SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION INC

CRITERIA FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

This policy sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for nomination for an award of *Life Membership* of the South Australian Homing Pigeon Association Inc. This award exists to recognise the valuable contribution of individuals to the current and future existence of the Association. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

In considering the award of *Life Membership* an individual *should have demonstrated* significant, sustained and high quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the Association overall.

The points to be taken into account when considering any nomination include:

1. General Considerations

- The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee shows a dedication to the values of the Association
- Commitment to the principles of good sportsmanship
- Valued leadership and good role modelling that reflects creditably upon the Association

2. Length of Service

- Nominee must have a minimum of 15 years membership; this may be continuous or multiple separated periods of membership aggregating to the required total
- Nominee must have a minimum of 10 years service in a leadership, organisational or operational role for the SAHPA. This 10 years service may be the aggregate of several roles and functions (note: service at Club level not taken into account)

3. Other Criteria

- The nominee must be a current financial member
- Nominations must articulate the reasons why Life Membership is considered appropriate and where possible, specify examples of the work or involvement that has significantly contributed to the SAHPA
- The Management Committee shall take into account whether the nominee's service has been of a voluntary capacity, or whether the nominee has received an honorarium for their services.

4. Process

- Nominations for Life Membership must be made on the official SAHPA nomination form and endorsed by the chairman and secretary of the club nominating the nominee
- Nominations must be received by the General Secretary of the SAHPA no later than 8 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting
- Nominations will be assessed by the Management Committee of the SAHPA.
- Should the Management Committee not endorse the nomination that decision is final. However, an additional nomination may be submitted in future years
- Should the Management Committee endorse the nomination it shall be put to the membership of the SAHPA at the Annual General Meeting

5. Presentation

- Successful nominees shall be advised in writing and invited to attend
 the AGM where they shall be presented with their official Life
 Membership Badge endorsed by the membership of the SAHPA
- The Life Members name shall be added to the SAHPA archives

6. Forfeiture of Life Membership

 Retraction of Life Membership may occur where the recipient has conducted themselves in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the SAHPA. This provision shall only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the SAHPA Management Committee to be enacted. As part of deliberations the Life Member shall be afforded the opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.

This policy shall be effective as from 12 December 2013.

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David Thalbourne				
Chairman				
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SAHPA Inc Life Membership Award Nomination Form

Please return to: SAHPA General Secretary at least 8 weeks prior to AGM