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## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION COM Minutes Sunday 2.00pm 15th May 2022**

1. Meeting – opened at 2.00PM by Chairman.  
**Present:** Mr G Hamilton (Chairman), Mr T Tirrell (Treasurer), Mr G Mitchell (Secretary), Mr D Walker, Mr R Williams, Mr G Hodgins, Mr W March  
**Guest:** Mr Alan Agar
2. **Apologies** - Mr R Somerville (Vice Chairman)
3. **Previous Minutes 27/04/2022 – Accepted – M, S, Carried**
4. **Treasurer's report**
  - a. Tom Tirrell – Quote for a manual switch to be installed with a thermometer in the cab, and 2 new thermostats. Ongoing.
  - b. Tom advised that a former flyer who has paid their 2022 capitation must now retire from the sport and suggested he be reimbursed 100% of his fees.  
**Accepted – M, S, Carried**
5. **Alan Agar addressed the meeting**
  - a. Alan did a presentation regarding race certificates, alternatives to the mural previously proposed, the Year Book, and a revamp of the Top 30 auction. COM to discuss these items at the next meeting. Thank you to Alan for attending the meeting.
  - b. Alan also suggested the SAHPA purchase remote card readers which would effectively make the SAHPA cashless. Tom Tirrell to check interface to Xero.
  - c. Alan advised that David Walker is assisting with some website functions, and thus requires some additional software, including ZOOM for remote access.
  - d. Zoom to be tested at the next COM meeting in lieu of Skype.
  - e. Warren March advised that the 2020 and 2021 Year Books are not on the website. Alan Agar to check.
  - f. Warren March queried why the Colin Walker video from the March information night is under the Feed and Breed tab, when it would make more sense for it to be under Pictures and Videos.
  - g. Warren March advised that some of the race point distances are incorrect on the Race Program. Warren is to advise Alan Agar so they can be corrected.
6. **Business arising from minutes**
  - a. **Clock and Race rules amendments**
    - i. Graham Mitchell advised that Rolf Goodacre has suggested further changes which have been referred to David Walker. Ongoing.
    - ii. Upgrade to constitution - David Walker to action. Ongoing.
    - iii. The COM should take every opportunity to familiarise themselves with the constitution, and ensure it is written in such a way that it is easily comprehended.

**b. Basket Allocation**

- i. Graham Mitchell advised there have been little response from the clubs on this matter. Lower Murray, Gawler, and Happy Valley have requested an additional basket. This leaves 2 spare baskets. – **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
- ii. Richard Hendrie has paid capitations for a fourth member, Graham Moir. Tom Tirrell seeks advice on whether to charge the club a \$30 late payment fee. It was agreed the fee should be charged. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
- iii. Tom Tirrell is concerned about controlling the number of crates arriving at the SAHPA on basketball night. David Walker will draft a proposal for the COM, when agreed this will be loaded onto the website.
- iv. All clubs should be aware that if they decide not to fill their crates to the recommended capacities, they must remain within their allocations.
- v. Graham Mitchell to contact Rolf Goodacre and request he allocate crates from the APC to SAHPA clubs on a weekly basis. Rolf to advise APC use of Geraldty for racing.

**c. SOP for the electrical brake controllers of towing units**

- i. Tom Tirrell has made copies and laminated 2 off and one should be in the Mazda. The originals are in a folder at the office on the southern wall.
- ii. Nick Albanos has advised that both trailers have brake problems. Greg Hodgins advised there is a minor adjustment required which he will attend to.

**d. Update on participation in the Animal Expo**

- i. David Walker and Michael Donnellan to discuss. The SAHPA will not be pursuing this matter further.

**e. Update on Geraldty truck & trailer**

- i. Tom Tirrell to provide quote for both the air shockers and the air bags if required. Hino have advised these are not required.
- ii. It was previously moved to appoint Alex Stojakovic as the Fleet Manager for the SAHPA vehicles and trailers, to include the notification of any maintenance requirements. Graham Mitchell to call Alex. Alex will need to familiarise himself with the SOP for the brake controllers, and any other relevant equipment. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
- iii. Warren March advised that both trailers have compliance plates.

**f. Plastic grate flooring from Geraldty update**

- i. Graham Mitchell advised that some grates have been collected, he will contact the remaining clubs to ascertain any further interest. Hyde Park have requested an additional 16 crates. Ongoing.

**g. Geraldty toss programme update**

- i. Graham Mitchell advised there has been minimal response with only one club openly accepting the terms.
- ii. Due to lack of interest the Geraldty toss program is suspended at this time. This matter will be revisited should the clubs show any support in the future. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**

**h. Contractor toss update**

- i. Nick Albanos has questioned the need for paperwork. The requirement for paperwork remains unchanged.

- ii. Graham Mitchell suggested that moving forward unit tossing should commence 2 weekends before the first race. Note for 2023.
  - i. **Roller door flashing repairs**
    - i. Mark Hutchison advised he is ill and will contact Graham Mitchell when he is better. Ongoing.
  - j. **Purchase additional honour board.**
    - i. Graham Mitchell advised new honour birds will cost in the vicinity of \$800-\$1,000.
    - ii. Graham Mitchell to ask the Centrals Club how much they will sell their honour boards for. Warren March to check for the old Murray Bridge honour boards.
  - k. **Invite Greg Kakoschke to future COM meeting to discuss ANRPB race.**
    - i. Graham Mitchell to invite Greg to the next COM meeting.
  - l. **November Convention advertising in ARPJ**
    - i. Greg Hamilton has spoken to Gavin Harris and been advised there is a national database of clubs and federations that he can use to advise nationally of the convention.
    - ii. Graham Mitchell advised that a Working Bee needs to be arranged prior to the convention in November to tidy up the grounds and hall. Graham will attend to the office area.
  - m. **Quote to straighten the gates and bolt them to the ground.**
    - i. Greg Hodgins advised this is a simple fix which he will attend to.
  - n. **Other business – Nil.**
7. **Correspondence In**
- a. **Disease Management Fund email from Greg Kakoschke**
    - i. Greg Hamilton advised there is an article on this matter on the ANRPB website.
  - b. **Resignation of Michael Donnellan**
    - i. Graham Mitchell to contact Michael and request updates on any works in progress.
    - ii. Thank you to Michael for his efforts and dedication to this role during his tenure.
    - iii. Advertise for new History/Promotions Officer **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
    - iv. **Email from Adelaide Pigeon Club**
      - 1. Proposal to pay \$2,800 to cover Affiliation and Freight fees. Tom Tirrell recommended an increase in line with the rise in prenom costs, and the cost of petrol. An amount of \$3,000 was agreed. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
    - v. **Email from Elizabeth Club re basketballing**
      - 1. After discussion it was resolved to uphold RBL23 as previously advised, failure to comply would mean that the Elizabeth Club would not be eligible for an SAHPA result, only club results. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
8. **Correspondence Out – Nil.**
9. **General Business**
- a. **Issues pertaining to the start of the 2022 race programme**
    - i. Alex Stojakovic requests changes to basketballing nights. He is wanting to change the basket night for the two Coombah races to Thursday night. Graham Mitchell to advise all involved. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**

- ii. Border Village and Byrock are scheduled for release on the same day. Greg Hodgins advised that the LDC will fund costs for the driver to Border Village.
- iii. **Clarify requirements for basketing and clocking lists**
  - 1. All clubs to send a basketing list for each flyer to the SAHPA on a weekly basis in an envelope clearly marked with the club's name. Clocking lists for any flyer placing in the Top 30 are to be forwarded the week after the race, with a basketing list attached.
- iv. **SDC Benzing vouchers**
  - 1. The SAHPA to design an A4 size certificate. David Walker has sent a draft to Kevin Clarke who is yet to respond. Once approved a copy will be issued to the COM. Ongoing.
- v. **Basketing night procedure**
  - 1. Greg Hamilton and Graham Mitchell to share the duty of locking the hall on basketing night. Should anyone from the clubs who basket at the hall be happy to perform this task please contact Graham Mitchell.
- vi. **Release Panel**
  - 1. Graham Goodrich will act as a backup if required.
  - 2. Warren March advised there are no published rules concerning appointment to the Release Panel. David Walker will follow this up and advise.
  - 3. Graham Mitchell to arrange access for Lee Abbott to update the Race Forum.
- vii. **2023 Race program to be advised to members in June 2022**
  - 1. At this stage the 2023 program will be the same as that for 2022, with the exception that Alice Springs will become an SAHPA race.
- b. **Canteen Management 2022**
  - i. Greg Hodgins advised that the Para Hills Club are not interested in managing the canteen. Unless we receive applications for this role the canteen will not be open.
- c. **Discuss backup driver for Gerald**
  - i. Graham Mitchell to contact Justin Horrocks and Fred DiMella and see if they are interested. Tom Tirrell to contact Harvey Norman and see if their drivers may be interested. Ongoing.
- d. **Ricky Williams has requested an update on the CO2 monitor**
  - i. The CO2 monitor is in the SAHPA office. It was suggested that someone from the Para Hills, Metro, or North Suburban clubs may like to volunteer to operate this moving forward. Graham Mitchell to discuss with the club secretaries. Ongoing.
- e. **Other Business**
  - i. **Warren March suggested the Release Panel should attend the COM.**
    - 1. Greg Hamilton advised he has had discussions with Bronte and the Release Panel is onboard with what the COM requires. There is no need for a meeting at this point.
  - ii. **Port Adelaide not complying with CR50.**
    - 1. Port Adelaide Club has expressed concerns that the SAHPA has not made it clear enough through the race rules as to the

procedure required for entering electronic banded pigeons into SAHPA races. A number of discussions between Terry McBeath (Pt Adelaide Chairman) and Greg Hamilton (SAHPA Chairman) has resulted in the Clock rules, in particular CR51 be worded in way that makes it easier to understand. Mutual satisfaction has been arrived at by all concerned on this matter.

2. Terry Mc Beath gave assurances that no wrongdoing had been done in the past by the Port Adelaide Club. Greg Hamilton declared the matter resolved.
- iii. **Russell Somerville Northings/Eastings.** Ongoing.
- iv. **Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Warren March**
  1. This item is carried over to the next COM meeting as we are still seeking a suitable frame.
- v. **Ring transfers for new partnerships where one member was already a flyer**
  1. It is in the best interest of the partnership to transfer all bird numbers to the new partnership. Graham Mitchell to advise flyer. This must be done before prenom.
- vi. **Pox Vaccination**
  1. Russell Somerville advised that the VRPB have advised their members to stop vaccination for Pox as the birds can still infect unvaccinated birds for up to 6 weeks. The COM resolved not to follow this lead.
- vii. Warren March advised cleaning the Geraldty trailer is a big task, and suggests the fee paid to Greg Hodgins be revised. Greg to advise next COM meeting a breakdown of the hours and tasks involved.
- viii. Rick Williams advised there us some trepidation regarding the toss points to be provided by Bob Hill. It is suggested that flyers should discuss this directly with Bob.
- ix. Tom Tirrell advised that remuneration for the hall cleaner is very low, currently \$30 per week. Graham Mitchell to contact Kathy Barlow and discuss an increase in payment to \$100 per week, and advise she no longer needs to clean the North Suburban room. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
- x. Graham Mitchell to remind all secretaries that prenom payment and bird information is to be provided on the night of the first race basketing.
- xi. Greg Hamilton suggested Certificates of Appreciation be given to all involved in the generous donation from the Yarraville club to the Juniors. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
- xii. Greg Hodgins advised that although he agrees with the decision to reduce the costs of tossing, he is disappointed the decision went ahead without all COM members being advised first.
- xiii. Greg Hodgins advised he has done some minor repairs to the Geraldty trailer, with further work required by way of replacing pop rivets to the floor. Thank you Greg for your efforts.

10. Meeting Closed at 4.45PM.

11. Next Meeting – Sunday 12th June 2022 at 2.00pm