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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION COM Meeting Tuesday 7th Feb 2023

1. Meeting opened at: 6:30 pm

Present: D Walker, W March, G Mitchell, G Hodgins, R Williams, T Tirrell

(Treasurer), J Harper (Secretary)

Invited guest. G Harris

The Secretary opened the meeting and the COM approved that G Harris chair the meeting. **M, S, Carried**

- 2. Apologies: R Somerville (Vice Chairman)
- 3. Previous Minutes 10/01/2023 true and correct. M, S, Carried

4. Treasurer's report

- a. Overview of bank account.
- b. Discussion on Budget figures for 2023. Budget accepted. M, S, Carried
- c. Summary of meeting with A Selway from Handley Accounting Services & Chartered Accountants.
- d. Discussion on whether we need to register for GST. As this year's budget forecast is under \$150k it was moved that we not register for GST. If we go above that figure during the year we will register. **M, S Carried**.
- e. PACC rental rebate. Requested information sent back to council. Donation to charities to be included in the next questionnaire.
- f. Term Deposit to be reinvested at a higher interest rate for 12 months. M,
 S, Carried
- g. Resignation of Treasurer. T Tirrell advised that he would not be continuing as treasurer after the AGM. The COM were appreciative of his outstanding contribution and gave a vote of thanks. As the position will become vacant, nominations will now be called for.

5. Business arising from minutes:

G Harris to contact G Hamilton regarding Chairmans report for 2022 and G Hamilton's vision for the future of pigeon racing.

6. Correspondence In:

- i. Application for position of Chairman from G. Harris
- ii. Re nomination for COM position from W. March
- iii. Nomination for vacant COM position from B. Andrewartha.
- iv. Minutes of SALDC meeting. Race dates and release points approved.M, S, Carried.
- v. Advice of race program from Adelaide Pigeon Club. If the SAHPA members approve of trainers to accompany race birds there may not be enough room on the truck when the APC are also on board in the early races. Clubs will have to be mindful of not exceeding their crate allocation.
- vi. Request from Ring secretary regarding the inclusion of a contact number on affiliated club life rings. Advice that all affiliated club life rings now have their contact number on the rings.
- vii. Request from A. Agar regarding internet costs. Payment of half the monthly cost approved. **M, S, Carried.**
- **viii.** Email from A. Agar requesting payment for completion of yearbook. Payment completed.

7. Correspondence Out:

- i. Reply to G.Harris
- ii. Reply to B Andrewartha
- iii. Contact with Wayne Wilson Signs. Signwriting for honour boards unable to be completed until late March/April due to shoulder operation.(addition from Secretary after the meeting.)

8. General Business

- **a.** Planned use of money raised at convention to benefit the sport. Plan to be put to members at the AGM.
- **b.** New Race Spots system of prepayment for 2023. Detailed explanation of system to be submitted to the members for approval at AGM along with comparison to existing prepaid method.
- c. Final draft of Constitution and By-Laws for AGM. Updated and completed.
- **d.** Info from Geraldy regarding replacement parts for truck and trailer. Order now changed to five perspex hatch covers and handles. W March to oversee. **M, S, Carried**.
- e. Request for a quotation from Evolving Solutions for a software program that would allow members to download and print all the relevant certificates for SAHPA races. **M,S.Carried**
- **f.** Secretary and Chairmans meeting to be called at a date after the AGM.

- g. Meeting to be called at headquarters for those members interested in a midweek SE line series.
- h. Due to the imbalance of N/E to N/W races on the 2023 program it was decided to include a race from The Twins on Friday 22nd September with birds being basketed on the Wednesday with the Marla birds who will be released on Saturday 23rd. M, S,Carried
- i. Ace Series award rule regarding birds finishing position in the first 5% or 10% of the field to be voted on at AGM.
- j. SA Long Distance Racing Club minutes to be published under Club pages on the SAHPA website. M, S, Carried

9. Other Business

- i. Roller door flashing repairs to be done by N Stojakovic. Ongoing.
- **ii.** Roo Bar for Mazda Ute. G Hodgins submitted prices from several suppliers and will book in vehicle.
- **iii.** Entrance to the truck bay to be widened to allow easier access especially when reversing the truck. Warren March liaising with concrete cutter. Weather delayed completion of job. Ongoing.
- iv. Hino maintenance. New tyres, perspex covers & frames, side curtains and padding for two front seats. Perspex covers. frames and handles to be ordered from Geraldy after locally sourced replacement deemed too expensive. Cost savings on new curtains sourced locally by Warren March. Tyres and seats to both be done at the same time.
- v. Tossing trailer maintenance. Replacement of latches, new spare tyre, improvement to airflow inside unit. Nenad Stojakovic to oversee maintenance. Ongoing.
- vi. SAHPA Logo. Current logo quite acceptable for present.
- vii. Review of Certificates and Trophies for 2023 season submitted by David Walker and to be published on website. **M, S, Carried**
- viii. SAHPA Vet and information night planned for late April 2023. Ongoing.
- ix. Website management and possible upgrade. Ongoing.
- **x.** Promotion of pigeon racing to various ethnic groups with further discussion on a planned approach.
- xi. Weeds in carpark to be sprayed by W March and G Hodgins.

10. Meeting Closed: 10:00 pm

11. Next Meeting – Wednesday 8th March.