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## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION**

### **Chairman and Secretary meeting with COM Monday 29th August 2022, 7.00pm**

1. Meeting – opened at 7:00pm by Chairman  
**Present:** Mr G Hamilton (Chairman), Mr T Tirrell (Treasurer), Mr R Sommerville (Vice Chairman) Mr G Mitchell, Mr D Walker, Mr R Williams, Mr G Hodgins, Mr W March, J Harper (Secretary), Club Secretaries and Chairmen (All names recorded)
2. **Apologies:** nil
3. **2023 Race Program**
  - i. G Kakoschke (Metro) Supportive of the draft program but would prefer YBC & SAD after the Open event, also swap The Twins with Marla.
  - ii. J Cock (Vitesse) supportive of the program from D Walker's clubs.
  - iii. F DiMella (Nth Sub) members not in favour of Alice Springs, Cock's Special and Border Village for SAHPA points, they should be run by LDC.
  - iv. The Chairman asked for a show of hands of those not in favour of Alice Springs for points. The majority clearly were not in favour.
  - v. T McBeath (Pt Adel) mentioned that there was only one lead up race to the NE line on the D Walker's club program.
  - vi. The Chairman asked for a show of hands for support of the COM draft race program. The majority were in support.
  - vii. R Goodacre (West Torrens) would prefer three lead-up races from St Nth/Carrieton and only one Bookaloo not two.
  - viii. G Rayment (Kingsford) discussed Yunta as a race point which was scrapped last season. Also mentioned that mostly old birds were raced early and perhaps we should have more come -back races for young birds.
  - ix. J Marafiote (Metro) would prefer young bird races 4-6 weeks after the start of the program, which in his view starts too early. We should begin in June not May as we tend to rush young birds which can lead to losses. Preference for one N/W and one N/E come-back races 4 weeks before the Derbies.

- x. The Chairman asked for a vote from the floor on J Marafiote's view and the majority were in favour of the idea.
- xi. G Harris (Sthn Vales) Mentioned that we should be mindful of hot weather for Alice & Marla if we have a later start.
- xii. W March (L/Murray) Discussed the option of \$1 trainers for early races as an additional source of income.
- xiii. W Griffiths (Vitesse) View that we shouldn't be flying the East line at all.

#### **4. 2023 Pre-pay**

- i. J Cock (Vitesse) Discussed his preference for the Victorian system of buying Race Starts, which for Victorian clubs is ~\$1.20 per start. Keeping in mind that their racing costs are reduced from rental income which is derived by leasing a portion of their building.
- ii. J Marafiote (Metro) Also in favour of Race Starts.
- iii. T Tirrell advised members of the additional costs of racing.
- iv. G Kakoschke (Metro) View that any additional income such as the Harvey Norman money should be used to offset racing costs.
- v. G Rayment (Kingsford) discussed how each flyer could manage their own number of starts.
- vi. The Chairman asked for a show of hands from the floor of those in favour of no pre-paid bird lists. The majority were in favour.
- vii. D Walker gave an explanation and breakdown of calculations for Race Starts.
- viii. J Cock (Vitesse) Questioned the real costs of racing with the view that Depreciation should not be included.
- ix. G Harris (Sthn Vales) Explained that the correct accounting practice is to include Depreciation. The Hino truck could be depreciated over 20 years not 10 years.
- x. F DiMella (Nth Sub) Explained that the Hino Truck could safely clock up 700-800,000 kms before we needed to change.
- xi. The Chairman explained that the COM would endeavour to keep the cost of racing down with any profits generated from the Convention etc.
- xii. T McBeath (Pt Adel) Advised that more clubs could be basketing at the Assoc hall in the future due to loss of their clubrooms which is most likely for Port Adelaide.

#### **5. Crate Allocation**

- i. D Walker explained the reasoning behind crate allocation numbers for clubs which was based on a 30-bird limit, the number of flyers in each club and the largest bird numbers.
- ii. G Rayment (Kingsford) mentioned that flyers should have been notified before the breeding season as to the 30-bird limit.

#### **6. Ring Allocation**

- i. T Tirrell explained the rotation basis in place for ring allocation. Comments from the floor that the colours should be contrasting and not similar to the previous year.

#### **7. November Convention**

- i. The Chairman called for support from the members to attend the November Convention and outlined the schedule for the 4 days

commencing with the loft visits on Friday, pigeon auction and presentation night on Saturday with guest speaker Johnny Letts, another pigeon auction on Sunday then concluding with a sausage sizzle at headquarters on the Monday. It is important that members advise how many are attending and for all clubs to book a table for Saturday night.

- ii. Question from the floor, can a different menu be supplied for Junior flyers?

## **8. Prize Money**

- i. The Chairman asked for a show of hands from those in favour of prizemoney, around half in favour half against.
- ii. G Raymond (Kingsford) suggested that those owners who wished to fly for prizemoney could donate a pigeon to an auction where they could participate amongst themselves for prizemoney from the proceeds.
- iii. Concerns were raised from the floor that the leading flyers will take the largest share of prizemoney, therefore it should be spread over 10 prizes or perhaps Zones.
- iv. Another comment from the floor was that we should be more concerned with lowering costs for flyers rather than competing for prizemoney.

## **9. 2022 Yearbook**

- i. The Chairman advised that due to positive feedback back from the Clubs there would be a 2022 yearbook with Alan Agar and Michael Donnellan taking on the project.

## **10. Code of Practice Review**

- i. The review of the document is currently being undertaken by D Walker, W March and R Goodacre.

## **11. Constitution Review**

- i. The review of the Constitution is currently being undertaken by D Walker, W March and R Goodacre. It will be presented in draft form, open to comment, and then to be finally approved by the members at the AGM.

## **12. Points and Certificates**

- i. The Chairman asked for a show of hands from members who were in favour of an open clocking system, with the majority in agreement.
- ii. It was agreed that there should only be 1 bird entered in the 5-bird result.
- iii. The majority were in favour of separate points for SDC, MDC and LDC, with an overall points winner.

## **13. General Feedback**

- i. J Marafiote (Metro) questioned the SAHPA ruling on compulsory vaccination. The Chairman advised that the COM requests that all fliers vaccinate their birds but there is no penalty for those that choose not to.
- ii. J Marafiote also asked if the COM would consider buying vaccine for all members which could result in lower purchase costs.
- iii. B Hill (Happy Valley) questioned the validity of the letter from The Adelaide Plains Council advising that pigeons cannot be released on Council land at Dublin and Thompson's Beach. The COM will seek legal advice on the letter.

**Meeting closed: 8:45 pm**