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## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION INC.**

### **Annual General Meeting Friday 26th March 2021**

**Present:** T Perkins (Chairman), T Tirrell (Treasurer), J Cock, N Stojakovic,  
P Burke, J Harper (Secretary).

(Quorum present. All names recorded and all Covid19 requirements followed)

- 1. The Chairman T Perkins opened the meeting at 7:05pm**
- 2. Apologies:** T Fawcett, G Hamilton, D Shaw, A Ward, P Springett, B Andrewartha, D Schwarz, J Vanderlinden, Troy Tirrell
- 3. Memoriam:** The Chairman asked for the names of members who had passed in 2020 -21. A minute's silence was observed for John O'Donnell and Lesley Forbes.
- 4. Minutes of previous AGM;** as circulated and published on website.
- 5. Business Arising out of minutes.** Nil
- 6. Correspondence.** Nil
- 7. Report from the Chairman.**

The retiring Chairman Tony Perkins called on a vote of thanks from members for Ian Durrant who filled the roll of conveyor/release officer in 4 of the early races on the program in 2020 at no charge to the Association. He also wished to thank to Andrew Scerri for his work in levelling the carpark.
- 8. Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Management Committee**
  - 8.1 Chairperson.**

The outgoing Chairman Tony Perkins vacated the chair and the Treasurer Tom Tirrell called for nominations for Chairman.

- Warren March was nominated by Phil Squire, Seconded Joe Jackson.
- David Thalbourne was nominated by Ross Hocking, Seconded Greg Hodgins.

The scrutineers Greg Kakoschke and Peter Burke recorded a show of hands from the floor for both nominations with 30 votes for W March and 34 votes for D Thalbourne. David Thalbourne was elected as Chairman. The new Chairman thanked the outgoing Chairman for his contribution and spoke on the culture of some members and asked for a more harmonious and friendly atmosphere to be shown amongst all members.

### **8.2 Vice Chairperson:**

- Russell Somerville was nominated by David Walker, Seconded Joe Jackson. **Carried**

### **8.3 Management Committee Delegates:**

- John Cock, David Walker, Greg Hodgins, Rick Williams, Joe Jackson

## **9. Treasurer's Report:**

Mr Tom Tirrell referred to the Balance sheet and the Profit and Loss statement published on the SAHPA website and advised that the SAHPA were in a strong financial position. Items noted.

- Future replacement of Ford tossing unit.

## **10. SAHPA Inc. Notice of Motions**

**10.1 Motion to change the Constitution rule 4.3)** from Port Adelaide Club. Proposed change to read:

The lofts of all SAHPA members competing in Association races shall be situated within a 50km radius of the Adelaide GPO.

- Terry McBeath from Port Adelaide spoke on the reasons for change.
- Tony Perkins spoke against the motion.
- Russell Sommerville spoke against the motion.

A vote by show of hand was called from the floor, resulting in 20 for / 50 against. Therefore, the Motion was **Defeated**.

**10.2 Motion to change the Constitution rule 22.1)** from Metropolitan Club. Proposed change to read:

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 5 open candidates in the SAHPA Committee of Management as voted by membership by a ballot.

Please Note

All other changes from **22.2) – 22.38)** pertain to the change of 5 open candidates being accepted and are mostly the removal of the word electorates and the year. Copies of the document showing all of the changes is available for members to review on the SAHPA website.

- Greg Kakoschke spoke for the reason for change
- John Harper moved an amendment on behalf of North Suburban that only 2 members of the same club be permitted on the Committee.
- D Walker spoke against the amendment
- B Balk seconded the amendment with 45 votes for / 1 against.

Amendment to the Motion was **Carried**.

A vote was called for the original motion which included the Amendment with 15 for/37 against. Motion **Defeated**

**Constitution rule 22.1)** is unchanged

### **10.3 Change to Race By-Law RBL21 from COM**

Proposed change to read:

For any bird to compete in a race of 800kms or more, they must have previously flown in a race of at least 500km on that line of flight in the same year.

- Nenad Stojakovic spoke for the motion
- Rick Williams spoke on an amendment for all birds to qualify.
- Joe Jackson moved an amendment that only young birds need to qualify and that can be a race on either line. Seconded B Balk.

- Perry Burton moved an amendment that only young birds need to qualify on the same line of flight. Seconded Gavin Harris.

- David Walker spoke against the amendments.

A vote was taken for the motion with the amendment that only young birds need to qualify with 34 for / 6 against.

- T Perkins spoke against the new motion.
- Nick Molchanoff spoke against the motion and preferred no qualification.

A vote was taken on the motion with 2 for / 55 against, therefore the motion for qualification was **Defeated**.

**RBL21** is unchanged. There are no qualifications for birds on all SAHPA races.

#### **10.4. Change to Race by Law RBL35**

##### **Non-SA rings**

Proposed Change to read:

**RBL35. (b)** Foreign rings are not eligible for SAD or YBC races. Only life rings issued by the SAHPA Inc. will be allowed to enter these races with the exception of:

- Young birds sold through the LDC Sires Auction, as these have been verified as young birds. Prepaid birds from the LDC Sires Produce race with foreign rings are not eligible for the SAD or YBC races.
- All Australian Feds and country clubs that use their own prefix can apply in writing to the SAHPA COM to have the received date of their rings verified and as long as they have not been issued before the SAHPA rings of the current year they will be eligible.
- G Rayment spoke against the motion as he was unsure about GMPF rings. But was advised that these rings were approved in 2020.

A vote was called with 39 in favour / 5 against. **Carried**

## **11. General Business.**

### **11.1 Prepaid systems for season 2021**

The Treasurer outlined the 3 options demonstrating how they all must be based on the total cost of racing which is approximately \$70,000 and whichever option adopted there would be no refunds.

- David Walker asked if there was a provision for a flyer that underestimates the total number of birds and wishes to add to his list.
- The treasurer explained that there would be an option offered of an additional 5 or 10% (insurance) that could be taken up when payment is due which would allow the owner to add these birds to his list 2 weeks after closure.

The Chairman called for a vote from the floor for the current pre-paid system with 49 for / 5 against. **Carried.**

The current pre-paid system stands for 2021. The new COM will review rules and cut-off date for payment.

### **11.2 Life Membership**

The Chairman notified members that the COM had approved nomination of Life Membership for Paul Springett.

- The Chairman spoke on the important role that Paul Springett had played over the years and his contribution to the SAHPA.
- Gavin Harris also expanded on the important contribution from Paul Springett especially in regards to the new Gerald purchase.

### **11.3 Foreign/Private life rings.**

The Ring Secretary Sophia Thalbourne asked if members new of anyone using private rings with the prefix GB as several have been reported

#### **11.4 Draft 2021 Race Program**

Russell Sommerville queried the 2021 draft race program and asked for the new Committee to finalise the 2021 program.

#### **11.5 Zones**

Perry Burton queried the 5 zones and whether they are still valid under the current membership numbers. The new Committee will review the zones.

#### **11.6 Tossing unit drivers**

Bert Balk spoke about the good work both retiring tossing unit drivers Don Schwarz and Ray Pimlott had performed over the years and the members showed their gratitude with a round of applause. Members were advised that these two vacant positions still need to be filled.

#### **11.7 Clubs and Membership numbers**

Alan Thede queried the number of clubs and total membership numbers.

- The Secretary advised that in 2020 there were 160 financial members and the total number of active clubs was 14.

#### **11.8 Five bird Special races**

Gavin Harris asked the new COM to be aware of the programming of the 5 bird races on the opposite lines of flight to the main race which would clash with the Mazda Ute being used for Alice Springs and mentioned that the 5 bird races previously had been transported on the main unit with a separate release. This was done as a cost saving measure.

- The Secretary explained that the COM had concerns over 2 races being released from the same race point on the same day which invariably meant that the prevailing winds favour one particular area on the day which is deemed to be unfair due to 60 race points on offer. This is the reason for programming the 5 bird races on the opposite line of flight.
- Greg Kakoschke spoke on the possibility of the 5 bird races to be flown on the same line of flight when the main race is Marla or Nyngan as the

numbers are low and some owner choose not to fly these 2 longer events which would give them involvement on that weekend.

- The Chairman asked for a vote for 5 bird races being released on the main unit on the same line of flight with 50 in favour, 11 against. The COM will re-program the 5 bird races on the same line of flight as the main race.

### **11.9 Thanks to the outgoing Committee**

The Chairman asked for a show of support for the outgoing Committee. The members responded with a round of applause.

### **12. Minutes Read**

The Secretary read a copy of the minutes. It was Moved by Greg Kakoschke, Seconded Joe Jackson that the minutes were true and correct. **Carried**

**Meeting closed:** 9:00 pm