

CLUB	PRESENT	TOTAL	DELEGATES
Bayswater-Nunawading	Yes	4	1
Diamond Valley	Yes	12	3
Greensborough	No	6	0
Heidelberg	Yes	9	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	11	2
Knox	Yes	4	1
Malvern	Yes	6	1
Mountain District	Yes	5	1
Northcote	No	5	0
North East	No	5	0
Notting Hill	Yes	5	1
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	6	1
Pathfinder	Yes	15	3
Plenty	Yes	10	2
South East	Yes	6	1
United	N/A	3	0
TOTAL		111	19

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of July delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 1st of July 2019

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 8.03pm.

ROLL CALL

Apologies – None

Matters arising from the previous minutes – None

REPORTS

Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis 71 strays reported and owners notified. Transfers for two new members from other feds. discussed and the committee decided to charge 90 cents per pigeon for 2018 rung birds no charge for 2017 rung pigeons. Moved Neville Stone seconded Ray Shreiber – motion carried.

Clock Chairman – John Yates Reminder to all centres that they should have all clocking systems upgraded with latest programme by the start of racing. John Yates is to receive the emails from Benzing live replacing Steve Kearsey. John's email address is johnnyates085@gmail.com

Treasurer - Tim Brudenell Tim detailed income and expenditure for the month. Balance of accounts is as follows:- ANZ term deposit \$26,083.04 Trading Account \$50,966.93 and 110 race \$19,209.89 Rent for unit 1 has been paid and arrangements for direct debit have been put in place. Tim advised that EFT payment is now able to be made and that some BSB and account numbers are

still required from the clubs. Members are reminded that existing forms of payment will continue to be available.

Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos All units have been allocated to centres. All trailer repairs have been completed. The Ivanhoe loading ramp is to go to Cranbourne centre. The owner of the property at Logan is still to be contacted re access for liberation. A reminder that statutory declarations re PMV vaccination are to be supplied for the race season. The form has been updated and is available on the VHA website. Andrew and Gerry are currently in negotiation with contacts in Tasmania re transport arrangements and costs for our two Tasmanian races.

CORRESPONDANCE

Letter from Heidelberg club applying for late membership for Arthur Wang.

Notice of motion from Diamond Valley club to put cost of life rings up to \$2.00 per ring. The extra money to go towards paying off the loan for unit one. Fee to include all transfers from other federations. Delegates need to take this suggestion back to the clubs and will be voted on at the next delegate's meeting

Colin Walker notifying that Andrew Spiliopoulos will take up his duties on the liberation committee until he returns from overseas.

Ivanhoe club requesting that trainers be allowed on the three Ouyen races as well as the club races. Moved Neville Stone seconded Noel Fleming put to a vote. Motion defeated.

Mark Tung requesting to race as M and P Tung for this season.

Letter from Gavin Whitehand offering to help with the canteen at Notting Hill. Gavin asked whether the BYO permit had been obtained. Tim Brudenell to follow up.

Mark Schubert suggesting the sale be held in the Notting Hill rooms on Sunday the 25th of August viewing from 12 sale starting at 1.00pm. Mark asked for the following volunteers:- Auctioneer, Commission Agents, Handlers, Collection of money and receipts, Sale pen set up and pack away, Kitchen assistants. Mark also asked that each basketing centre organise this coming Friday night/ Saturday donations of pigeons and that these lists be sent to him over the weekend via email. Email address for Mark is nationallofts@gmail.com We will also need to arrange with donors a day or night for pictures to be taken and pedigree info to enable loading into the VHA website.

Bob Stukel reported on the 110 race and urged flyers to spread the word and get their money in before the price rise which takes place on the 1st of August. Bob suggested sending text messages and an email every Monday to members with an add and an entry form. Bob also suggested we should further actively promote the race to the other feds by dropping off entry forms and adds and asking them to send text messages to their members. John Yates provided clip boards and forms to each centre to be put up Friday night for all members to have better access to entry forms.

GENERAL BUSINESS

John Yates advised he had been contacted by another federation to see if the VHA could put out their schedule earlier so as other federations may be able to align with our distance races. This is envisaging that in future the VHA may be asked to transport other federation pigeons to the

distance races. David Crosby suggested that the VHA set its three lines permanently with any changes requiring a notice of motion. This was thought to be a good proposal and David will submit this as a notice of motion from Bayswater club for further consideration by the delegates. Clubs will need to vote on this proposal, including an earlier line of Flight meeting, to accommodate this change.

It was asked what purpose the PMV statutory declaration is currently required for. This will be followed up. Andrew indicated that we would need it for Tasmanian races at least.

Gerry Sheean advised that the STB ink pads were difficult to buy. Gerry was only able to source four after trying all known suppliers both here and overseas.

There are reports that birds are getting ROTA even though they have been vaccinated. There has been four confirmed cases interstate. Andrew has spoken to Mark White and Colin Walker re this and it seems that although the birds are catching the disease, they are mildly affected and get over it in a short time.

The tenant in unit one has approached Andrew with regard to installing solar panels on the roof. We will check on the insurance requirements and if there are any body corporate issues.

Members were advised that the drinker sponges are available for \$2.65 each plus GST.

A reminder to members having Benzing live that the email now goes to John Yates. Johns email address is johnyates085@gmail.com

Andrew advised that he and John Yates are intending to run a squeaker sale around November. This will be an online auction with approximately 40 birds being sourced from the best lofts in Australia. Proceeds will go to paying of the VHA loan.

The secretary made comment that, now that we have a loan in place, we should ask clubs/centres to consider taking up debentures to cover part of the loan. We are currently paying 5.7% interest on the loan. Any debentures received can be set against the loan, reducing total outstanding, but remain in a redraw facility, to cover payment of the debenture, should clubs require their money back at any stage. Current rates for investment are around the 2% mark so there is significant saving that clubs can impact on.

Meeting closed at 9.57pm.

