

SA MID WEEK SOUTH EAST LINE 2023 MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday 1st March, 2023
TIME: 7:00pm
VENUE: SAHPA Hall
PRESENT: Gavin Harris (Chair), Warren March, Ricky Williams, Joe Jackson, Lee Abbott, Ross Chapman, Terry McBeath, Dennis Shaw, Len & Rick Drew, Geoff Rayment, Jason Petruzzelli, Brian Donovan, David Thalbourne, Steve O'Dell, Kevin Buttfield, Slavo Piliskic,
APOLOGIES: Aaron Ward, Trevor Tonkin, Mark Coates, Nico Nel, Graeme Goodrich, Richard Facciol and Dave Spencley, Mike Jones, Phil Carter, Bill Bilecki, Frank Magro, Viv Allan, Bronte Andrewartha, Sam Harrison, Justin Horrocks, Aaron Horrocks, Ken Waters, Alan Harris, Lyndon Frick

1) Guidelines for Proposed SE Racing 2023

The members attending seek permission from the SAHPA Management Committee to allow the members to schedule 4 mid week races on the South East line.

- The South East Line participants do not require any financial support from the SAHPA, we would like to use the SAHPA Hall for hampering.
- We also seek permission to use the Mazda Unit for transporting the birds to the race points. Some of our drivers may chose to use their own vehicle and tow one of the SAHPA Trailers but we expect to use the Mazda for most the races.
- We will compensate the SAHPA for any kms we travel in the Mazda at the same rate that the SAHPA/SALDC share the costs each year based on Kms travelled.
- Hampering would be done on Tuesday nights, Races held on Wednesdays so that we do not interfere with the SAHPA Tossing program.
- Races are scheduled for the Wednesday of the weeks where the SAHPA is racing North on the Saturday.

2) Proposed Race Points and dates (Hamper Tuesday, Race Wednesday)

28/06/2023	Keith	205km
12/07/2023	Kingston SE	239km
26/07/2023	Dimboola	352km
23/08/2023	Allendale East	384km

The SA Long Distance Racing Pigeon Club (SALDC) Management Committee will schedule a meeting soon to discuss whether they wish to organise a 5th race such as (Ballarat (554km)/Aarat or Koivot (504km)) with the intention as lead up race for Devonport (TAS) should they decide to consider such a race this year. The Tassie convoyer has offered to take birds back to TAS for a release on 19th or 20th October. There has been no official SALDC discussion about whether such as race would be organised.

3) Aggregate Points and Certificates

- a) 1 prize per loft (only first bird in result)
- b) Aggregate Points based on 10 points for Winner down to 1 point for 10th place
- c) Merit Certificates at end of season, showing any birds clocked in top 10 on one certificate for each flyer.
- d) Gavin Harris to prepare merit certificates and collate the Aggregate Points

4) Cleaning of Units

Terry McBeath offered to be the coordinator to make sure the Unit is cleaned before the race and after the race. Len Drew offered to provide assistance and Terry can call on other participants as and when needed.

Ricky Williams to organise a key to SAHPA Hall and alarm code for Terry McBeath.

*** Action : Ricky Williams ***

5) Racing Fees

- It was agreed that each participant will pay \$20 the first time they race as a membership fee.
 - The \$20 membership fee will be used towards reimbursing SAHPA for use of the Mazda unit and any forecast surplus from that fee will be distributed towards the fuel costs for the 4 races.
- 30 bird limit for each race
- Each race will be a flat fee of \$30, whether you enter 5 birds or 30 birds it is \$30.
- All payments will be done in cash and sent to Gavin Harris to distribute, Gavin will keep a spreadsheet.
- There will be no trainers for the first race, we will consider whether we allow trainers for subsequent races.
- How the \$30 fee will be distributed :
 - Drivers have offered to give their time freely
 - Fuel expense will be deducted from the total of the \$30 per flyer fee.
 - Prize Money will be paid out of the \$30 per flyer fee after fuel expense has been deducted
 - Prize Money will be calculated based on spreadsheet used by SARPF, 1 prize for every 50 birds, minimum of 3 prizes. For example
 - 140 birds = 3 Prizes 1st 50%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 20%
 - 170 birds = 4 Prizes 1st 45%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 15%, 4th 10%
 - 210 birds = 5 Prizes 1st 40%, 2nd 28%, 3rd 13%, 4th 10%, 5th 9%
 - 280 birds = 6 Prizes 1st 37%, 2nd 26%, 3rd 12%, 4th 10%, 5th 8%, 6th 7%

6) Drivers

Keith – Len and Rick Drew

Kingston SE – Aaron Ward (to be confirmed)

Dimboola – Joe Jackson

Allendale East – Sam Harrison (to be confirmed)

Warren March has advised us that Lyndon Frick has offered his services

7) Hampering Centres

- 1) SAHPA Hall – Port Adelaide club will set up a Benzing and Tipes system at the SAHPA Hall for Tuesday night hampering. Hampering will start at 6:00pm, unit to depart by 8:00pm.
- 2) Southern Vales – Southern flyers can hamper at Southern Vales Club rooms and the birds will be carted to SAHPA Hall to be loaded around 7:30pm for the Unit to depart at 8:00pm
- 3) Lower Murray – Murray Bridge and Lower Murray flyers will hamper at their centre and meet the Transporter at OTR Murray Bridge East on route to the race point
- 4) Other Hampering centres can be used as long as there are 4 or more members to sign off they are attending and assisting and the birds are sent to SAHPA Hall read for loading around 7:30pm.
- 5) Please present an Envelope with Name, Club, Number of Birds and the Payment amount \$30. (\$50 the first week a participant race which includes the \$20 membership).
- 6) Each Hampering Centre to have a person who collects all the envelopes and sends them to SAHPA Hall for Gavin Harris to collect.

8) Results

- 1) Clubs can enter their own results if they wish.
- 2) Any flyer can send a photo of their clock reading for their 1st bird only, to Gavin Harris' email or phone by 5pm and he will enter your result into the system.
(Gavin@teamharris.com.au 0418853111)
- 3) Gavin will access Benzing Live to enter any Benzing results and key them in, if the club has not done so.
- 4) Official Knock Off Sheets to be printed at next club hampering later that week and forwarded in an Envelope to Gavin Harris (Adjudicator) C/-SAHPA Hall for checking. Envelope should be Marked "Race Point", "Club" – mark Attention : Gavin Harris

9) Donations

- a) Bill Bilecki - \$100 for winner of longest race
- b) Gavin Harris - \$100 for Aggregate Points Winner
- c) Ross Chapman - \$100 towards cost of Transporter/Fuel
- d) Bronte Andrewartha - \$100 for Dimboola race

It was discussed that we should consider organising a date with Tim Fawcett to see if we can have a pigeon auction to help raise funds.

10) Meeting Closed