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## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION AGM Minutes Sunday 24th March 2024 at 1.30pm**

1. **Meeting – opened at 1.35pm by Chairman.**  
**Present:** Mr G Harris (Chairman), Mr G Mitchell, Mr B Andrewartha, Mr R Williams, Mr G Hodgins, Mr W March, Mr T Perkins (Secretary).
2. **Apologies** – Bunn Snyder, Ken Waters, G Roberts, Tim Fawcett, Lee Abbott, Sofia Thalbourne, Ross Chapman, Tom & Troy Tirrell.
3. **Memorials.** Minutes silence for: John Wilson, Alec Noble, George Rowland, Hans DeVries, Carol Cock, W Tworkowski, D Fear, Clive Sanderson, Bob Huff, Margaret & George Last, Ross Hocking, Ray Todd, Dennis Watson who sadly passed away in 2023/24.
4. **Previous Minutes** 19/03/2023 – Displayed on website. Moved J Jackson Seconded R Williams Carried.
5. **Treasurer’s report-** MSCarried On SAHPA website, surplus of \$3,902.06
6. **Business arising from minutes.- Nil**
7. **Reports from officers/ Committees-** On website and in yearbook.  
Gavin gave an update the Mid Week South East series, they contributed \$360 towards the Mazda running costs and still have \$260 in funds.  
The Chairperson welcomed the new Committee members, Michael Donnellan, Joe Jackson and the reappointment of Greg Hodgins.  
The COM wish to thank the outgoing Delegates Mr Graham Mitchell and Mr. Rick Williams for their time and efforts and valuable contribution over their time on the Committee and inparticular the extra work they did in 2022 on the SA Convention.
8. **Adjourned Motions and Business-**
  - 8.1 Election of Chairman- Gavin Harris Moved Rolf Goodacre, Seconded D Thalbourne
  - 8.2 Election of Vice Chairman- Three worthy contenders Phil Squire, David Thalbourne, Tony Perkins. All of these candidates would have the competence and knowledge to excel in this position. A vote was taken and Tony Perkins gained a majority vote. MSC
9. **Notice of Motion from the COM** to change
  - 8.5.1 **From** - Subject to these rules, every member of the association is entitled to vote at a meeting of the association. Attendance at that meeting is required for a valid vote.
  - 8.5.1 **To** - Subject to these rules, every member of the association is entitled to vote at a meeting of the association. For those that cannot attend the meeting, a Postal vote can be applied for by contacting the General Secretary at least 7 days before the meeting, an email from the members own email account or return letter via the post will be accepted up to 24 hours before the meeting.

**Bob Hill tabled an Admendment for proxy votes**, there was **no** Seconder for the admendment, so it lapsed back to the Notice of motion, of which was passed with a majority vote by the Members. MSCarried Postal votes allowed as of this point.

**10. Correspondence In**

**1 Email from Alan Agar-** Nominating D Thalbourne for Vice Chairman.

**2 Nomination from Warren March** for Phil Squire for Vice Chairman.

**3 Email from Geoff Rayment** Nominating Tony Perkins for Vice Chairman.

**11. General Business**

**1) Notice of Motion to change by the SAHPA**

**9.4.1 Rule 6.2.1d and 6.2.8 change**

**FROM-** Nominations/Applications for appointment/election to the committee shall be received in writing by 31st December of each year.

**TO-** Nominations/Applications for appointment/election to the committee shall be received in writing by 31st January of each year.

**The Motion was voted on and was successful by a majority. MSCarried.**

**9.4.2 SAHPA change Rule13.3.3**

**FROM-** Notices of motion for change are required by 31st December of each year for resolution at the annual general meeting.

**TO-** Notices of motion for change are required by 31st January of each year for resolution at the annual general meeting.

**The Motion was voted on and was successful by a majority. MSCarried**

**9.4.3 Notice of Motion from - The Central Districts Club**

**FROM - 6.2.7** The five electorate committee members shall be elected by members of the respective electorates.

(a) The electorate members shall be elected for three year terms and where possible aim for a staggered term rotations.

(b) The vice chairperson, general secretary, and treasurer may be elected as an electorate committee person as one of the five electorate committee members.

The CDRPC club feels that with the decline in membership we previously had a member represent close to 90 members (membership 450 into 5 electorates).

However we now have only 150 members which mean a COM member is elected by only 30 members. Clearly times have changed. Our motion is aimed at getting the best five people elected on the COM. The detail on elections is best determined by the COM.

**TO – 6.2.7** The committee members shall be elected by members of the respective electorates. (a) Three of the five committee members shall be elected from three electorates defined by the Committee of Management. The two remaining COM members to be drawn

from the whole of the association and will represent all members.

(b) The electorate members shall be elected for three year terms and where possible aim for a staggered term rotations.

(c) The vice chairperson, general secretary, and treasurer may be elected as an electorate committee person as one of the five electorate committee members.

**Amendment from the SAHPA COM to add an extra sub clause (b) relating to only having a maximum of 2 Delegates from each electorate.**

**TO – 6.2.7** The committee members shall be elected by members of the respective electorates. (a) Three of the five committee members shall be elected from three electorates defined by the Committee of Management (North, Central and South). The two remaining COM members to be drawn from the whole of the association and will represent all members.

(b) Maximum of 2 committee members from any one electorate.

(c) The electorate members shall be elected for three year terms and where possible aim for a staggered term rotations.

(d) The vice chairperson, general secretary, and treasurer may be elected as an electorate committee person as one of the five electorate committee members.

**The Amendment by the SAHPA COM was accepted but was then defeated by a majority when put up against the original rule, the existing rule remains in place.**

**9.4.4 Email from Central Districts Club with Notice of Motion** as follows

The CDRPC moves a motion that the North East line of flight for the 2024 Racing season be changed to the East line. (Motion requirements were met.)

**9.4.5 Email from Kingsford Club with Notice of Motion** to change the Northeast Line to Southeast in 2024 (Motion requirements were met)

In the event the proposal is unsuccessful we would like to fly Glendambo & Little Topar Opens on the dates currently scheduled for the YBC and SAD, July 27th and 3rd August and the YBC and SAD, be flown on Aug 10th & 17th.

**11.2 9.4.6 Vote on Lines of Flight for 2024.**

A voting slip with preferences for North East, East, Traditional South East and Lower South East were handed out and counted at the AGM. The line chosen will be in place for only this season and a Lines of Flight Special Meeting will be held in June 2024 for future years normally 3 years but that is also voted on at the meeting.

**The Motion** was voted on and the **North East** line was successful by a majority.

**MSCarried**

**11.3 Recommendations from Young Future Directions Committee for discussion.**

1. **No trainers** on truck during races- Discussion took place and the members wish to retain the option of sending trainers on the race truck.

2. **Section flying**- To be discussed by the promotions committee.

3. **Bird qualification** a lengthy discussion took place and the chair decided that his reading of the participants was that the majority did not want qualification.

4. **Pools**- To be discussed by the promotions committee.

5. **Promoting our sport to Ethnic Groups**- To be discussed by the promotions committee.

6) **Email from Para Hills Club**- Mixing of race birds in baskets.

After discussion the rules remain the same, it is up to the clubs whether they mix the birds or not. It is the recommendation of the Chairman that all birds be mixed.

7) **Thank you to Troy Tirrell** for donating Bathroom sinks toilets etc for bathroom renovation.

8) **Thank you to Ray McIlduff** who spent many days doing the renovation free of charge, now we can invite the Disability SA to the hall as per request.

9) **R Williams** asked to discuss the management of 2 races on one weekend e.g. Hawker/Manna Hill. The Committee will follow up on recommendations from the floor, the majority were in favour of having the double headers on the weekend, rather than midweek.

10) **Call for a member to volunteer** to do weekly winner photos and interviews to be posted on our website weekly.

Darren Aquillina has volunteered to do weekly reports. Thank you Darren.

11) **Call for members** to form a promotional Sub Committee chaired by Tony Perkins. Alan Agar and Michael Donnellan have agreed to be part of this Committee. Thank you. This Committee may raise funds to have weekly prize money.

12) **Ethical treatment of pigeons**

To all members please be aware to follow protocol under the guidelines of the Constitution.

13) **Call for members to help at the Royal show.**

Please contact the Secretary if you are able to help out, the SAHPA COM will consider buying some tickets that can be shared to people that volunteer to give up their time.

14) **Adelaide Pigeon Club and Golden Mile OLR Birds-** APC and GMC

have agreed, **not** to send birds to the **Stirling Nth 2 and the YBC** as per request of the COM.

The question of a separate releases for these races was mentioned, after discussion it was decided to release the birds with the SAHPA race birds.

15) **Life ring orders** to be placed as soon as possible.

The COM have adjusted the amount of Icon and normal rings to be ordered, we will also check the inside diameter of the Icon rings.

16) Ricky Drew asked not to change the direction of the race from the program (Eg. The Twins to Marree due to Easterlies). David Buxton gave support to request.

The Release panel will continue to make the decisions on race day based on weather forecasts, changes of race points are decided by SAHPA COM based on recommendations from the Release Panel.

17) Congratulations to the Release Panel on a difficult 2023 season.

18) The AGM voting is currently based on membership of the 2023 season, Alan Agar raised the issue that the SAHPA COM should consider basing the voting on the membership for the current season about to start, that is members paid up for 2024 season. The COM to discuss further.

19) Alan Agar suggests there should be a honour board with the names of former Chairman / office bearers, Gavin Harris suggested we could do a virtual honour board and place it on the website. MSC

20) Perry Burton is against races being brought forward as far as Wednesday as it upsets the routine to prepare a bird for the race. The COM will consider if the situation occurs again.

21) Keith Bowen asked about the Club Insurances - The COM recently made the decision to revert back to Shield insurance.

22) Michael Donnellan informed the COM he was going to pay an individual to enter Benzing live results. The COM were ok with this private agreement saying the individual should be a member of the association. Gavin indicated that he will contact Benzing to see if they have developed an API that our Result System could extract the data direct into our results system which would save the data entry step apart from perhaps entering pools.

12. Meeting Closed at 3:50pm.