mr P Springett was elected Vice Chairperson for 2019.
Moved D Thalbourne. Seconded T Perkins. **Carried.**
- **Management Committee Reps:-** New incoming Southern zone Rep David Buxton and Eastern zone Perry Burton. Chairman thanked retiring Reps Paul Springett and David Thalbourne for their outstanding contributions.

9. SAHPA Inc. Notice of Motions

9.1 Change to Race By-Law RBL35.

- T O'loughlin questioned the reasons behind the ruling of Interstate rings not being allowed in the derbies which was explained by the Chairman.
- A Horrocks spoke against the change
- D Walker spoke against the change
- B Balk spoke against the change
- P Burton spoke against the change
- Chairman asked for a vote from the floor by a show of hands. Motion to change RBL35. **Carried**

10. Breaches of Rules and Regulations - Nil

11. General Business.

11.1.B Hill asked about funds set aside last year for the purchase of a new vehicle. The chairman explained the current situation.

11.2 Motion for the next Lines of flight meeting not until August 2020.

- D Thalbourne spoke for the motion with a modified program.
- A Horrocks spoke against the motion
- P Goodrich spoke for the motion
- Chairman asked for a vote from the floor. Motion **Carried**

11.3 Pre-Paid Scheme 2019

- Proposed new system; First 4 races pay as you go then revert to pre-paid from race 5.
- R Sommerville asked when the bird numbers for pre-paid would be calculated, which would be between race 4 & 5.
- D Walker spoke on the benefits of a team nomination as used interstate.
- T Perkins spoke for the pre-paid system being much cheaper.
- A Horrocks spoke on a qualification system.
- B Balk spoke against the new proposal.
- R Sommerville spoke for pre-paid with the proviso that owners must be honest when submitting their bird numbers.
- Chairman asked for a vote from the floor, pre-paid or new system. Majority voted for Pre-paid **Carried**

11.4 Discussion on 2019 Race Program alternating weekly North/SEast

- G Kakoschke spoke on changes to an alternating program due to education of young birds, hot weather and the result of being unable to fly Marla for several seasons possibly due to climate change.

- R Sommerville spoke on the effects of climate change to the longer distance events scheduled on the program and we should look at program changes such as 2 races on the same weekend i.e Cooberpedy and Marla.
- D Thalbourne asked for input from the Convoyer T Perkins in regards to the bird's reaction when we have two releases on the trailer. T Perkins was of the opinion that the birds left behind for the second release were stressed.
- B Pollard suggested using two units with the trailer for the second release.
- G Rayment suggested we fly the North line earlier.
- D Thalbourne asked about the timing of both derbies 4 weeks apart.
- P Mundy spoke about race programs in the 1960's
- D Walker discussed 2 races on the same weekend using separate trailers.
- R Williams spoke about returns for Holbrook and Benalla with the need for a bird qualification rule.
- T Perkins suggested we have less races on the program.

12. Discussion on the number of birds in crates.

- G Kakoschke asked about the ventilation in crates when the transporter is stationary. The Chairman and Conveyor explained the battery system that regulates the airflow in the transporter and crates even while stationary.
- T O'Loughlin thanked G Harris and P Springett for their work on the new trailer.
- S Roberts asked about race holdovers and an alternative to cardboard flooring. The Chairman spoke on trials using mesh to be conducted by the Metro club.
- The Committee will look at the allocation of race crates based on the changing number of members in clubs.

13. Rationalisation of tossing units.

- Still using the Ford with the sale of the Hino and the second unit being the long- distance ute with Southern Vales trailer. Resulting in a cost reduction but still supplying the same service.
- R Williams suggested using the Hino only on Sundays not midweek.
- T O'Loughlin asked about East line tossing. The Chairman explained that in the past it had limited support and was not viable.

14. Vaccination program

- G Kakoschke spoke on the availability of the Rotavax and on behalf of the members thanked the Chairman and Management Committee for their donation to the ANRPB which allowed us to be one of the first to obtain rotavax.
- The Chairman spoke on the importance of members to follow strict bio-security measures.

15. Affiliate Members.

- T Perkins spoke on affiliate costs and recognition of any birds that would have finished in the top 30 by way of a certificate. Also a change to the 50km boundary zone, moving it to 60km for Northern affiliate members.
- R Male asked about flying as an Affiliate member within the West Torrens Club, possibly only flying 4-5 races with no SAHPA result but using the pay as you go system.
- D Walker spoke against the RBL23 rule of 6 member Clubs.

- R Sommerville suggested Angel Flight be changed to a club race with members to pay a donation.

16. Qualification for long distance races.

- R Williams asked about qualification of birds for long distance races
- T Perkins asked who would check the birds for qualification
- Chairman called for comments on qualification, for and against with the majority of members voting against qualification.

17. Minutes Read

Moved P Squire that they were correct. Seconded T McBeath. **Carried.**

Meeting closed: 10.00 pm