

**SA LONG DISTANCE RACING PIGEON CLUB INC  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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**DATE:** Monday 8th April, 2024  
**TIME:** 7:00pm  
**VENUE:** Angle Park Greyhound Track  
**PRESENT:** Greg Hodgins (Chairperson), Gavin Harris (Secretary), Lee Abbott (Treasurer),  
Bronte Andrewartha, Russell Somerville, Troy Tirrell  
**APOLOGIES:** George Tsonis

**1) Sires 2024**

SALDC request approval from the SAHPA COM to hold the Sires race from Wilcannia on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, hamper Friday night 13<sup>th</sup> September at SAHPA Hall. We will hold a Calcutta on night of hampering.

The Wilcannia Sires on 15<sup>th</sup> September, is 4 weeks after the Little Topar SAD, we avoided Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September as we already have a race on the Friday from The Twins and Marla birds released on the Saturday may only be getting home on the Sunday, we already have 2 races on that weekend, The Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept would be the day after the Emmdale race.

In 2024 the birds must have competed in a race on the North East Line.

The Prepayment for the Sires this year will close on Thursday night 25<sup>th</sup> July, the night we hamper for the first SAHPA race, the Glendambo Open.

We still need to find a driver.

**2) Sires 2025 Marree**

The SALDC seek permission from the SAHPA COM to hold the annual auction on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at the SAHPA Hall, present birds 5pm to 6:30pm, auction starts at 7:00pm. We will once again make contact with interstate organisers to see if we can get some interstate birds over for the auction.

SALDC to book SAHPA Hall for Friday evening 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

**3) Alice Springs (NT) (1320km) 2024**

SALDC request the SAHPA COM to approve the proposed Alice Springs race be released on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August, hamper Tuesday night 13<sup>th</sup> August. Nominations \$25 per bird.

This date is 3 weeks after the Glendambo Open so some birds can have that as their lead up race but we also plan to running a training toss from Lake Hart 482km NW of Adelaide, the date will be set once we know the weather forecasts, likely to be between Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

The SALDC Committee also discussed setting up the hall on hampering night, we plan to set up Benzing tables out in the main hall and only use the North Suburban area for printing

forms if necessary. We will also have two people supervising the loading of birds into the bays on the Mazda rather than one person. Gavin to make announcements on the procedures before hampering starts.

The SALDC are seeking a driver and convoyer for the Alice Springs event.

**4) NAHPA transport their birds to Alice Springs with SALDC**

The SALDC Committee discussed whether we could tow a trailer for the NAHPA to Alice Springs. Russell Somerville to further discuss with NAHPA representatives, we advised we would consider arranging it. Our guidelines would be that the NAHPA birds would be released 1 hour after the SALDC birds. NAHPA to make an offer to SALDC for providing this service.

**5) Training Toss from Lake Hart (482km NW of Adelaide)**

Russell Somerville will use the Mazda Unit to provide a training toss for flyers wishing to train their birds for Alice Springs. We are aiming for a 8 hours on the wing toss and will pick a day between 28<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August, 20 to 16 days before the Alice Springs race.

Same Pricing as last year : \$2/bird for first 20 birds, any birds over 20 for a flyer is \$1/bird. so if you send 30 birds it is  $20 \times \$2 + 10 \times \$1 = \$50$ .

**6) Cock Bird Special 2024 Emmdale**

The SALDC seek approval from the SAHPA COM to hold the annual Cock Bird Special from Emmdale on Saturday 14th September

We recommend that the birds be released 30 minutes to 1 hr after Main race.

We intend to charge \$5 per bird and flyers get their 5<sup>th</sup> bird free. We will publish a poster to go to the clubs and each club secretary can deposit the money direct into the SALDC Bank Account.

Can the SAHPA COM and Treasurer advise whether the birds will continue to be transported to the race point for no charge, so we can then work out how we allocate the prizes from the nominations paid ?

\*\*\* Action : SAHPA COM \*\*\*\*

**7) SALDC Fund Raising sale 2024**

Gavin to check with Tim Fawcett as to whether he has a reserved auction time slot available to the SALDC.

\*\*\* Action : Gavin \*\*\*\*

**8) Tasmania Race 2024 (980km SE)**

The SALDC Committee are considering options as to whether we can organise a race from Tasmania this year, at present we are unsure whether we can use the TAS convoyers on their return trip, as their race from Wellington this year is almost 4 weeks after the SAHPA season finishes. Other options are being investigated and we will update the SAHPA COM if plans can be made.

**9) Dubbo 2024**

The SALDC Committee discussed whether we would propose a race from Dubbo (NSW) if the SAHPA does not hold Byrock.

#### **10) Anniversary of John Pryor passing 25 years ago this year**

The SALDC Committee would like to honour John Pryor this year, possibly naming a race in his honour. Our recommendation is naming Byrock in his honour or if that is not held the Dubbo race.

#### **11) Ti Tree race 2025 (1500km NW)**

Rick Drew has tabled a draft letter to the SALDC about organising a race from Ti Tree (NT). The SALDC Committee discussed the concept but decided that we would not organise it and will leave it to Rick and other interested fanciers to arrange the race/toss, we recommend that they follow guidelines we use such as only hold the race if 70 or more birds are entered (minimum 70 on North Line, minimum of 100 on East Line). If less than 70 birds, then they would hold it as an unofficial toss. Do not allow young birds and consider the weather conditions so that the first day has favourable winds.

The SALDC Committee felt that it would detract from the Alice Springs event as birds going to Ti Tree would normally be entered for Alice Springs, but we do understand the interest in going further distance.

Any interested fanciers should be made aware of the up coming event for 2025 so they can prepare their birds for the event.

We recommend that they seek approval from the SAHPA COM.

#### **12) Meeting Closed**

9:15pm