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## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION COM Minutes Monday 7.00pm 28th March 2022**

1. Meeting – Opened at 7.05pm by Chairman, Mr Greg Hamilton.  
**Present:** Mr G Hamilton (Chairman), Mr R Somerville (Vice Chairman)  
Mr T Tirrell (Treasurer), Mr G Mitchell (General Secretary), Mr D Walker via Skype,  
Mr R Williams, Mr G Hodgins, Mr W March.  
**Guest:** Mr M Donnellan
2. **Apologies:** Nil.
3. **Previous Minutes 21/02/2022 and 20/03/2022 Accepted M, S, Carried**
  - a. COM approved AGM Minutes; members have until Friday 1 April.
4. **Treasurer's report**
  - a. Capitations have started to come in. Reminder all due by 31 March, along with Club Member lists. Graham Mitchell to send out reminder.
  - b. Dodo have advised they can no longer provide our electricity as we are non-residential. The next best option is Energy Australia who offer \$9.35 per kw based on 107 kw usage. Energy Australia appointed. **Accepted M, S, Carried**
  - c. Currently working towards having all insurances, i.e., Public Liability for all clubs, Building and Contents, vehicles and trailers, fall due on the same day. Working with current broker, Shield Insurance, to facilitate this. Ongoing.
  - d. Standard operating procedure to be documented for trailer electrical systems. Ongoing.
5. **Promotions Officer**
  - a. Michael Donnellan addressed the meeting in regard to engaging a local artist to paint a mural on the front façade of the SAHPA building, cost quoted \$13,250. Have been seeking a local government grant to offset the cost, total available \$3,000. After discussion resolved not to proceed at this point.
  - b. David Walker and Michael Donnellan to discuss our possible participation in the Animal Expo. Ongoing. Michael left the meeting.
6. **Business arising from minutes**
  - a. **Clock and Race rules amendments confirmation**
    - i. Warren March and Graham Mitchell had some queries on these documents to be forwarded to David Walker. **GM to distribute amended document for approval by 1 April. To be ratified at the 2023 AGM.**
    - ii. Russell Somerville expressed concern re the integrity of the EBSS flyer/clock database, particularly where multiple flyers with different flyer numbers use the one clock. Graham Mitchell advised that he, Tom Tirrell, and Alan Agar are currently working on this.

- b. Basket Allocation**
  - i. Tom Tirrell advised this cannot be completed until such time as all Club Member lists are received and updated. Graham Mitchell to issue reminder via the Forum.
- c. March & Rayment trailer status**
  - i. Warren March advised that the Rayment trailer is good to go, and both units are “fit for purpose”. The March trailer requires some minor mods as advised by Nenad Stojakovic. Warren March to contact Nenad and advise him to proceed.
- d. Geraldty truck & trailer status**
  - i. Tom Tirrell advised that Belair Auto Electrical are booked to attend to electrical works on the Geraldty. The truck also needs to be serviced. Ongoing.
- e. Plastic grate flooring from Geraldty**
  - i. Warren March advised that the plastic floor grates for the Geraldty crates are currently enroute by sea to Melbourne, he has completed and lodged the relevant customs documentation, and received confirmation from the import agent the ship is scheduled to dock Wednesday 30 March. No delivery date at present. Ongoing.
  - ii. The SAHPA has received the freight credit advised previously.
- f. Geraldty toss programme status**
  - i. David Walker moved to accept the proposed program. After further discussion it was resolved that Port Wakefield tosses load on the Saturday night, and the cost for Hawker tosses be \$1.00 per bird. Each club is responsible for loading their own birds and handling their own payments via EFT to the Treasurer. **Accepted M, S, Carried**
  - ii. Currently 134 grates are allocated to various clubs, leaving 66 available for other clubs at a cost of \$30 each. Graham Mitchell to contact clubs.
- g. Contractor toss status**
  - i. A proposal was tabled from Bob Hill of the Happy Valley Racing Pigeon Club. David Walker is to discuss payment with Bob Hill. **Accepted M, S, Carried**
  - ii. Greg Hamilton to call Nick Albanos as he also advised he would be available to toss the birds.
- h. Multi flyer to a single clock and loft**
  - i. This item is to be placed on the agenda for the 2023 AGM.
- i. SAHPA purchase of bulk PCR tests for PMV and Rota**
  - i. Russell Somerville to advise the cost at the next COM meeting. The clubs will be responsible for managing the purchase on behalf of their members. Ongoing.
- j. Request from VRPU re donation – Herpes disease research**
  - i. Greg Kakoschke from the ANRPB has advised that ANRPB regulations stipulate that their funds cannot be used for Herpes research. In light of that the ANRPB has donated \$500 from their general fund. The COM resolved to donate likewise. Tom Tirrell to contact Marc Tenaglia of the VRPU to advise and make arrangements. **Accepted M, S, Carried**
- k. Other business**
  - i. Tom Tirrell advised that the motorised jockey wheel on the Geraldty trailer has been installed.
  - ii. Graham Mitchell to call Mark Hutchison re a date for the flashing repairs above the truck roller door.

- iii. Greg Hamilton to contact Alex Stojakovic in regard to the additional SAHPA tosses.
- iv. Warren March advised he has had correspondence from SFRPC with a question re basketing documents as an affiliated country club.
- v. Tom Tirrell to send Greg Hamilton and Graham Mitchell the hamper allocation spread sheet.
- vi. Greg Hamilton advised he will poison the weeds along the driveway this week.

## 7. Correspondence In

### a. Application for General Secretary

- i. Graham Mitchell applied for the position of General Secretary. **Accepted M, S, Carried**
- ii. The COM and Management Team would like to thank David Walker for filling in as Acting General Secretary over previous weeks.
- iii. David Walker advised that Joe Jackson and Nenad Stojakovic have applied for the position of race conveyer. Nenad may only be available until 6 August. It was resolved to appoint both Joe and Nenad to the role. Chairman to contact both men and discuss. **Accepted M, S, Carried**
- iv. The Ring Secretary's laptop is having connectivity issues to the internet and also requires an upgrade to Windows 10. Alan Agar has suggested we purchase a replacement. The COM authorise Alan to purchase same from Harvey Norman Gepps Cross. **Accepted M, S, Carried**
- v. Chairman advised that Len van der Linde has submitted an expense to SAHPA for reimbursement. The amount of \$200 for hotel parking while making himself available as guest speaker at the recent SAHPA information night. **Accepted M, S, Carried**
- b. Disease Management Fund email from Greg Kakoschke – Discussion deferred to the next COM Meeting.

## 8. Correspondence Out – NIL.

## 9. General Business

### a. Any issues pertaining to the start of the 2022 race programme

- i. The 2022 Race Program was accepted in its current format. **Accepted M, S, Carried**
- ii. Greg Hodgins advised that the LDC wish to release the Sires Produce birds one hour after the SAHPA release. The LDC will recompense the driver and conveyer for the additional hour. The money saved the LDC will put towards prize money for the race. **Accepted M, S, Carried**

### b. Confirmation of Life Ring purchase for 2022

- i. Tom Tirrell will order the 2022 life rings, black on green, 8,000 Icom – 17,001 to 25,000, 17,000 Standard – 1 -17,000. Allocation of rings to be rotated from previous year. **Accepted M, S, Carried**

### c. Trophy list requirements

- i. Graham Mitchell to contact all 2021 donors as to whether they are happy to donate again in 2022, and their race preference. When complete this will be posted on the Forum for all other members to donate should they wish. \$100 minimum. It is noted that Gavin Harris and the Warrnambool club have already donated. Ongoing.

### d. Conveyer fees review – To remain as previous and as minuted at the AGM.

**e. Loading Steward confirmation**

- i. Aaron Horrocks has volunteered to be the Loading Steward/Dock Manager on basketing nights, working together with the driver and conveyor. Aaron will manage the night's operations and be paid a fee of \$30 per night. **Accepted M, S, Carried**
- ii. Chairman, General Secretary with kindly offered help from John Harper to discuss a procedure for the advice of numbers of crates, cocks, hens, and total birds. **Accepted M, S, Carried**

**f. Canteen Management 2022**

- i. It is believed that Robert Dixon has expressed an interest in this position. Graham Mitchell to check secretary emails and call Robert to discuss, otherwise it may be advertised on the Forum at a fee of \$500 for the year. Ongoing.
- ii. Greg Hodgins to discuss with North Suburban whether they would like to take this on, no charge to the club, and all profits to the club. Ongoing.

**g. Harvey Norman offer to members**

- i. Tom Tirrell to advise details of the agreement. Greg Hamilton will then provide a brief outlining the strategic partnership, to be posted on the Forum. Ongoing.

**h. Other**

- i. Greg Hodgins suggested that an additional honour board be purchased for the SDC aggregate points. Graham Mitchell to check who provides them. Ongoing.
- ii. Warren March advised that the latest minutes of the LDC state that the Cobar – G Harris Challenge is on the same day as the ANRPB race. Greg Kakoschke is to be invited to a future COM meeting to discuss this race. Ongoing.
- iii. In future race programmes to be released earlier in the previous year. Chairman and General Secretary to discuss. Ongoing.
- iv. David Walker suggested that the November Convention be advertised in the ARPJ. Greg Hamilton advised he is working on a flier/advertisement. Ongoing.
- v. Russell Somerville to write standard operating procedure for the electrical brake controller for the towing units.
- vi. Representatives of the LDC, to include Gavin Harris, are to be invited to the next COM meeting. Greg Hodgins advised it is refreshing to see the LDC and COM working together

**10. Meeting Closed at 10.15pm.**

**11. Next Meeting – Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7.00pm**