

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday 11th November, 2024
TIME: 7:00pm
VENUE: Angle Park Greyhound Track
PRESENT: Greg Hodgins (Chairperson), Gavin Harris (Secretary), Lee Abbott (Treasurer),
Bronte Andrewartha, Troy Tirrell
APOLOGIES: George Tsonis, Russell Somerville

1) SALDC Fund Raising sale

Total Sales amount was \$5163 for our 9 birds auction on Pigeon Sales Australia Auction site run by Tim Fawcett, thank you to Tim for donating a bird as well. The amount we raised after commissions was \$4040.40.

2) SALDC Prize Payments

As banks are making it more and more difficult to write and deposit cheques, in 2025 we will only pay prizes via EFT direct into flyer bank accounts.

3) Russell Somerville email of suggestions 29/9/2024

- a) Cocks Race from Kulgera, the committee were concerned that if we ran this race on the same transporter as Alice Springs that we would not get the minimum of 50 birds nominated to then hold the race.
- b) Bathurst – Bronte has spoken with Theo Stamatopoulos who is generously offered to hold the birds in his loft and release when the weather conditions are suitable.

4) Sires 2025 Auction 13th December, 2024

SALDC Committee members to arrive by 5pm on Friday 13th December, auction starts at 7:00pm. Apologies from Greg and Troy as they have other commitments that evening. Greg will set up hall for us before Friday. Gavin to bring PPMV vaccine and vaccine gun, Gavin to bring cash float.

Willi to be auctioneer. Gavin to approach Tony about the canteen to be open for Sires Auction.

Aaron McKay is bringing interstate birds, Bronte to confirm closer to the date so we can promote the number of interstate birds as a SMS post.

New Option to allow extra 2 birds in Sires auction

The Committee has agreed to allow an extra 2 birds to be entered into auction as long as they do not buy them back themselves. Normally we only allow 8 birds per flyer, that could be 8 in auction or 8 as prepaid or any combination for example 4 in auction and 4 prepaid.

This year we are encouraging people to put in an extra 2 birds into the auction, so they could have 10 birds in the race, 2 that they donate to be auctioned and 8 they prepay or another example enter 6 in the auction and still prepay 4, as long as they let 2 of the 6 in the auction be bought by other members not to race out of breeders loft.

New Rule – Bidders that bought birds previous years but not competed in any races.

The Committee agreed to introduce a condition of entry:

The SALDC reserve the right to deny allowing a flyer to bid at the auction if they have purchased birds in recent years but not competed in any races in that season.

5) Sires 2025 Marree 580km North of Adelaide

SALDC request approval from the SAHPA COM to hold the Sires race from Marree. It was not discussed at SALDC meeting but the likely date will be Sunday 31st August, hamper Friday night 29th August at SAHPA Hall. We will hold a Calcutta on night of hampering. This date is 3 weeks after Lyndhurst YBC and the week before father's day
In 2025 the birds must have competed in a race on the North Line.

The Prepayment for the Sires this year will close on Thursday night 24th July, the night we hamper for the first SAHPA race, the Lyndhurst Open.

6) Review of SALDC season 2024

The SALDC wish to thank Russell Burnett for doing such a good job conveying our pigeons to both Alice Springs and Wilcannia.

Both the Alice Springs and Wilcannia Sires were very successful events.

The number of nominations for the Emmdale Cock Bird Special were disappointing, we will consider options to re-invigorate the Cock Bird Special.

7) Cock Bird Special 2025 Coober Pedy

The SALDC seek approval from the SAHPA COM to hold the annual Cock Bird Special from Coober Pedy on Saturday 20th 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 5th 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 ****

8) Marathon challenge 2025

Troy to work on the original proposal from 2014 and then we will get it advertised on Facebook sites.

*** Action : Troy Tirrell ****

9) Blind Auctions in 2025

SALDC Committee to further investigate holding a blind auction of 10 lofts on hampering night for Alice and Sires. The concept would be pick out names of 10 top lofts that are competing in the race and put them in an unlabelled envelope. Then hold a blind auction where the winning 10x bidders would select an envelope which has inside the name of one of those 10 lofts. We would pay 3 prizes 50%, 30% and 20% of the auction pool to the bidder of the highest placed loft to 3rd highest placed loft which was amongst the 10 names. The percentage (if any) that SALDC will keep out of the pool will be finalised at next meeting.

10) Bathurst Race 2025 (1025km East)

The SALDC Committee seek permission from the SAHPA COM to plan a race from Bathurst in 2025. It is likely we would plan to hold it in October after the SAHPA season has been completed. Theo Stamatopoulos a Bathurst pigeon flyer has generously offered to hold the birds in his loft and release when the weather conditions are suitable

11) Rick Drew invited to join SALDC Management Committee

12) SALDC Aggregate Points in 2025

The SALDC Committee agreed to reduce the number of points on each race from 30 to 20 points.

13) Meeting Closed

9:15pm