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## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION COM Minutes Wednesday 7pm 5th July 2023**

1. **Meeting** – opened at 6.55pm by Chairperson.  
**Present:** Mr G Harris (Chairperson), Mr B Andrewartha, Mr R Williams, Mr G Hodgins, Mr W March, Mr. G Mitchell, Mr T Perkins (Secretary)
2. **Apologies** – Mr R Somerville (Vice Chairperson)
3. **Previous Minutes 07/06/2023 – Accepted – MSCarried.**
4. **Business arising from previous minutes.**
  - 1) Proxy voting- Ongoing- Warren to finalise document.
  - 2) Carpark weeds- Greg Hodgins sprayed all the weeds- Thank you Greg.
5. **Treasurers report.** - Tabled **MSC**
6. **Correspondence In –**
  - 1) Safework Sa- Gavin to handle.
  - 2) Email from Alan Agar/ Michael Donnellan re Yearbook- reply in General business.
  - 3) Email from Glenelg Club asking if they were allowed to use their full allocation of baskets each race by putting less pigeons in each basket for the welfare and education of the birds.  
**The COM after some discussion voted to stay with what is on the race card being 28 birds for one night race and 22 for two-night races. MSC**
  - 4) Email from Mike Bills of Hunter Premium Produce seeking contacts to sell grain.
  - 5) Email from Barossa Club re Mega clocking System issue on Bookaloo 1 race.
  - 6) Email from Barossa Club re query on Benzing rounding of G2 clocks.
7. **Correspondence Out –**
  - 1) Email to Mike Bills with a list of popular grain stores in Adelaide.
  - 2) Email to Barossa Club- The COM agreed the process used to complete the Club result was legally acceptable for a Club race. The two positions in the Benzing Short Distance Competition will stand. MSC  
Second point- Benzing clocks- Any electronic clock that does not have the decimal point will be read as is. Tipes, Taurus, Benzing gave us no answer on automatic rounding up or down on ETS clocks that don't have the decimal point. Electronic clocks that show decimals of a second to be rounded, that is 0.50 and above round up, 0,49 and below round down.

## 8 General Business.

- 1) Ring order- Clubs are now asked to place their ring or for 2024 season using the ring form on the SAHPA website.
- 2) Race program draft- The COM will forward a draft to the Clubs next week to obtain some feedback.
- 3) Tools- The COM set a \$500 budget to purchase tools for the Association as there is currently zero tools for maintenance.
- 4) Yearbook- The COM allocated \$1600 for the 2023 Yearbook to be completed by Michael Donnellan and Alan Agar. Smaller budget this year as there are only 14 Association races. The COM prefers the A4 size yearbook. MSC
- 5) School and greyhound races update. Golden Mile Loft. promotions cage.
  - A. 3 School races have been completed and videotaped. The 5 Schools will name their 5 allocated pigeons, all birds have been photographed, then I will forward one race each week. School visits to the Golden Mile loft are available upon request.
  - B. The Greyhound Racing SA race has been completed from Port Wakefield, videotaped, and may be shown in-between races at Angle Pk greyhound track on race night. Gavin will be seeking permission to show on all TVs at the venue. Will keep you informed, hoping for your attendance.
  - C. A race with the Golden Mile birds is in discussion for the coming weeks, we will provide a free sausage sizzle and a free draw of the birds racing with a few prizes.
  - D. Yanis Bakirtzakis has provided a clock and Benzing live through the Hyde Pk Club. I had use of Rick and Len Drew's clock for the other races. Thank you to all parties for helping.
- 6) Tony to update the office working calendar.
- 7) The COM approves the LDC Cock Bird Special to be flown under prepaid rules, no charge to members. MSC
- 8) The COM approves the LDC to conduct a race from Tasmania in 2023. MSC
- 9) The COM approves the LDC to conduct a race from Ballarat in 2023. MSC
- 10) The COM approves the LDC to conduct a Sires Produce auction at the SAHPA hall on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. MSC, they encourage interstate donation of squeakers.
- 11) R Williams moved we ask the release panel to enter the estimated time of release of race birds on the website forum on basketing night. The COM agree MSC.
- 12) Disabled toilet, conversion of the ladies toilet to become a shared disabled toilet. Seek Ray McIllduff's advise.
- 13) All paperwork from the top 30 placings in the Benzing SDC and Association races must be forwarded to the association to be reviewed by our scrutineer Geoff Cawte. We ask Benzing Live users to print and send down if possible.
- 14) We encourage all Clubs to be reading out the prefix, year, and ring numbers when basketing so any discrepancies can be picked up before Association racing.
- 15) Clubs are reminded in case of a basket door falling off before the race has started that each pigeon basketed, has been recorded against what basket it goes in. The owner's birds in that basket will be disqualified from that race. If we do not know who they belong to, **we will disqualify the whole Club.**  
Hamper sheets are available on the website on the official's page.

9 Meeting Closed at 9.50pm.

10 Next Meeting – Wednesday 2nd Aug 2023 at 6.30pm.