

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of October delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the Monday the 7th of October 2019

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 8.06pm.

ROLL CALL

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	Yes	5	1
Notting Hill	Yes	5	1
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	6	1
Pathfinder	Yes	15	3
Plenty	Yes	10	2
South East	No	6	1
United	N/A	3	0
TOTAL		111	20

Apologies –Allan Marcon

A minute's silence was held for the passing of Rod McLeod and Allan Overall.

David Crosby said a few words about Allan Overall and Paul Suban spoke a few words about Rod McLeod.

Matters arising from the previous minutes- None

REPORTS

Ring Secretary - Hank Merbis 36 pigeons were reported and owners notified.

Clock Chairman – John Yates John reported that some older clocks weren't printing clearly making tapes difficult to read. John warned if tapes can't be read no time will be given. It was noted by the delegates that ink pads are difficult to get. John also requested that centre supervisors note the following procedure when birds are scanned for the race but subsequently removed from the race. The chips on these pigeons must be removed and held in a secure place until the race is over. The chips can then be returned to the owner.

Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos Liberation reports have been submitted please refer to attachments at the end of the minutes. The truck was stopped in South Australia recently by Vic Roads to check for snails. Andrew advised that the truck had driven through a dust storm just before Mildura. When the truck eventually stopped it was noted that it was completely covered with red dust but no dust had penetrated the curtains into where the pigeons were held. It was advised that there were more pigeons nominated for the Tasmania race than expected and Andrew suggested we have 16 more wire floors made up so that two extra units were available for the race. It was moved Neville Stone and seconded John Yates the 16 wire floors be made. – carried.

Treasurer - Tim Brudenell Current bank account balances- ANZ term deposit \$10,000, Cheque account \$174,910, V2 Plus account (110 race) \$1,739 Tim advised that money had been moved from the V2 (110) account into the cheque account for payment of prize money for the 110 race which will be authorised next Thursday. The money left is to cover the entry for next year for those fliers who won free entry as prizes this year.

Moneys received and paid- Rent received by direct debit, Insurance for truck, diploma money, Racing Pigeon Journal Advertising for the 110 race, Toll transport, Steve Letch for work on the website, new trailer tyres, Council rates, Telstra and SMS messages have all been paid.

Tim also advised that Gerry Sheehan had \$14,047 GST moneys returned to the VHA from the Australian Taxation Department.

Liberation – Steve Gazzola Steve advised that all was going well with one issue being the moving of the race from Berri to Renmark due to the fog at Berri.

Correspondence

Toll transport has acknowledged change of date for the Tasmania race.

Steve Kearsley has sent an ANRP report. This report is attached to the minutes.

Neil Machar advises that Gavin Whitehand will replace Rodney Maine as Notting Hill representative on the race and finance committee.

Letter from Pathfinder proposing the VHA be divided into four sections only and a single up front fee be charged to cover racing costs.

General Business

The following VHA federation winners have been verified. A & M Vella, J & K Mallia, Micalizzi and Ilsley, A Salihovic and Gazzola and Clarke. It was moved Cathy Spiliopoulos seconded Neville Stone payment be made for Mildura 2 & 3 and Berri 1,2 & 3. Carried

Ian McKay was engaged as an independent observer for our 110 race. Ian's report is attached to the minutes.

Conveyors reports are supplied as an attachment to the minutes, for Mildura 1,2,3 and Produce.

Liquor permit for Notting hill has arrived and will be displayed as required.

Gerry Sheean advised that some fliers nominated numbers are running low. Gerry suggested club secretaries advise members who may be able to trade before extra fees apply. A \$10 fee is applicable to be paid to the VHA for any transfer. Other monetary arrangements are at the discretion of the fliers trading.

Line of flight submissions have been received from Notting Hill, Diamond Valley, Ivanhoe and Pathfinder. See attached and a summary with Executive comments to follow prior to November Meeting.

A special thanks was given to Gavin Whitehand who attends early to put witches hats out to allow the truck free access to back the trailer in.

Mark Schubert requested that details of pigeons for the VHA sale be supplied. Mark has previously requested pedigrees and a photo of the birds being donated.

Gerry Sheean provided minutes of the recent national meeting. These can be read as an attachment to the minutes.

Diplomas are available. Delegates were requested to take them when leaving and give to their clubs to distribute.

Bob Stukel spoke about the recent 110 race. Bob said the race was well received and welcomed feedback to the committee for consideration for next year's race. Money has been transferred to the cheque account and will be paid out next week. The committee wishes to especially thank Andrew Spiliopoulos for all his hard work connected with promoting this event and arranging basketing night and transport arrangements. His involvement was critical to the success of the event, and hopefully with his continued support next year it will be better and bigger again.

Andrew advised that the November delegates meeting fell on the Monday preceding the Melbourne Cup holiday. It was agreed the November meeting be moved to the second Monday of the month. This will be the 11th of November.

With no further business the meeting was closed.