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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION AGM Sunday 1.30pm 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

1. Meeting opened at 1.30pm by Acting Chairperson.  
**Present:** Mr G Harris (Acting Chairperson), Mr G Mitchell, Mr R Williams, Mr W March, Tom Tirrell and David Walker, Mr T Perkins (Acting Secretary) + 83 Members signed in.
2. **Apologies** -Mr R Somerville (Vice Chairman), Mr G Hodgins + 15 other Members
3. **Memorials. Minutes silence for:** Peter Wortley, Robert (Bob) Caird, Michael Antoniow, Ziggy Zyczko, Keith Badcock, Brian Kennett, Andrew Muirhead (Life Member), Keith Brumfield, Bill Rostenburg, Charlie Forbes, Rod Billing.
4. **Previous Minutes 20/03/2022 – Accepted – M, S, Carried**
5. **Treasurer’s report-** Tom Tirrell has had the report on the website for months, in summary \$21,638 surplus for 2022.  
**Members M S Carried.** Thank you to Tom for his significant contribution to the SAHPA.
6. **Business arising from minutes – Nil.**
7. **Reports from officers/ Committees-** Gavin Harris Outlined G Hamilton Chairmans report and thanked him for his enormous input during 2022. David Walker as outgoing Committee Member was also thanked for his commendable work for the Committee and Members.
8. **Adjourned Motions and Business**
  - a. **Election of Chairperson & Vice Chairperson.**
  - b. Gavin Harris appointed to Chairperson. Moved B Balk Second T McBeath Carried
  - c. Russell Somerville appointed to Vice Chairperson. Moved R Williams Second V Eldic CarriedCongratulations to both recipients.
9. **Correspondence In- Nil**
10. **Correspondence Out – Nil.**
11. **Motions of which Notice has been given.**
  1. **Changes to the Constitution- Moved Second Carried.**
  2. **Notice of Motion from Pt Adelaide Club**

To revert to the 2021 racing season back to Club racing for the first 10 races and Association racing to commence at the Derbies. Also 5 bird races to be reduced to 2 per season as in previous years.

**Members speaking for and against**

**For-** R Chapman- Fairness to revert to old system  
**Against** -D Walker- Should be open to all short, middle- and long-distance competitors for a chance to win an Association race, plus more participation.  
**For-** R Williams- All Pt Adelaide Club voted to start with 10 Club races.  
**Against-** C Mav leave as all Association racing so it’s fair for all to win an Assoc race.  
**For-** B Balk- Short race makes it unfair and a Member north of Adelaide may obtain too many points early in the season.  
**Decision: For 40 Against 30 Carried**

10 club races will be held before the commencement of Association racing in the derbies.

## 12. Race starts versus Prepaid.

1. R Drew asked when the racing finishes and a member has race starts left over do they carry over for the next season

**Answer** No

2. Race starts, or prepaid list must be lodged one week before the first race of the season. L Frick requested the lists or starts not to be lodged before the fourth week of the season.

**Answer:** Will be considered by COM.

3. D Walker all in favour of race starts.

P Thalbourne asked if members can trade unused starts to other members.

**Answer** No.

4. A Agar said small flyers would pay more.

5.G Rayment suggested members could possibly use either starts or prepaid.

**Answer-** G Harris said it would be too hard to calculate and monitor.

6.W March stated the starts system was voted in at the Sept Com meeting.

7.W Thiele said he does not like having to do a prepaid list and when birds were tired at the end of a season you were not able to use fresh birds not on your list.

8.R Chapman all for using the current prepaid system.

9.A Agar price for both systems is proportional.

### 10. Vote taken. Decision Starts 24 Prepaid list 44. Carried

The current prepaid system will be used in season 2023.

The Prepaid list must be lodged **minimum one** week **before** the first race of the season to enable the Treasurer to calculate prepaid cost, to be paid on or before the **first** race, this payment must come in lump sum, paid by club treasurers. (Preferably online)

Extra birds may be lodged before the fourth race at a 50% increase on the set prepaid cost.

13. **Ace bird-** Members voted that only pigeons that are in the first 5% of birds sent will be considered.

## 14. General Business

1. **A Agar** asked about the \$200 Capitations, is it enough?

T Tirrell answered saying the SAHPA need a business plan.

**A Agar** asked if promotions was on the agenda as he believes we need to promote the sport.

**G Harris** replied saying the current Com is discussing promotions.

**A Agar** requested proxy voting to be introduced in the SAHPA given our ageing populations.

The Com will discuss at the next meeting, the rule of no proxy voting could be taken out of the constitution and added to other rule documents.

**N Williams** asked if the junior's program will go ahead in 2023.

**G Harris** said the junior's program will go ahead and added donations will see further prizes added. We thank the Yaraville club in Victoria for their generous donation which is held in our account and is reserved for Juniors.

**Fred DiMella** stated we should have a disabled toilet installed.

The Com to discuss.

**Perry Burton** had a query on the proposed 2023 race program, relating to Bookaloo. The Com agreed to readdress the program.

**Training units-** J Jackson asked if the March trailer will be in use in addition to the Raymond trailer in season 2023.

**G Harris** replied if anyone would put their hand up to use their own vehicle to tow the March trailer, the com would be happy to provide the trailer at no cost for the benefit of the members.

**Trainers on the race truck to be released with the race birds.**

**G Harris** said members sending 30 birds may send an extra 20 birds as trainers at a cost to be announced later. The two APC early races may be an exception due to numbers.

West line Mid-Week committee donated \$256.65 to the SA long Distance Racing Pigeon Club which was surplus money after the wind up of the Midweek West Lines series in 2022.

**15. Meeting Closed** at 3.40 PM.