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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION COM minutes Tuesday 6.20 pm 4th March 2025.

1. **Meeting** – opened at 6.30pm by Secretary

Gavin Harris joined the meeting at 6.45.

Present: Mr G Harris (Chairperson), Mr J Jackson, Mr G Hodgins,
Mr B Andrewartha. Mr M Donnellan, Mr R Somerville, Mr T Perkins (Secretary).

2. **Apologies** –

3. Previous Minutes

4. **Business arising from previous minutes.**

1) **Containers** – Tony – 13 containers were moved successfully @ a cost \$1600 much cheaper than \$2800 originally quoted, thank you Tony.

2) **Feed Storage** container ongoing,

3) **Northern Fence** - Thank you to Joe Jackson, Greg Hodgins and Ricky Drew who were the major contributors to the fence repair. Also thank you to Brian Bacon, Dennis Shaw, David Brewer, Tony Perkins who also gave assistance. Thank you to Con Moukas who donated two sheets of corrugated iron for the repair.

4) **Verandah renovations** are underway and will be hopefully completed by the SAHPA AGM. Thank you to Stewart Hanel, construction site manager, John Dalby, Bob Prince, Tony Perkins for their assistance.

5) Secretary to purchase a high-resolution camera. - Meeting scheduled for the middle of January with Chubb camera representative. Chubb yet to confirm any appointment. Will look elsewhere to get the job completed Tony

6) **Junior loft- quote** from Jake Bezzina. Thank you to Jake for the quote however the COM have voted on a different option. Bunnings and Garden master sell small aviaries @ roughly \$360. Recently Perry Burton & Rick Drew helped a young boy with a small loft from marketplace face-book and set up perches and youngsters from Geoff & David Cawte. Well done to Perry, Rick, David and Geoff.

7) **Pressurized Water tank** to be purchased by Greg and fitted by Russell Burnet, thank you Russel.

8) Breach of conduct document to be put on SAHPA Website.

9) **SAHPA Small team competition** 110 birds or less sponsored by Central club, \$100 to the SAHPA small team aggregate winner.

10) **SAHPA pools** to be run by Darren Aquilina and SAHPA have donated \$1000 to the prize pool. More to follow.

11) API progressing, Gavin to finalise. Attila from Benzing will be coming to SA. Gavin to liaise with Kevin Clarke

5. **Treasurers report.** Tabled

1) long term Investment account- The COM instruct the treasurer to redeposit for a term of 10 months at an interest rate of 4.6%. MSC

2) Gavin to fill in ATO self-reporting documents.

6. **Correspondence In** –

1) **Email from Adelaide Royal** show re sponsorship- The COM have agreed to sponsor the Royal show again in 2025. We believe we have a credit of \$200 with them to pay for this year's agreement. MSC

7. **Correspondence Out** – Forms were lodged by Gavin to the AFA re Voluntary Workers Renewal Declaration and to CGU with forms for Liability Package for Associations and Non-Profit Organisations. Thank you, Gavin,

8. **General Business.**

1) **Trainers on races**- The COM have decided to only allow trainers on all Benzing short distance competition races. No trainers will be released on Association races. MSC

2) **Increase in Thomas Transport** parking five trucks to seven trucks now. The COM have agreed to allow two more trucks to park at the association increasing the savings to all members. The COM will also apply a CPI increase to all seven trucks being stored at the association.

3) COM members have a portfolio. -Michael-Discussion took place.

4) **A new campervan** has been purchased by the SALDC for the purpose of Alice Springs and the Sires Produce races, this may also be utilised for the proposed 5 Bird SAHPA races. Russell Burnett will be making alterations to the unit in preparation, thank you, Russell.

5) **Ouyen releases** will be outside the required town rules.

6) The COM have asked Aaron Horrocks to do white ant treatment at he SAHPA when convenient. MSC

7) Russell urges everyone to watch the Sunday the 2nd of March edition of Landline on the ABC regarding Bird Flu.

8) Russell Somerville to create an emergency response for risk management in case of a SAHPA transport vehicle crash.

9) **The National race** will be held from Booraban on the 30th of August.

10) QR codes to be place on all SAHPA vehicles to enable the public to scan in case they are interested in racing pigeons. Russell to action.

11) Solar panels to be cleaned, Michael to organise.

12) Michael spoke about Cosi promotions.

13) Copies of the Yearbook will be taken to Magill fodder and Gibertsons fodder.

14) Aaron Mckay has kindly donated \$200 and a trophy for the BOY SAHPA, SAHPA will organise the picture, which will be done by Dennis Gao. Thank you, Aaron.

15) Russel Somerville & Michael to organise SAHPA QR codes to be put on vehicles.

16) The new SAHPA loft: As numbers continue to grow for ex members returning to the sport, the new loft will be voted on at the SAHPA AGM, a one loft race will also be conducted to fund the cost of the new loft. More details will emerge at the SAHPA AGM. The COM have worked out a strategic plan.

17) **The Freeling Hotel loft** has been built, and birds have been donated for their own pub racing season. The birds were released from the loft under the supervision of Domenic (SHEP) and Mel Shepley, this was a very stressful time for the new owners however it all went well enjoying there first time out and all going back in. It is reported that on a regular basis there are more people in front of the loft drinking, than in the bar. They have employed a couple of juniors to keep the loft clean. The SAHPA promotions fund will provide a Benzing system on loan for the races. Russell Somerville and the Moore family deserve a huge thank you along with other SAHPA members guiding this venture.

18) **Geoff Rayment** has kindly donated a caravan cover for the March trailer. Thank you, Geoff,

9. Closed 9.25 PM

10. Next meeting SAHPA AGM Sunday the 23rd of March at 1pm 2025.