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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting Sunday 20th March 2022 pm

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.

All other attendees' names recorded and all Covid19 requirements followed.

1. The Chairman Mr G Hamilton opened the meeting at 1.00pm.
2. **Apologies:** Tim Fawcett, Warren March, Greg Hodgins, Gary Cumming, Paul Springett, Troy Tirrell, Trevor Tonkin, George Tsonis, Aaron Ward.
3. **Memoriam:** Syd Randall, Joe Schiavone, Bob Seedsman, John Hofman, Garry Williams. A one minute silence was observed for their passing.
4. **Minutes of previous AGM:** noted as read, approved, circulated, and published on SAHPA website.
5. **Business Arising AGM MOM 2021:** None
6. **Report from the Chairman:** As circulated and published on SAHPA website – copy attached.
7. **Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Management Committee:**
 - 7.1 Mr G Hamilton requested the meeting to agree to the present SAHPA COM members for stability purposes during 2022, and for the purposes of delivering the 2022 SAHPA Convention.
 - 7.2 In the interest of fairness and equity the chairman also asked for any nominations from the floor for the SAHPA COM. There being no objections, and no nominations the proposal was agreed by all present.
 - 7.3 Mr Greg Hamilton vacated the chair and the Acting Secretary Mr David Walker called for nominations for Chairman. **Moved** R Williams, **Seconded** J Jackson that Mr G Hamilton be elected Chairman. **Carried.**
 - 7.4 **Vice Chairperson:** Russell Somerville was the only candidate and was duly elected.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr Tom Tirrell presented his report to 31st December 2021.
 - 8.1 He noted that the details including auditor's report had been provided to the SAHPA website, and that the two written questions he had received from members had been given replies which had resolved the questions asked. In short, the SAHPA had recorded a small surplus, the SAHPA had moved to a 'cash' accounting basis, and the new Xero software and helpline were providing all necessary support for his needs. The report is attached to this MOM.

8.2 Nenard Stojakovic asked that his question to the treasurer be made available to all members – agreed.

9. Correspondence. Notice of motion- Pt Adelaide.

9.1 Notice of Motion from Port Adelaide Club - Due to the poor returns and losses on the Northeast line that we should revert to the Southeast line were there were much better race day returns and no heavy losses. – discussion followed with speakers for and against the motion.

9.2 For the motion – R Williams, Nenard Stojakovic.

9.3 Against the motion – Len Colgate, Bert Balk, Nick Albanos, J Rayment.

9.4 Comment by P Burton.

9.5 Vote by secret ballot – Yes vote 21, No vote 48, the motion was defeated – NE line races are confirmed for 2022.

10. General Business.

10.1 Mr G Hamilton noted that Mr F diMella had been awarded a Wall of Fame honour during 2021 following nomination by North Suburban club. Mr diMella thanked North Suburban for the nomination, the SAHPA COM for accepting his nomination, and the meeting present for their congratulations and acclamation. He commented that he was aware of the honour bestowed and acknowledged his work on behalf of the SAHPA membership.

10.2 Mr diMella North Suburban asked why two east line races to start the 2022 race season – the chairman advised that given previous experience it was best that race birds be given early experience meeting the Adelaide Hills head on rather than in line – thus providing excellent training for all other NE races.

10.3 Adrian Stacey Centrals questioned the reason for 5 Bird comp release with main convoy, and why some clubs still used cardboard instead of plastic grating in crates – The chairman advised that most clubs preferred a simultaneous release, and that all clubs had been offered the opportunity to buy plastic grating by the SAHPA in 2021. Current orders will be supplied prior to the 2022 race season.

10.4 Bert Balk Southern Vales wanted clarification on the SAHPA 30 bird limit (now all races) and queried why this decision was not made available to flyers pre 2021 breeding season. The chairman advised that the SAHPA COM was aware that flyers with high pre-nomination numbers would need additional tossing facilities to ensure pigeon race fitness. The SAHPA will ensure that additional toss facilities using the Geraldty truck & trailer would be provided – 4 tosses pre racing and a minimum 4 post race 1.

10.5 Darren Aquilina ParaHills questioned why the two SAHPA 5 bird races were dropped from the race programme for 2022. The chairman advised that the 2022 programme provided for a full 22 race series for the 5 bird flyers in 2022.

10.6 Geoff Rayment Kingsford asked if the Geraldty tosses would be capped in numbers and would tossing be mid-week or Sundays – the chairman advised unlimited numbers up to the capacity of the Geraldty units. He also noted that tossing would be weather

dependant, but Sunday would be preferred, and timing in collaboration with toss contractors. Loading times would be advised soonest.

- 10.7** Nenard Stojakovic North Suburban asked if clubs would be given the opportunity to offer changes to the race programme, and that he viewed that additions to convoyer fees to be too high, and that he was AOK to be convoyer for the first four (4) races – the chairman advised that the SAHPA COM viewed the programme as fixed, and that the changes to convoyer fees had been discussed in SAHPA COM and agreed, but any review would be advised. He thanked Nenard for his offer to convoy the first four races.
- 10.8** Graham Goodrich Glenelg queried the issues around racing and tossing using the Geraldty units and crates – the chairman noted the concerns but advised that clubs were to work out their own solutions.
- 10.9** Joe Jackson Gawler - asked what SAHPA positions were unfilled – the chairman advised the vacant positions were convoyer and loading stewards, and that we had one applicant for convoyer.
- 10.10** Russell Somerville as Clock Chairman asked all clubs and flyers to ensure their nomination lists were correct, and to follow SAHPA clock rule procedures to ensure no incorrect ring numbers were entered from hamper sheets – incorrect info has resulted in birds in top 30 being disqualified.
- 10.11** Bob Hill – Happy Valley/HydePark noted that his group had issues per CI 10.10 in 2021 and that this had caused some issues on hamper nights. Bob also offered to do the NE tossing programme for free in 2022 – he would use the Mazda utility and one of the SAHPA trailers – SAHPA would pay all fuel and other costs. The chairman thanked Bob for his offer – SAHPA COM to advise soonest.
- 10.12** David Thalbourne Metro asked if there had been any applications to operate the cafeteria – answer no.
- 10.13** Nenard Stojakovic North Suburban noted that the Tipes electronic clocking system did not recognise any zero (0) as a start to the ‘number’ of a life ring. The clock chairman agreed this was so, and that it would be noted and accepted in the SAHPA Clock Rules for 2022.
- 10.14** Darren Aquilina ParaHills asked about the APC club issues with health to date in 2021/22, and what was the SAHPA planning to do in relation to use of SAHPA transport. Bert Balk Southern Vales suggested that APC get certification for clean health. Geoff Rayment Kingsford was against certification. The chairman advised that the APC management and he were in regular contact and a decision about the use of SAHPA transport for APC birds would be made by SAHPA COM as necessary. He also noted that flyers in the SAHPA membership had also had significant health issues, and that any decision relating to the APC, would need to apply to SAHPA membership.

10.15 Perry Burton Metro asked about the use of individual flyer crates in 2022. The chairman noted that this matter was a decision for clubs not the SAHPA.

11. Meeting closed 2.00pm

Chairmans Report to 2022 AGM

“United we stand, divided we fall”

I ask all members to work together in a respectful way to ensure the successful future of the SAHPA and the overall enjoyment of the pigeon racing sport. No doubt we will continue to be challenged by varying issues that will require a positive attitude and willingness by all of us to overcome.

I would like to express a big thank you to all those that have held positions over the last 12 months and to those that have made themselves available for positions and roles for the year ahead. These are the people I consider to be *high value members*. At Club and Association level we need individuals that get the job done. For those that sit back and do nothing, roadblock and criticise, it's time to change your attitude. Add value, don't be a liability. So many positive things are happening this year. We can look forward to a race program full of new initiatives. Three separate categories of SAHPA racing with Short Distance Aggregate Points, Middle Distance Aggregate Points and Long Distance Aggregate Points plus an overall winner across the three categories. A 5 Bird Series has been introduced on all SAHPA races, in addition to a small team flyer aggregate for those pre-nominating 100 pigeons or less.

The recent information evening put on by the SAHPA was a success with Colin Walker and Len Vanderlinde giving talks on what they know best.

Thank you to Ray Fewings, Gavin Harris and David Walker for their invaluable help to arrange.

Looking forward to November we have the SAHPA Pigeon Convention. This will be an event to be remembered for years to come. Four days of socialising with fanciers from all around Australia. As part of the convention will be Displays/Exhibitors, Auction Sales of pigeons from Australia's top breeders and Guest Speaker Panels made up of fanciers at the highest level of the sport.

Yours in the sport

Greg Hamilton
Chairman SAHPA

Treasurer's Report to 2022 AGM

In 2021 the SAHPA returned a surplus of \$ 5,597 for the year.

The audited figures have been available to members for some 3 weeks and I received two questions regarding the report.

I have responded to both enquiries I believe to the satisfaction of both.

This year we have started to use the Xero Accounting programme and I am now treating the books as a cash account rather than an accruals account. I have found the transfer challenging and am becoming more and more comfortable with the process.

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I have not depreciated any items other than the solar panels and the defibrillator purchased through the year. This means that the depreciation amount can be viewed more realistically by members and allocated to allow for future replacement of the items being depreciated.

Through 2021 the major expenditure items have been:

- \$14,398 for the solar system.
- \$9,559 for the roller door that replaced the old sliding door.
- \$3,179 for the replacement of the motor to the trailer roller door.
- \$3,284 for the moveable loading platform.
- \$2,750 for insulation of the cabin ductwork and ceiling.

I look forward to the 2022 year with confidence in the members and committee however at the time of writing this report there are outside issues that will deliver challenges.

I wish all good health and good racing for the coming season.

Tom Tirrell

Treasurer

Ref CL 8.2 above – question to the Treasurer from N Stojakovic

I am querying where in the financial report is the mention of the following:

- sale of the old truck to Rayment \$7,000
- sale of the tossing unit to Con Moukas \$850
- last payment of the old Southern Fed truck to Queensland \$6,000
- purchasing of Rayment's West Line unit \$7,500
- money allocated for the loading of hampers onto the truck each hampering night in the 2021 season .. and subsequently donated by Alex, Russell and myself to the Juniors.

Reply by the Treasurer

Sale of the Ford truck to G Rayment.

- There were a number of transactions as Geoff sold his trailer to us at the same time he bought the Ford Truck.
 - G Rayment for trailer \$ 7,500.00
 - SAHPA Ford Truck \$7,000.00
 - SAHPA Paid for Ring Race Rings GR \$ 250.00
 - SAHPA Paid direct to G Rayment \$ 250.00
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- I have not added the trailer to the depreciation list as we have moved to a cash accounting model.

Sale of the Ford Trailer to Con Moukas

- I have attached a Pdf Ford Trailer -Xero where I have allocated the \$750.00 received.

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Last payment of the old Southern Fed Truck.

- The Southern Fed truck is top of the list in the 2020 list of Debtors. When the money was received the debtor was written off.
- I have attached a Copy of the Trade Debtors. Excel spreadsheet.
- I have attached a Pdf \$6,000 -Xero

Rayment's West Line Trailer dealt with in Part 1.

- I have checked with Marie Bullen (Zero) who assisted me with the accounts, and it would appear the transaction to identify the Junior money was not carried out. The money was placed in general revenue.
- 23 off races at \$60 = \$1,380 less paid to T Perkins \$240 = \$1,140 for the Junior Fund.
- Since the end of the 2021 season, we have received a \$10,000 donation for the Junior fund.

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