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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION SAHPA COM Sunday 20th March 2022 pm

1. The Chairman Mr G Hamilton opened the meeting at 2.30pm
2. **Present:** Mr G Hamilton (Chairman), Mr R Somerville (Vice Chairman), Mr T Tirrell (Treasurer), Mr D Walker (Acting Secretary), Mr R Williams, Mr G Mitchell, Mr W March (skype video)
3. **Apologies:** Mr Greg Hodgins.
4. **General Business**
  - a. General Secretary – No application. Discussion followed. Agreed that the SAHPA needs a General Secretary (not withstanding the current use of an acting secretary).
    - i. Graham Mitchell advised that if we get no applicants, he will accept the position.
    - ii. Agreed by SAHPA COM to re-advertise on our website and canvas flyers and non-flyers for the position.
    - iii. Agreed that the position would be offered at a rate of \$5,000 per year.
  - b. Assistant Secretary - Annette Sizer application – noted and no decision pending the result of re-advertisement.
  - c. Treasurer – Mr T Tirrell (current treasurer) only applicant – accepted and appointed.
  - d. Auditor - Cheryl Cox - Hu Partner, 2/370 Main South Road, MORPHETT VALE SA, 5162 – application accepted and appointed.
  - e. Convoyer – Tony Perkins written application.
    - i. The chairman will discuss the convoying position with Tony Perkins (in relation to the comments on remuneration from the AGM of 20 March 2022). He will also discuss pre and post-race first race Geraldty tossing requirements and loading steward requirements.
  - f. Clock Chairman – Russell Somerville application – accepted and appointed.
  - g. Race Adjudicator– Geoff Cawte has agreed to continue - accepted and appointed.
  - h. Ring Secretary – Sophia Thalbourne application – accepted and appointed.
  - i. Unit Cleaner(s) – Greg Hodgins application – accepted and appointed.
  - j. Hall Cleaner - Cathy Barlow accepted and appointed. Thanks to Annette Sizer who also applied.
  - k. Website Manager – Alan Agar accepted and appointed.
  - l. Transport Driver – Alex Stojakovic accepted and appointed.
  - m. Dock Manager(s) – no applications – appointment(s) pending.

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- n. Three clubs (Glenelg, Pt Adelaide, Nth Suburban) request the SAHPA to print and laminate their club member certificates. Discussion followed – SAHPA COM decision is as follows:
  - i. No certificates to be printed by the General Secretary. All certificates will be available and accessible from the SAHPA website for individuals or club secretaries to print out in colour or black and white as they see fit.
- o. Non SAHPA affiliates (individuals not a member of an SAHPA club) and clubs (not affiliated with the SAHPA) will be required to pay the SAHPA pre-nomination fee for racing in 2022. Non SAHPA affiliates are required to provide a ring number list to the SAHPA General Secretary (on a per flyer basis) and pay the SAHPA pre-nom fee of \$3.20 per bird for the 2022 race season. The fee is due on hampering night first race. Clubs are to pay the SAHPA treasurer by electronic transfer or by agreement with the treasurer.

#### **5. Correspondence In**

- a. Email from Tony Perkins advising of his immediate resignation as General Secretary due to personal and family issues. The SAHPA COM on behalf of all clubs and club members has accepted his resignation with regret, thanks Tony for his excellent work on behalf of the SAHPA and wishes him well going forward.
- b. Email from Lyndon Frick – Wellington and Tailem Bend District Racing Pigeon Club – see general business.
- c. Email from Victoria Dragos - Animal Expo Manager – see general business.
- d. Email from Greg Kakoschke – Metro Club – SAHPA COM thanks Metro for their input, however no changes will be made to current 2022 race programming and planning.
- e. Email from G Kakoschke - ANRPB – the Disease Management Fund – carried over to next meeting.

#### **6. General Business**

- a. Lyndon Frick email – re application for SAHPA club membership – The SAHPA COM will accept the application pending compliance with the following:
  - i. Provision of the club constitution to the SAHPA COM – the constitution must state that the club will abide with the SAHPA constitution and rules as currently in place and as amended from time to time – required by 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
  - ii. Provision of club membership list including names, address, email, phone number etc of the club officers and including clock type & serial number – required by 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
  - iii. Provision of capitation fees at \$200 per flyer – by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 to the treasurer by electronic transfer.
  - iv. Provision of race pre-nomination lists by hampering night first race.
  - v. Provision of payment of pre-nominations fees (at \$3.20 per bird) to the treasurer by hampering night first race.
  - vi. Written confirmation that the club will basket with West Torrens to ensure SAHPA hampering rules are satisfied – by 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

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- vii. Confirmation that the club will use Benzing Live loft evaluation for clocking of race birds, and that Benzing Live is set up to send clocking sheets to the SAHPA race adjudicator by email to [sahpa.clocks@gmail.com](mailto:sahpa.clocks@gmail.com).
  - b. Animal Expo – Michael Donnellan as publicity officer to follow up if sufficient interest by SAHPA flyers.
  - c. Because of the Wellington club application and probable membership of the SAHPA, the SAHPA COM wishes to open discussion about the use of a single electronic clock by multiple flyers.
  - d. The chairman proposed that the Benzing Australia SDC series aggregate points trophy be named the Tirrell Bilecki Walker trophy. This would be in recognition of the work done in proposing, running, and sponsoring of the race series since first proposed and run some 10 years ago. Moved G Mitchell, seconded W March, Carried.
  - e. Nick Albanos has advised that if no contractors take up the toss programme, he will volunteer to drive the Mazda utility and an SAHPA trailer – SAHPA COM thanks Nick for his offer and will advise soonest.
  - f. Russell Somerville re-advised the Colin Walker advice
    - i. **against** using poo-vac for vaccination of race pigeons – **the practice is illegal**, and flyers using this method can be prosecuted.
    - ii. Regarding verbal and you tube interactions between members of the SAHPA and the public regarding flyer duty of care to race birds.
  - g. Russell Somerville suggested the SAHPA COM purchase bulk PCR tests for SAHPA members to use – further discussion prior to an SAHPA decision.
  - h. Rick Williams raised the issue of APC race bird health – Greg Hamilton referred to the advice provided to the 2022 AGM.
  - i. SAHPA COM advises that clubs should review their member health and disease management practice to ensure compliance with the SAHPA Code of Practice and animal health practice generally.
  - j. David Walker reviewed the intended changes to SAHPA clock rules for 2022 – the current clock rules, the EBBS (electronic clocking) rules, and the Benzing Live loft evaluation rules are to be amalgamated into one document with some amendment for clarity for the 2022 race season. Moved, Seconded, Carried.
  - k. Following the resignation of Tony Perkins as GenSec the SAHPA COM has changed the authorities for the banking transactions.
7. Meeting closed at 4.45pm
8. Next meeting at 7.00pm 25 April 2022 (moved a week due to Easter the weekend previous).

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