



SSAGO
*Student Scout and
Guide Organisation*

POLICY DOCUMENT:

PIGEON POLICY
(FEBRUARY 2007)

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1. OVERVIEW

As initiated at the Bangor "Blackadder" Rally in November 2006, drafted and voted on at the Loughborough "Down Under" Rally in February 2007, the Pigeon Policy Document details the newest way of ensuring that important documents get communicated during meetings.

This document stipulates the purposes of pigeons and their role in SSAGO politics. It aims to demonstrate how the pigeon should be used in meetings and the appropriate FPM's (Flights Per Meeting). Most importantly it intends to provide light relief from the moderate to extreme tedium of Reps, Committee, Annual and Extraordinary SSAGO meetings.

2. THE RULES

1. No part of this document needs to ever be reproduced in the constitution.
2. This policy document may not be altered, removed, ignored or replaced until SSAGO is 100 years old. On SSAGO's 100th birthday the document may be edited after consultation at the AGM, where all past, present and deceased members must be present.
3. Every club shall purchase a pigeon, ready trained to return to the exec important documents, this might include:
 - a. Membership forms.
 - b. Expenses claims.
 - c. Handwritten manifestos and hard copies of photographs.
 - d. Any other paper work they feel the exec should receive.
4. The passing of important documents to the exec during meetings does not count as a flight.
5. Clubs may apply to the development fund to help pay for the cost of the pigeon.
6. So that pigeons do not get lonely each club may have more than one pigeon.
7. The club must care for the pigeons, provide them with adequate food, alcohol and camping opportunities,
 - a. All pigeons are non steal-able.
 - b. Pigeons may wear club neckers.
 - c. Or a variety of Ann Summers Garments should they choose to!
8. All pigeons must be known as Speckled Jim.
 - a. If a pigeon cannot be found another carrier creature can be appointed.
9. The shooting and killing of the delicious plump breasted pigeon is not allowed - on pain of firing squad.
10. Pigeons are permitted to migrate to Rallies, SSAGO Balls and other SSAGO events.

11. Each club pigeon must be allowed to fly as follows:
 - a. Once in Reps Meetings.
 - b. Twice in AGM's.
 - c. Four times in EGM's.
 - d. The pigeon cannot attend Exec meetings unless specifically invited and granted diplomatic immunity.
12. A flight during a meeting is defined as the time from which the pigeon leaves its owner to the time it is returned. The pigeon may briefly touchdown during flight to allow for detachment of its message.
13. The returning officers decision is final.
14. Pigeons are not responsible for any action taken if the policy document discussion at reps lasts more than 30 seconds.
 - a. Dive bombing is permitted by pigeons, in the event of any policy document discussion lasting more than 10 minutes.
 - b. Dive bombing does not count as a flight.
15. Pigeons should not be held responsible for the spelling mistakes, grammatical errors or punctuation related incidences.
16. Club reps who fail to bring their pigeons to a reps meeting are required to wear a colander for the duration of the meeting.
 - a. If not enough colanders are available other cooking vessels may be used at discretion of the chair.
17. When receiving pigeon mail the exec member should wear a tea cosy for protection.
 - a. The location of the tea cosy is non-specific.
18. This rule is intentionally left blank.
19. Use your common sense!