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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION COM Minutes Wednesday 6.30 pm 7th February 2024

1. **Meeting** – opened at 6.30pm by Chairperson.
Present: Mr G Harris (Chairperson), Mr R Williams, Mr G Hodgins, Mr W March, Mr G Mitchell, Mr B Andrewartha. Mr T Perkins (Secretary).
2. **Apologies** –
3. **Previous Minutes 03/1/24 MSC**
4. **Business arising from previous minutes.**
 - 1) Concrete grinding – Bronte
5. **Treasurers report** – Email update provided by David Walker; financial statements are with the Auditor. MSC
6. **Correspondence In**
 - 1 Transport driver application Alex Stojakovic
 - 2 Convoyer application Joe Jackson
 - 3 Application for Chairman from Gavin Harris
 - 4 Application for Training unit driver from Nick Albanos.
 - 5 Application for Ring Secretary from Sofia Thalbourne.
 - 6 Application for General Secretary from Tony Perkins
 - 7 Application from Greg Hodgins for Transport cleaner.
 - 8 Application from Alan Agar for IT Manager.
 - 9 Application from Lee Abbott for position of Clock Chairman.
 - 10 Application from Fred DiMella for Release Officer
 - 11 Application from Tim Fawcett for Release Officer
 - 12 Application for Cleaner from Cathy Barlow
 - 13 Please note: Nominations for positions for Release Panel, Cleaners, Convoyer, Drivers Loading Stewards, Race Adjudicator remain open until the AGM.
 - 14 Nomination for Eastern Zone from Fred DiMella
 - 15 Email from Centrals Club with Notice of Motion for Change 6.2.1 (b) in the Constitution, 5 Delegate zones back to three Zones North South and Central, retaining 5 Delegates. Amendment from the SAHPA COM to add an extra sub clause to 6.2.1 (b) A maximum of 2 Delegates per Zone. Will be voted on at AGM, MSC.
 - 16 Email from Russell Somerville – re resignation from SAHPA clock chairman and SAHPA Vice Chairman. The SAHPA COM thank Russell for his services to SAHPA.
 - 17 Phone call from Royal Bird Company re Sponsorship of The Golden Mile Racing Pigeon Club and possibly the SAHPA.
Tony to follow up.

- 18 Email from Para Hills club about Mixing Flyer's birds in race baskets. SAHPA COM will add this item to the AGM agenda, and it will be discussed, and a vote will be taken.

7. Correspondence Out – None

8. General Business.

- 1) Postal votes will be sent out to all Members involved in this year's voting for Delegates.
Northern Delegate: Graham Mitchell vs Joe Jackson.
Western Delegate: Ricky Williams vs Michael Donnellan.
Eastern Delegate: Greg Hodgins vs Fred DiMella.

Emails will be sent to those who have email addresses and letters to the others that don't.

- 2) Race Bylaws – Warren discussed.
- 3) Evaluation of Results – Warren discussed number of members present.
- 4) Club Membership lists for 2024-
Gavin to collate a file of Club lists to be sent out to Clubs for alterations and additions.
- 5) Tony to Invite Darren Aquilina to be an assistant Treasurer for later part of the season to work with Treasurer David Walker with the plan to become Treasurer in 2025. We recognise Darrens expertise in the accounting field and believe he will become an excellent Treasurer for the SAHPA in the future.
- 6) ANRPB would like to Congratulate Brian Donovan on his pigeon being selected as the winner of the Australian Ace Bird for Middle to Long Distance.
- 7) Gavin to contact Alan Agar about allowing a Banned person to rejoin Facebook group.
- 8) Gavin to contact Alan Agar about editing the Golden Mile video.
- 9) Royal Show 2024, open invite for SAHPA Members to volunteer for shifts in the Pigeon Hall to promote our sport, SAHPA to provide tickets to the Show grounds.
- 10) Warren tabled a criteria for All and New Committee of Management Delegates
 1. During meeting all mobiles to be placed on silent or turned off.
 2. All Agenda items discussed are in camera, until such time the minutes are published.
 3. Other non-agenda matters discussed between members during COM meetings stay that way, particularly if disagreement, unless the subject is common knowledge with SAHPA members, (I heard that etc, etc, gossip)
 4. All COM are to be available for contact by phone or text at all reasonable hours. COM receiving message that obviously should be replied to shall do so ASAP, even with simple "Thumbs up" if in agreement.
 5. Decisions made within COM should be supported when discussing with other SAHPA members.
 6. COM should all have a working knowledge of the Constitution and Rules. When asked questions about same from Members, if unsure, COM member should endeavour to find the answer and convey back to the member asap.
 7. Minutes of COM meeting, when distributed by General Secretary should be confirmed within 1 business working day, by email to "reply all" link. Any suggested alterations of minutes should be sent by email for all to read, and remainder of COM to confirm or otherwise by email and make appropriate comment if required, again using "reply all".
 8. COM will endeavour to submit in writing items for next COM meeting to enable rest of COM to give consideration to the matter before the meeting.
 9. COM to be aware of SAHPA social media policy and not comment with statements in conflict with current policies or decisions.

10. COM to respect the dignity of the Chair.

9. AGM agenda items to be tabled:

- a. Vote on Postal Voting changes to constitution.
- b. Lines of Flight for 2024 season discussion and vote. Based on Notices of motion by Central Districts (East Line) and Kingsford (Southeast).
- c. Zones – Notice of Motion from Central Districts club proposing 5 delegates but only 3 zones with 2 delegates from overall membership.
- d. Ethical Treatment of pigeon's discussion
- e. Royal Show promotion request for volunteers
- f. Discussion and Vote on mixing Flyer's birds into multiple race crates as requested by Para Hills club.
- g. Discussion on Separate Releases for One Loft Races in 2025 (whatever is voted on would only take effect from 2025)
- h. Discussion Five Bird Specials (such as The Twins 5BS not be held 30-minute release after Open) but on opposite line of flight in future years, increase in freight cost and need for second transport unit.
- i. Various Recommendations made by Young Flyers Future Directions Committee to be discussed and show of hands on some recommendations.
- j. Open invite to members to join Promotions Subcommittee chaired by Tony Perkins
- k. Open invite for a member(s) to volunteer to Promote each week's winner on Facebook and our website

10. Meeting Closed at 10pm

11. Next Meeting – Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 6.30pm.