

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
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MINUTES OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2009.

1. CHAIRPERSON OPENED MEETING AT: 7.40PM.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Mr W.Myers, Mr R Seedsman, Mr C Nesbitt, Mr L Hughes, Mr B Bilecki.

MEMORIUM – The chairman read the names of members who passed away in the last twelve months- Mr M Hatch, Mr R Starick, Mr K Smoker, Mr B Verco, Mr B Drew, Mr G Edwards, Mr B Bell, Mr B Thomas, Mr D Stewart.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM.

Moved Mr B Abraham – Seconded Mr C Forbes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES.

Mrs B Seedsman pointed out that the minutes from the previous AGM had not been circulated to members.

5. CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

6. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS /COMMITTEES:

6.1 The SAHPA treasurer Mr D Cawte presented his report for the period 1st December 2007 through to 30th November 2008.

The treasurer addressed the meeting and gave a brief overview of the profit & loss statement and balance for the period, with the association recording a profit \$2,050.21 profit.

The loss in profit from last year was due to spending \$12,000.00 on respraying the main race unit as reflected in the profit and loss report.

Moved Mr D Cawte - Seconded Mr G Cawte that the Treasurer report be accepted.

6.2 Mr G Watson gave a brief overview of the promotions committee and thanked the people that helped him in his time on the committee.

6.3 Mr G Harris noted that the sires had raised \$40,000 so far and nominations were closing on the Friday following the AGM.
Mr G Harris also spoke on the Special Races committee conducting a National Race in the future.

6.4 Mr D Walker spoke on Short Distance racing and changed rules that will apply from the coming year.

7. ADJOURNED MOTIONS AND BUSINESS

a) Election of Chairperson. – Mr D Thalbourne

The chairman (Mr D Thalbourne vacated the chair and Mr D Walker advised that Mr D Thalbourne was the only nominee for the SAHPA Inc. chairperson.

Moved Mr L. Jones -seconded Mr B Balk that Mr D Thalbourne be appointed SAHPA chairman for the 2009 season.

Carried.

b) Election of the Vice Chair-person- Mr Robert Seedsman.

Mr D Thalbourne advised that Mr R Seedsman was the only nominee for SAHPA Vice-Chairperson.

Moved Mr B Abraham – Seconded Mr D Schwarz that Mr B Seedsman be appointed Vice- Chairperson for the 2009 season.

c) Southern Electorate

Mr G Harris was the only nominee for the Southern Electorate and is therefore the delegate for the Southern area.

The chairperson acknowledged Mr W Moyle for his service to the Southern electorate and the Management committee.

8. MOTIONS OF NOTICE WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN: 2009 “NOTICE OF MOTION”

Committee of Management – Constitution – Amended Notices of Motion as agreed in committee 15 /12 /2008

Mr D Walker spoke for the management committee motions stating that all the motions where tidying up the wording.

3 Objects

The objects of the Association shall be:

6 To make such arrangements that the convoyers have as far as possible full information as to the state of the weather between the home end Adelaide and the race points, thus to ensure that every reasonable precaution has been taken to obviate a smash.

TO BE REPLACED WITH

6. To make such arrangements that the convoyer shall have full information as to the state of the weather between Adelaide and the race points, and to ensure that every reasonable precaution has been taken to provide a fair race with fair returns.

Vote was taken show of hands
MOTION CARRIED

7 To have a uniform system of race marking, setting and opening of clocks, checking on race marks and the compiling of race reports.

TO BE REPLACED WITH

7. To have a uniform system of race marking, setting, and opening of clocks, checking on race marks and compiling of race reports. This rule shall include electronic timing - see ETS Race Bylaw 41 and the EBSS Rules and Conditions.

Vote was taken show of hands.
MOTION CARRIED

18 Officer's Duties

6 The Race Secretary shall determine the results of all races flown under the auspices of the Association and hand the results to the General Secretary for approval and presentation to the Management Committee.

TO BE REPLACED WITH

6. The General Secretary (or an officer so nominated by the Management Committee) shall determine the results of all races flown under the auspices of the Association. Should there be any issue arising from the race results, the General Secretary shall provide all information to the Management Committee for review and decision.

Vote was taken show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED

Race Bylaws

RBL3 The Committee of management reserve absolute power to refuse any acceptance actually received should they deem fit to do so

- a) The release of all pigeons at all race points is to be at the sole discretion of the Release Officer(s). Prior to the commencement of each season members will be informed how release information may be obtained. Members are not permitted to telephone the radio station to seek this information.

RBL4. The General Secretary has power to refuse any entry or entries received which do not conform strictly to the By-Laws controlling such races as held under the auspices of the said Association

TO BE REPLACED WITH

RBL3 The General Secretary and the Committee of management reserve absolute power to refuse any entry or entries received which do not conform strictly to the By-Laws controlling such races as held under the auspices of the SAHPA.

RBL4 The release of all pigeons at all race points is to be at the sole discretion of the Release Officer(s). Prior to the commencement of each season members will be informed how release information may be obtained. Members are not permitted to telephone the radio station to seek this information. Release information will generally be available via the Race Release telephone number and or via the SAHPA website.

Vote was taken show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED

RBL5. Association approved Nomination and Acceptance forms must be used and written/printed in ink. Details must be recorded in full for each pigeon nominated, ditto marks not being permitted.

- a) Details must be nominated in full on the 'special prize nomination' form. Errors made on the special prize nomination form will result in the disqualification of the pigeon from receiving a special prize.

TO BE REPLACED WITH

Association approved Nomination and Acceptance forms must be used and written/printed in ink. Details must be recorded in full for each pigeon nominated, ditto marks not being permitted. Electronic timing Basketing Lists of SAHPA approved electronic timing systems are approved - see ETS Race Bylaw 41 and the EBSS Rules and Conditions.

- a) Details of pigeons nominated for aggregate points must be nominated in full on the 'special prize nomination' form. Errors made on the special prize nomination form will result in the disqualification of the pigeon from receiving a special prize.

Mr P Couzner spoke against the motion with approved SAHPA timing systems in the motion.

Mr D Walker spoke for the motion stating there is a review on the EBSS timing system rules.

Mr D Buxton spoke for the motion with an amended motion to take out SAHPA approved.

Amended motion to read:

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Vote was taken show of hands.

CARRIED as amended

RBL8 All birds before nomination must be the absolute property of the competitor(s) in whose name they are nominated and flown and must be flown to a loft on the registered premises of the competitor(s). No Competitor(s) will be allowed to fly to more than one registered loft.

RBL9 Any infraction to annul all right to prizes

TO BE REPLACED WITH

RBL8. All birds before nomination must be the absolute property of and ring registered to the competitor(s) in whose name they are nominated and flown and must be flown to a loft on the registered premises of the competitor(s). No Competitor(s) will be allowed to fly to more than one registered loft premises. Any infraction to this rule will annul all right to prizes

RBL9 Delete RBL9

Mr P Springett spoke against the motion stating allowed to fly to more than one registered loft should cover multiple.

Mr D Walker spoke for the motion.

Mr T Tirrell spoke against the motion referring to absolute property.

Amended motion to read:

RBL8. All birds before nomination must be the absolute property of and ring_registered to the competitor(s) in whose name they are nominated and flown and must be flown to a loft on the registered premises of the competitor(s). No Competitor(s) will be allowed to fly to more than one registered premises. Any infraction to this rule will annul all right to prizes.

RBL9 Delete RBL9

Vote taken show of hands.

CARRIED as amended

RBL 22. Each bird gaining first, second and third positions in each SAHPA race must be tossed by the Chairperson or the Secretary of the owner's club within seven (7) days of homing and the prescribed form duly filled in and presented to the Association prior to prize-money will be paid. The Committee of Management reserves the right to toss any pigeon. The onus is on the owner to arrange his/her birds to be tossed.

TO BE REPLACED WITH

RBL22. Each bird gaining first, second and third positions in each SAHPA race must be tossed by the Chairperson or the Secretary of the owner's club or Group Hampering centre within seven (7) days of homing and the prescribed form duly completed and presented to the Association prior to prize-money or points being allocated. The Committee of Management reserves the right to toss any pigeon. The onus is on the owner to arrange his/her birds to be tossed.

Vote taken show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED

RBL25. 2. Each race bird must have placed upon its leg an EBSS band which will trigger an Electronic Scanning Device as approved by SAHPA Inc.

TO BE REPLACED WITH

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Amended motion take out SAHPA approved

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Vote taken show of hands
MOTION CARRIED as amended

RBL29. All associated club members must purchase their metal from the Association and affiliated clubs are asked to do the same.

TO BE REPLACED WITH

RBL 29. All SAHPA club members are asked to purchase their life-rings from the Association and affiliated clubs are asked to do the same.

Vote was taken show of hands.
MOTION CARRIED

RBL40

11. The maximum number of S.D.C. bird entries is proposed to be 30. Nominated birds to be so noted on club nomination forms (i.e. marked as S.D.C.)
 - a. Additional birds to the maximum allowed by individual club rules may be flown. These additional birds may be noted on the same set of nomination forms as the S.D.C. birds.
 - b. Only one set of nomination forms are required. This will cover S.D.C. and club requirements.
 - c. Entries are to be scrutinized by the club (normal club management) for accuracy and conformity.
 - d. Issues of concern (post race results) are to be sent (by the club management) to the S.D.C. sub-committee for ruling.
 - e. The S.D.C. sub-committee rulings will be firm and final.
12. The complete race result (web based) would be reviewed as per the race rules noted above, with certificates and aggregate points awarded and posted on the website during the week following the race.

TO BE REPLACED WITH

11. The maximum number of S.D.C. bird entries is to be 30. Nominated birds to be so noted on (as a minimum requirement) duplicate forms. EBSS flyers must provide a duplicate basketing list.
 - a. Flyers with 30 or fewer birds are automatically entered and do not need to mark the forms.
 - b. Flyers with more than 30 birds may choose to race either the first 30 birds as SDC (and mark the nomination forms #1 SDC, #2 SDC), or mark up to 30 individual birds (with an 'S').

c. Additional birds to the maximum allowed by individual club rules may be flown. These additional birds may be noted on the same set of nomination forms as the S.D.C. birds.

d. Only one set of nomination forms are required. This will cover S.D.C. and club requirements.

e. Entries are to be scrutinized by the club (normal club management) for accuracy and conformity however a duplicate (copy) set of nominations is to be sent to the SAHPA General Secretary on the night of hampering for forwarding to the SDC committee for review.

f. Issues of concern (post race results) are to be sent (by the club management) to the S.D.C. sub-committee for ruling.

g. The S.D.C. sub-committee rulings will be firm and final.

12. The complete race result (web based) would be reviewed as per the race rules noted above, with certificates and aggregate points awarded and posted on the website during the week following the race. Please note - on 'clocking' nights, the club/group race secretary is required to 'tick' the SDC box on the results input web site to ensure clocked & nominated birds are recorded for the SDC race result.

Mr D Walker spoke for the motion changing rules for SDC for the better.

Mr C Forbes asked why they have a 30 bird limit

Mr D Walker explained why they put 30 bird limit on SDC to stay in SAHPA rules.

Vote taken show of hands

Motion Carried.

NEW RULE

RBL 41 Electronic Band Scanning Systems (EBSS)

The operation of EBSS by any SAHPA member is subject to the rules and conditions of installation and use of electronic band systems. These rules and conditions of installation are noted on the document named Rules and Conditions of Installation and Use of Electronic Band Scanning Systems.

Mr B Balk spoke on having ETS systems installed correctly.

MOTION CARRIED

CENTRAL DISTRICT RACING CLUB.

Moved/Seconded/Carried. 8th December 2008.

New R.B.L. 20

That in short and middle distance races should have a maximum of 27 birds per hamper and 2 club hampers per bay maximum per bay (54 birds) on the SAHPA unit, allowing of course for club hampers which are short of birds but bays must contain a maximum of (54) birds per bay.

On long distance races there is to be a maximum of 30 birds per club hamper and 1 club hamper maximum per bay of (30 birds) on the SAHPA unit, allowing of course for club hampers which are short of birds but must only contain a maximum of (30 birds) per bay.

Mr P Squire spoke for the motion stating bays being empty.

Mr G Watson spoke against the motion stating concerns on flexibility and weight of hampers when loading of birds.

Mr P Squire spoke for the motion saying we already have 27 birds 3 more birds not much more weight.

Mr D Walker spoke against the motion in regards of having flexibility to change numbers in bays.

Mr P Squire spoke on maximum no's for Pimba.

Vote taken : no's for the motion 22-----no's against the motion 28

Motion was defeated

R.B.I. 21

That there be no qualifications for birds on all SAHPA races.

Mr C Nagle spoke for the motion stating that birds do not need to qualify for long distance racing.

Mr K Pridham spoke against the motion stating we need to qualify our birds.

Mr C Nagle spoke for the motion

Mr C Forbes spoke for the motion.

Mr B Balk spoke for the motion.

Mr B Hall spoke against the motion stating that birds should qualify for long distances.

Mr R Somerville spoke for the motion.

Vote was taken no's for the motion 30-----against the motion 26

The Committee of Management.

New Rule 22 (31)

To show movers and seconders names in COM. Minutes sent out to club secretaries

Mr P Squire spoke for the motion.

Mr D Walker spoke against the motion.

Vote was taken Motion was defeated.

New Rule 22 (32)

That the convoyers report be distributed with COM minutes sent out to club secretaries.

Mr P Squire spoke for the motion stating members would like to read convoyers reports.

Mr D Russell spoke against the motion.

Vote was taken Motion Carried.

9. BREACHES OF RULES AND CONDITIONS: Nil

10. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1) Mr B Balk spoke on the loading of pigeon food onto the race unit hopper.
- 2) Mr L Smith spoke on the Management being out of order changing the race points in the last two races for 2009 season.
- 3) Mr D Russell spoke on changing the race points.
- 4) Mr C Forbes spoke about finding other race points.
- 5) Mr M Molchanoff spoke about staying on the true North East line.
- 6) Mr D Thalbourne asked for show of hands not to change race points.
- 7) Mr P Pollard spoke on looking into other race points.
- 8) Mr P Springett spoke on having replacement fund checked.
- 9) Mr P Squires spoke on insurance for the Treasurer of SAHPA when carrying monies.
- 10) Mr A Agar spoke on clubs having electronic money transfer.
- 11) Mr Russell spoke regards insurance for members in fire prone area's
- 12) Mrs B Seedsman responded to direct debit for clubs
- 13) Mr P Springett spoke on bringing Marla earlier onto the program.
- 14) Mr P Aneric on what the RSPCA can do and what they can't do.
- 15) Mr C Nagle responded with an answer on the RSPCA.

11. **MINUTES READ,CONFIRMED AND PASSED.**

The General Secretary Read back the minutes as taken during the AGM. The Chairman asked for a mover and seconded that the minutes read back where in fact a true account of the meetings business.

Moved Mr J Hofman -----Seconded Mr B Hall.

12. **MEETING CLOSED** ----- 10.50 PM.