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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION COM Minutes Wednesday 6.30 pm 10th April 2024

1. **Meeting** – opened at 6.30pm by the Chairman.  
**Present:** Mr G Harris (Chairman) Mr B Andrewartha, Mr M Donnellan, Mr G Hodgins, Mr J Jackson, Mr W March, Mr T Perkins (Secretary)
2. **Apologies** - Nil
3. **Previous Minutes 6/03/2024** Accepted MSC
4. **Treasurer's report-** Report from David Walker was tabled MSC
5. **Business arising from previous minutes.**
  1. **Concrete grinding in truck bay.**  
COM has approved. MSC
6. **Correspondence**
  1. **Email from VRPB re Code of Practice.**  
Received.
  2. **Email from Ricky Drew** application for Release Panel.
  3. **Letter from HVRPC re Postal Voting.**  
The COM will refine our guidelines for postal voting.  
Thank you to the HVRPC.
  4. **Alan Agar-** Pools
  5. **Gavin to Attila-** Benzing results.  
Ongoing discussion with Benzing
  6. **Email from Gavin-** Tossing program draft.  
Gavin presented the draft and it was accepted by the COM Thank you Gavin. The tossing program will soon be sent to Secretaries and posted on the website.
  7. **Email from the SALDC with their committee minutes.**  
Received.
7. **Correspondence Out.** – Nil.

## 8. **General Business.**

### 1. **Release Panel**

The COM wishes to thank Greg Hodgins, Fred DiMella, Ricky Drew, Bronte Andrewartha and Tim Fawcett for their applications.

The COM congratulates, Tim Fawcett, Bronte Andrewartha and Ricky Drew to form our 2024 Release Panel.

### 2. **Race program.**

Final changes are being made to the program and will be posted as soon as possible.

### 3. **Vehicles registration.**

Treasurers please register all vehicles and trailers as at 19/04/2024.

### 4. **"Get On" donation**

The Melbourne Horse Racing television program called "**Get ON**", will be racing in the Golden Mile One Loft Race. 4 Members Peter Burke, Joe Jackson, Geoff Cawte and Michael Donnellan have chosen to allocate their birds for this promotion to the 4 panellists of the show. In the event the birds allocated to the panellists do not gain a placing in the race, The COM will donate \$1000 per race (split 1<sup>st</sup> \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$200) which will be paid to a charity of the Get On Panellist choice. This is an excellent promotion.

### 5. **Naming of races-** Hodgins, Cawte, Fewings, Chapman, Marafiote, Fawcett, DiMella, Stojakovic and John Pryor.

The COM has decided to implement Ricky Williams's suggestion to continue to name Association races in honour of these flyers as recognition for their contribution to the sport. This will be an ongoing initiative in 2025 with other worthy recipients.

### 6. **Honorariums 2024.**

Most Honorariums to remain the same, we increased the Loading Stewards from \$30 to \$50 a night. We also increased the payment for the 3<sup>rd</sup> day when paying the Unit Driver, from \$200 to \$300.

### 7. **SAHPA Kiosk.**

Annette Sizer has applied to run the canteen for 2024.

The COM has approved, with no fee applied as it is providing a service to members. MSC

### 8. **Set Club fee for using the SAHPA hall for basketing.**

The SAHPA COM agreed to reduce the fee per club flyer from \$70 to \$50 each. The fees are now set at \$200 per club plus \$50 per Member.

Members of the Golden Mile Club will pay \$200 club fee as well as the \$50 each, M Donnellan and Tony Perkins.

The Return Members of the Golden Mile Club who are only racing 10 pigeons will pay \$10 each. These Members have already paid the full \$200 capitation fee each. The SAHPA COM thanked Tony for attracting these members back to racing.

### 9. **Review and update the 2024 planning document.**

Gavin will complete the edit based on feedback from SAHPA COM and we will publish it on the SAHPA website and send copies to all club secretaries.

### 10. **Review and approve the SAHPA pools submission** from Darren Aquilina, Alan Agar, Joe Jackson and Tom Tirrell.

The COM has approved the submission. MSC

This will be posted on the website and sent to all club secretaries.

**Please Note the SAHPA 5 bird pools will be dropped for 2024.**

**11. Set date for lines of flight meeting.**

The meeting will be held on **Sunday the 30th of June at 1pm**. Voting slips will be drafted. If you intend to do a postal vote you will need to contact the General Secretary for one to be sent out. No phone calls with your vote will be taken, only dedicated emails and postal votes.

The SAHPA Committee agreed that the N/NW line will be one of the lines and therefore the lines that we will have preferential voting on the slips will be "North East, East, Traditional South East and South East". The SAHPA COM decided to not provide a West option.

**Please note when the next 2 or 3 year term is set the COM will not accept any Notice of Motions to change the line of flight until the term has ended, If the COM believes a change should be made, we will then hold a meeting.**

**12. Prepaid Lists- The procedure for prepaid will remain the same as 2023.**

The COM will calculate the cost and inform everybody as soon as we have all prepaid lists in. Clubs provide numbers by 6pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May, Secretary, Treasurer and Chair to agree on the charge per bird and publish the amount on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of March, clubs collect money and send club cover sheets with totals for each member, flyer prepaid lists with a cover sheet for each member and arrange electronic payment, cash or cheque to SAHPA.

**13. Website advertisement charges.**

The charge will remain the same as 2023, \$275 per advert.

**14. Yearbook.**

The COM has decided to write guidelines on the mandatory content of the yearbook.

Michael Donnellan will complete this task in conjunction with Alan Agar.

The COM gave approval for extra pages to be added to the 2024 edition. MSC The Treasurer to reimburse Michael Donnellan for any charges incurred.

**15. The Junior Honour board** has been installed in the hall- Thanks go to Nenad Stojakovic, Greg Hodgins and Tony Perkins.

**16.** The COM made the decision to purchase a whipper snipper to do the weeds at the headquarters. MSC

**17. Storage and parking** charges to Harvey Norman will increase by 4%, Adelaide CPI increase between December 2022 and December 2023 was 4.8%. Could the Treasurer please prepare a letter to our clients, Harvey Norman and Thomas Transport outlining the CPI increase? We have agreed to not pass on the CIP rise to Laserworld as they have been using the car park for less than a year and not parking as many cars as originally negotiated.

**17.1 The SAHPA COM** as a gesture of good spirit to our fellow pigeon enthusiasts have decided to allow the SA Canary and Pigeon Society to store their container on our land for zero cost, we have been charging them \$500 a year for the last decade.

**9. Meeting Closed at 10PM.**

**10. Next Meeting – Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 6.30pm**