

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of August delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 5th of August 2019

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 8.04pm.

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	TOTAL	DELEGATES
Bayswater-Nunawading	Yes	4	1
Diamond Valley	Yes	12	3
Greensborough	No	6	0
Heidelberg	Yes	8	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	11	2
Knox	Yes	4	1
Malvern	Yes	6	1
Mountain District	Yes	5	1
Northcote	No	5	0
North East	Yes	5	1
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	20

Apologies—Gerry Sheean and Jeff Weaver

Matters arising from the previous minutes—None

REPORTS

Ring Secretary—Hank Merbis 60 strays reported and 1 ring reported. Hank provided the 2019 rings for the Clubs and as usual allocated ring distribution by putting the names in a hat. Clubs are as follows: Malvern, Plenty, Heidelberg, Knox, United, Pathfinder, Diamond Valley, Greensborough, Bayswater, Oakleigh Waverley, Mountain District, Notting Hill, Ivanhoe, South East, North East and Northcote.

Clock Chairman—John Yates A reminder that clock sheets should go to John Yates and entry sheets should go to Steven Gazzola. Other than that, everything appears to be going well at this point.

Treasurer—Tim Brudenell Tim detailed income and expenditure for the month. Balance of accounts are as follows: ANZ term deposit \$10,000.00, Cheque Account \$56,644.07 and the

VHA110 race account \$85,509.89. Additionally, if you haven't already provided your BSB and account numbers, please do so.

Transport Officer---Andrew Spiliopoulos Andrew said in general everything is going well. However, he did point out there have been some foggy days and shifting race points is very difficult once everything is set up for the release. Andrew indicated that the race point should be changed from Ouyen to Mittyack because birds are being attached at Ouyen. Race point change was moved by David Crosbie and seconded by Kevin Clark. Motion carried. Andrew also indicated that a VHA convoyer report will be made available for each race and be part of our minutes—see attached.

CORRESPONDANCE

Andrew Spiliopoulos talked about insurance for the trailer and the units while at Notting Hill. The trailer will be insured for \$75,000 and the units for \$50,000. The cost will be \$105.00 per year. This was moved by Ray Schreiber and seconded by Neville Stone. Motion carried.

A Notice of Motion to formalize the Line of Flight was provided by Bayswater. This does not reflect dates, but does indicate race points. This also included Rule changes to coincided with the Line of Flight proposal—see attached.

New member, Terry Micalizzi / Vickie Ilsley was entered and accepted.

The convoyer's report for Logan and Wycheproof was presented and will be part of the Minutes going forward.

East Coast Long Distance Racing Combine presented a letter for advertisement on the VHA web site.

The Notice of Motion from the last Delegates meeting to raise the cost of life rings to \$2.00 was voted on. Mark Tong moved and Ray Schreiber seconded. The vote was 12 yes and 8 no—carried.

Bob Stukel reported on the VHA110 race and wanted to “thank” everyone that has supported the race. There was a huge rush to meet the deadline and we currently have 113 entrants in the race with 828 pigeons. Due to the fact a fair number have missed the deadline of August 1st, the committee has decided to **extent the \$100 deadline to 15th August, 2019**. The committee would like to “thank” Gerry Sheean and Steven Gazzola for helping to advertise the race and would like to ask them to continue with the advertising of the extension to 15th August, 2019. A couple of the clubs have formed syndicates and entered a number of birds. An example of this is the Oakleigh-Waverley club that put a \$1800 syndicate together—an excellent idea and a great way to win some money and have a bit of fun. Bob would highly recommend other clubs do the same and take advantage of the \$100 extension.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Hank Merbis brought up a concern about the Telstra telephone diversion that was set up for reporting lost birds. He didn't know if it was for 6 or 12 months. Needs to be verified.

Mark Tong was wondering what was happening to the foam for the drinkers. There was a fair amount of discussion on the use of the foam and straw was getting in the foam. Andrew said he would look into it and provide some feedback.

Andrew Spiliopoulos talked about car parking in front of the VHA and difficulty getting the trailer in and out of the building. He met with the responsible people and marking lines will be painted indicating VHA parking only. Andrew also indicated that we are still in the process of collecting money for advertising on the VHA web site.

It was also brought to the attention of the VHA that we need to use straw that is snail free when transporting into SA. Andrew Spiliopoulos recommended that we get our straw from C Hunter.

Mark Tong asked about the VHA Sale and what was happening. Andrew Spiliopoulos indicated that there were only 36 birds nominated by all 112 VHA members. This was very disappointing. Therefore, rather than having three sales as thought, we are only going to have two on-line sales with 18 birds in each. If anyone who has not nominated birds want to, please contact Andrew.

Andrew Spiliopoulos mentioned the possibility of extending the up-front cut-off to the 3rd Ouyen. This started a lengthy discussion and that it was not fair to the people that followed the rules and nominated on the night of basketing for the 1st Wycheproof. Therefore, it was agreed that anyone that did not nominate and pay on the night of the 1st Ouyen would have to pay the penalty.

Meeting closed at 9.23pm.