

# VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2020.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 8.00pm.

A minute's silence was held for the passing of Cyril Barnes. A letter from Neil Machar outlining Cyril's association with the VHA is attached.

## ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	TOTAL	DELEGATES
Bayswater-Nunawading	No	4	
Diamond Valley	Yes	12	3
Greensborough	No	5	
Heidelberg	Yes	6	1
Ivanhoe	Yes	11	2
Knox	Yes	9	2
Malvern	Yes	4	1
Mountain District	Yes	7	1
Northcote	No	5	
North East	Yes	5	1
Notting Hill	Yes	7	1
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	8	2
Pathfinder	Yes	12	3
Plenty	Yes	10	2
South East	Yes	6	1
United	Yes	5	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>116</b>	<b>21</b>

**Apologies** – John Yates and David Crosbie

Matters arising from the previous minutes – None

Moved minutes be accepted Bob Stukel seconded Steve Gazzola - carried.

## REPORTS

**Ring Secretary** - Hank Merbis Six pigeons reported and owners notified. Hank also requested unused rings be returned to him as soon as possible.

**Clock Secretary** – John Yates has advised Jeff Weaver to report no issues.

**Transport** – Andrew Spiliopoulos Two units to be replaced at Cranbourne. Maintenance to be done on truck in May including installation of LED lights. Centre's are advised to inspect their units and report any repairs required.

**Treasurer** - Tim Brudenell Tim advised that the honorariums payable to Gerry Sheean and himself had been donated by them back to the VHA and have been used to reduce the loan. Tim advised that the loan balance was now \$82,465.

Noel Fleming thanked Gerry and Tim on behalf of the members and they were given a round of applause.

Tim went through some of the expenses for the previous month and then advised that the current bank balances were -: ANZ term deposit \$10,000 Cheque account \$50,247.38 V2 plus account \$16,014.03

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Wayne Main from Tasmania advised the fee for looking after transported pigeons to the Tasmania race would be \$700. This comprises \$200 to Wayne and \$500 to Camp Quality.

Submissions were received from Ivanhoe, Notting Hill and Bayswater regarding race terms and conditions. After some discussion It was moved Kevin Clarke seconded Neville Stone that the proposal should go to the next Race and Finance Committee meeting for a recommendation before further consideration by the delegates.

Ivanhoe Club's notice of motion to alter rule 5 was put to the vote. The motion was defeated.

### **GENERAL BUSSINESS**

Gerry Sheean advised that the insurance was being finalised. Diplomas were being printed and would be ready to pass on to Tina Dark soon. The 2019 year books were ready for printing.

Bob Stukel gave an update on the 110 race. The committee had met and updated terms and conditions of the race. There would be more payment options flyers able to now pay by cash or cheque. There will be no restriction on the age of a bird entered and there are no limits on the number of birds which may be entered. It was noted that birds competing in the one loft race being run by Steve Gazzola may be entered in the 110 race if the owners wish to.

Andrew Spiliopoulos advised that we have 15 sponsors for our web site which is our maximum. Andrew also announced that Andrew Demidowski will be in charge of running the VHA website.

Jeff Weaver advised that the date for the VHA sale had been put back a week to Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April. This was due to a clash with the Melbourne Pigeon Convention being run by Pigeon Radio. Those flyers who have not yet sent a photo and pedigree of the bird they are donating are asked to do so as soon as possible so Mark Schubert can get the website up and running. So far we have only heard from fifteen donors. Mark's email address is nationallofts@gmail.com

Colin Walker advised that the tests on the Rota vaccine were continuing. Colin still needs a pigeon with the virus for the trial. Anybody who thinks they may have an infected pigeon are encouraged to contact Colin on 0412 481 239.

Kevin Clarke advised the delegates that we are able to get ICON rings made with the larger inside diameter if we write a letter requesting acknowledging an exemption from FCC requirements.

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm.