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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION AGM Sunday 1.30pm 23rd March 2025

1. **Meeting** to be opened at 1.30pm by Chairman.
Present: Mr G Harris (Chairman), Mr M Donnellan, Mr J Jackson, Mr G Hodgins, Mr B Andrewartha, Mr R Somerville, Mr T Perkins (Secretary) Mr D Walker (Treasurer).
Thank you to Warren March for his valued service as the Hills Committee Member.
2. **Apologies -**
3. **Memorials.** John Hodgson, Mike Jones, Alan Harris, Phil Loveridge, Vale Brian Lintern,
4. **Previous Minutes 26/03/2024 -**
5. **Treasurer's report-** David Walker has the report on the website.
Members M S Carried. Thank you to David for his significant contribution to the SAHPA.
Welcome to Darren Aquilina.
6. **Business arising from minutes -**
7. **Reports from officers/ Committees-** Posted on website and in Yearbook.
8. **Adjourned Motions and Business**
Election of Chairperson & Vice Chairperson.
 - a) Election of Chairperson. Gavin Harris Nominated by COM for Chair.
 - b) Election of Vice Chairperson. Troy Tirrell Nomination.
9. **Correspondence In-**
 1. **Email from Pt Adel** added to General Business.
 2. **Email from Para Hills.** Motion from the floor added to General business.
10. **Correspondence Out - Nil.**
11. **Motions of which Notice has been given.**
 1. **The COM move to Remove 3.a from the Life Membership Criteria**
Remove: Section: Other Criteria
3.a The nominee must be a current financial member.
 2. **The COM move to change Rule 7.1 from the Race Bylaws**
From
7.1 Birds finishing first, second and third positions in all races on the official SAHPA program, must be tossed and verified within seven (7) days of homing by the chairperson or secretary of the owner's club or hampering centre. The onus is on the owner to arrange for his /her bird/birds to be tossed and verified. The committee of management reserves the right to verify any pigeon. The appropriate form duly filled in must be presented to the Association prior to prize money or points being allocated.
To
7.1 **Verification sheets- No verification sheets** will be required on all SAHPA races.
The COM may do random verification checks from any race.
 3. Change to the Race By Law 6.2 which I presented at last meeting about closing a race. We also need to include the new (Nov 2024) 8.6 By law which allows members that cant travel longer distances on results night to have result and verified before 10am next morning. The SAHPA members still need to approve changes we make during the year.

4. Motion to accept the current Constitution Objects tabled with Consumer and Business Affairs earlier in the year at their request.

5. Object 7 to be changed

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6. Race Bylaws

COM Move : to add

8.6 Some members in clubs located on the outer boundaries of the SAHPA may experience difficulty in travelling to their clubs for usual clock evaluation procedures on race days. Approval has been granted for those members to forward details of their FIRST BIRD to their club clock chairperson, by means of photograph (preferably), or text, showing the details of the bird's arrival. Club chairperson will then proceed to enter that result, along with other club results in the usual manner. If the results indicated that the member using the photo procedure, is in fact in the top 30 for the race, the member will then make arrangements with his clock chair to produce his clock by 10am next day, when the clock chair will download the result by way of hard copy and forward to SAHPA within 7 days, the same procedure as applies to others in top 30. Other clubs with similar restrictions may apply to SAHPA for the same ruling.

7. Antenna placement

At the loft bird entrance. – The COM agreed to update the Clock Bylaws rule 3.1.10 from- SAHPA clock chairperson. 3.1.10 All EBSS sensor/antennae/ELB are to be installed inside the confines of the loft or an entry into the face wall of the loft which effectively traps the pigeon within the entrance when being recorded by the ELB. The definition of a loft includes flights, sputnik traps, sun shelters etc. which are Page 3 Page 4 permanently attached and considered part of the loft. See Attachments 1 and 2 for non-legal and legal set ups. To- SAHPA clock chairperson. 3.1.10 All EBSS sensor/antennae/ELB are to be installed directly inside the confines of the loft or up to 400mm directly outside of the bob wires or entry into the loft which effectively traps the pigeon when being recorded by the ELB. The definition of a loft includes flights, sputnik traps, sun shelters etc. which are permanently attached and considered part of the loft. See Attachments for legal set ups.

8. Race Bylaw 6.2 amended proposed by Gavin Harris and approved by COM.

6.2.4 At the end of the second day after the clocking of the first bird or

6.2.5 Earlier if all prizes, aggregate points and certificates have been taken

9. Nominations for Life Membership of the SAHPA.

- A. Cheryl Myers
- B. Tim Fawcett
- C. Greg Hodgins
- D. Tony Perkins

Each Candidate was approved by the COM as all criteria was met.

12. General business.

1. **Constitution** to be approved.
2. **Port Adelaide** have proposed :
 - a. Take off Marla, Byrock from the SAHPA program and add two middle distances races.
 - b. Bird qualification for YBC and SAD
 - c. Shorten season
 - d. 20 bird limit and 20 certificates.
3. **The COM** Propose 4 X 5bird specials on opposite line of flight from main race the same day. Estimated cost of 30c/bird extra on prepaid lists.
4. **The COM** is pleased to announce the **Nominee John Hofman** meets all requirements and will be included to **The Wall of Fame**. MSC
5. Discuss Hall renovations and plans to expand loft
6. Review Tossing Plans – show Planned East line training schedule.
7. Approval of COM changes to Electorates - the re-allocation of clubs to each electorate.

- Northern delegate Gawler, Kingsford, Para Hills and Centrals
- Western Golden Mile, West Torrens, Pt Adelaide
- Eastern Metropolitan, North Suburban, Hyde Park and Happy Valley
- Southern Glenelg, Southern Districts, Southern Vales and Southern Fleurieu
- Hills Lower Murray, Barossa and Vitesse

8. Review Social media policy and breach of conduct letter

9. **Para Hills propose:**

- a. **All clubs have their birds mixed** (meaning mixed between all club members) in the hampers for every race that is conducted on the SAHPA race calendar.

Our reasons for our request are as follows.

- b. Members having their own birds in one hamper, was due to sickness that was being spread due to Rota etc. This reason is no longer valid as there is a vaccine out there with everybody having an opportunity to vaccinate their birds. There are perceived advantages in positioning of hampers in the truck e.g. Low- birds are out slightly before the top bays, and top bays having more oxygen levels than lower bays. This being the case no particular member should be given this advantage.

Majority of other associations/ federations nationally and internationally mix their birds.

- c. With hamper allocations, some clubs would have the luxury of being able to keep one member's birds in a hamper on their own, whereas other clubs may not have that luxury with hamper allocation to be able to do this. Hence things that we can control, we should make conditions as fair as we possibly can. Will reduce the chance of arguments between club members and other clubs if everyone is mixing their birds as no particular member would be perceived as receiving an advantage. If this were to be successful, there should be occasional audits of members hampering lists to ensure the clubs are complying by this rule.

13. Other Business

14. Meeting Closed at PM.