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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION COM Minutes Monday 2.00pm 13th June 2022

1. Meeting – opened at 2.00PM by Chairman.
Present: Mr G Hamilton (Chairman), Mr R Somerville (Vice Chairman), Mr T Tirrell (Treasurer), Mr G Mitchell (Secretary), Mr D Walker, Mr R Williams, Mr G Hodgins, Mr W March
Guest: Mr Greg Kakoschke
2. **Apologies** – Nil.
3. **Greg Kakoschke re ANRPB race**
 1. Mr Kakoschke provided a comprehensive overview of the ANRPB National Race from Cobar to be held 8 October 2022.
 2. To summarise the race will be a 10 Bird Special, all birds to have been on your prenom list, however there is an additional cost of \$10 per bird to participate. All fees to remain within the flyer's own state. The aim is to have the birds home on the day of release. Further information will be provided by the ANRPB in due course.
 3. As the SAHPA is holding its own Cobar race on that day there will be some discussion required with the Release Panel.
 4. Greg Hamilton thanked Mr Kakoschke for attending the meeting.
- 2) **Previous Minutes 15/05/2022**
 1. David Walker advised that in Part 6, Section f, Part 1, Hyde Park have requested an additional 16 **crates**, should read **grates**.
Accepted – M, S, Carried
- 3) **Treasurer's report -**
 1. The delivery date for the 2023 life rings is yet to be confirmed.
 2. The Commonwealth Bank have requested formal confirmation by way of the minutes to remove the name of Mr Anthony Perkins from all bank accounts as listed below:
SAHPA Rings BSB 065 102 Account 1030 0829
SAHPA Ring Race BSB 065 102 Account 1044 5657
SAHPA BOS BSB 065 132 Account 1025 0343
SAHPA Debit BSB 065 167 Account 1030 8621
SAHPA General BSB 065 518 Account 1003 8108
Accepted M, S, Carried
 3. The SAHPA currently has 160 paid members, and a total income from prenom of \$58,000. There are some discrepancies within individual club amounts, all discrepancies over \$10 are to be investigated and reconciled.
 4. It is now expected that the SAHPA will need to pay GST from 1 July, those costs will be reflected in all fees and charges after that date.

5. Tom Tirrell advised that all insurances are now paid with the exception of Public Liability which is still in progress.
- 4) **Business arising from minutes**
1. **Manual switch and thermometer for Gerald** – Tom Tirrell advised that this work has been completed at a cost of \$2,700, some further tests are yet to be completed.
 2. **Alan Agar presentation from May COM**
 1. **Perspex signage** – Not proceeding at this time. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
 2. Greg Hamilton to investigate sponsorship with possible signage.
 3. **Purchase of remote card readers** - Tom Tirrell has confirmed compatibility with Xero and will be proceeding with this purchase. Ongoing.
 4. **Year Book** – We will not be producing a Year Book this year, however we will produce a range of annual management reports to be available on the website. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
 5. **Zoom remote meeting software** – Greg Hamilton to test this with Gavin Harris and advise further feedback to the COM prior to the next meeting. Ongoing.
 6. **Changes to Top 30 Auction** – Further discussion is deferred to 2023 given that the National Convention and subsequent auctions are to be held in November.
 7. **Certificates and Points** – After some discussion these matters were clarified to the satisfaction of those present. Points are awarded to the owner's from the "Owners First Bird" screen from the SRRSystem, and certificates are awarded as per the "Owners First Three" screen from the SRRSystem.
 3. **Constitution amendments**
 1. **Upgrade to constitution** - David Walker to action with input from Rolf Goodacre. Ongoing.
 2. **Email from Port Adelaide club re proxy voting** – Should the Port Adelaide Club wish to pursue this they will need to have a representative at the AGM and raise the matter at that time.
 4. **Basket Allocation**
 1. **Para Hills have requested one additional basket** – Due to current constraints this request must be denied. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
 2. **Allocation of crates from the APC to SAHPA clubs** - Graham Mitchell advised that Rolf Goodacre is happy for individual clubs to contact him as required.
 3. **Allocation of additional crates to APC for Bookaloo** - Rolf advised that due to the suspension of Gerald tossing the APC may now need an additional 3 crates for their first race from Bookaloo. It was resolved the APC be able to utilise one side of the trailer. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
 5. **Plastic grate flooring from Gerald update**
 1. Graham Mitchell has contacted all clubs to ascertain any additional requirements. The Barossa Valley Club have requested another 8 grates. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**

6. Gerald/Toss programme update

1. Graham Mitchell sent another email to all club secretaries.

Responses to date:

North Suburban will support Gerald tosses from Stirling Nth but not Hawker. Expected approx. 500 birds, 16 -17 crates per toss.

Port Adelaide 140 birds for 15 June.

Southern Vales 200 birds for Stirling North if held 28/29 June

Glenelg 100 birds

Metro in favour with conditions. Refer email.

Hyde Park 100 birds

Happy Valley, Para Hills, and Centrals not interested.

2. The COM proposes that a toss from Stirling North be held on 29 June, weather permitting, cost 50 cents per bird. This is also dependent on driver availability for the Mazda and trailer, not the Gerald unit. Basketing would be on the 28 June at the SAHPA between 7.00-8.00pm. To be confirmed.
3. Bob Hill has advised he will no longer be offering his services for NE tossing.
4. Greg Hodgins advised he has spoken to Nick Albanos concerning mid-week tossing. Nick is happy to do this at his discretion for a trial period.

7. Roller door flashing repairs

1. Rick Williams advised he has spoken to Mark Hutchison who will contact Graham Mitchell to update his quote for a new scope of works to include the installation of signage above the office window. Ongoing.

8. Purchase additional honour board.

1. The Central Districts Club is willing to sell its honour boards at 50% of the cost of new honour boards. Further discussion is deferred to the next COM meeting.
2. Tom Tirrell advised of the offer of a free honour board.
3. Warren March advised that the honour boards that formerly belonged to the Murray Bride club are also available free of charge.

9. Advertise for new History/Promotions Officer

1. No applications to date. Ad to remain on the website.

10. Cleaning the Gerald Trailer

1. Greg Hodgins and Tom Tirrell advised this matter had been resolved.

11. Renumeration for the hall cleaner

1. Graham Mitchell contacted Kathy Barlow and she agreed to continue as cleaner for payment of \$100 per week, he advised she no longer needs to clean the North Suburban room. Kathy advised she sometimes buys incidentals at her own cost. Graham advised she will be reimbursed upon the presentation of receipts. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**

12. Other business – Nil.

13. Correspondence In

1. **Email from Adelaide Pigeon Club**
 - a. Follow-up email on affiliation and freight increase previously agreed by COM requesting decrease from \$3,000 to \$2,800. Given the current increase in fuel costs the previous decision stands, the fees will increase to \$3,000. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
2. **Email from Elizabeth Club**
 - a. **Request to place club in recess and refund capitation for G Moir**
 - b. The request to place the Elizabeth Club into recess is granted, however the request to reimburse the fees paid in the name of Graham Moir is denied. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
3. **Email from Beverley McWilliams**
 - a. Beverley is a children's author commissioned to write an historical novel about pigeons in WW2. Beverley visited the loft of Graham Mitchell to obtain some background information for her book.
4. **Request for refund of fees -**
 - a. D Rosa from SDIRPC and G Leverington from SFRPC request refunds of fees paid.
 - b. The request for a refund of capitations to D Rosa is denied. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
 - c. The request for a refund of affiliation fees to Grant Leverington is approved. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
5. **Email re Royal Adelaide Show**
 - a. It was resolved not to sponsor the Royal Adelaide Show this year. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
6. **Email from John Harper re Jack Vanderlinden**
 - a. John advised that Jack's vehicle was vandalised in the SAHPA car park on the night of the first race basketing. Graham Mitchell has checked the security footage however that area is a "black spot" with no activity visible. It is extremely disappointing that this sort of thing should happen on the SAHPA grounds.
7. **John Kokolakis wishes to redeem the food voucher he won at the 2021 Presentation Night – 20kg race mix**
 - a. Rick Williams to arrange the delivery of the grain and advise Graham Mitchell.
8. **Application from Yang and Gao to use Benzing Live – Approved by club**
9. **Paruna disqualifications Glenelg club**
 - a. It was resolved to uphold the decision previously made by the Clock Chairman. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
 - b. Graham Mitchell to write to Paul Springett and advise that matters of this nature should in future be logged officially through the club.
14. **Correspondence Out**
 1. Graham Mitchell to draft letters of appreciation to all involved with the Yarraville Racing Club donation to the SAHPA

Juniors, namely Mr R Saggars, Mr M Ciancio, Mr R Hocking, and the Yarraville Homing Club. Greg Hamilton to approve then letters with Certificates of Appreciation to be mailed.

15. General Business

1. Issues pertaining to the race programme

- a. Alex Stojakovic requests Byrock basketing to be Wednesday night Accepted – M, S, Carried**

2. SDC Benzing vouchers

- a. David Walker has designed an A4 size certificate. It was resolved that a watermark be added, along with the race and date. Accepted – M, S, Carried**

3. Release Panel

- a. Warren March advised there are no published rules concerning appointment to the Release Panel. David Walker will follow this up and advise. Ongoing.**
- b. Please note the Release Panel is not to be contacted directly by any individual flyer, any communication should go through the club secretary, and then to the General Secretary.**

4. Clarification of 5BS clocking

- a. It was confirmed that up to 3 birds results per flyer be allowed in the 5 Bird Series. Accepted – M, S, Carried**
- b. Gavin Harris is requested to “open” the first 3 races to allow all club secretaries to make the required amendments for their flyers. Accepted – M, S, Carried**
- c. Graham Mitchell to advise Perry Burton of this decision.**

5. Email from Russell Somerville re Race Declaration

- a. A reminder to all secretaries that race results must be completed by 8.00pm on the day of clocking.**

6. Russell Somerville Northings/Eastings. Completed.

7. Discuss backup driver for Gerald

- a. Graham Mitchell advised that both Justin Horrocks and Fred DiMella have agreed to be backup drivers if required. The COM would like to thank Justin and Fred. Tom Tirrell advised that Harvey Norman can provides drivers if required.**

8. Monitoring of the CO2 monitor

- a. Darren Aquilina from the Para Hills club has volunteered to take on this role. Thank you Darren.**

16. Other Business

1. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Warren March

- a. This certificate was awarded in appreciation of Warren’s kind donation to the SAHPA of a training trailer.**

2. Trailer repairs

- a. The March trailer has had its axles repaired. Greg Hodgins will collect the trailer and check the axels.**

3. Trophies and donors – To be removed from the front page of the website.

4. Gawler pigeon left in Paruna crate

- a. The COM regrets this situation occurred and has undertaken a full investigation and can assure all members**

we will do all we can to ensure this does not happen again. In the unlikely occurrence this should happen again the correct protocol is to contact the General Secretary, the Chairman, or a member of the COM in a timely manner. In this instance despite the General Secretary and members of the COM being onsite they were not advised.

- b. Regarding the request for compensation the COM draws the members attention to Race By-Law 10 which states “All birds hampered for tosses and racing on SAHPA transporters shall be entirely at owners’ risk from the time they leave the owner’s hands, but every care will be taken to prevent losses or injury to birds by the SAHPA COM and the personnel charged with the transport and release for tosses and races.” **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
5. The Chairman and the General Secretary are authorised to make any urgent interim decisions as may be required, to be ratified by the COM at their next meeting. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
6. David Walker raised the matter of late bird registration. It was resolved that the previous decision be upheld, there will be no late registrations. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
7. Greg Hodgins raised the matter of the “hours of contact” for the General Secretary. Graham will take this into consideration and advise all via the Forum. **Accepted – M, S, Carried**
8. Rick Williams advised there are some flyers who are not vaccinating their birds.
9. Greg Hamilton advised that the sales pens are not up to par and the purchase of new ones for the Convention auctions should be considered. He queried the cost of new ones.
 - a. Greg is to check with Gavin Harris whether we can borrow same from the South Australian Canary and Pigeon Society.
10. A reminder that as per Clock By-Law 4, “All clocks (set by GPS, through a computer, or by hand) shall be set and or checked against timeanddate.com (the SAHPA COM approved UTC app) to ensure accuracy across all SAHPA clubs and membership. timeanddate.com is based on and set through the world universal timing system (UTC). timeanddate.com is available via smart phone or computer.”

5) Meeting Closed at 5.00PM.

6) Next Meeting – Monday 11th July 2022 at 6.00pm