

**MINUTES OF THE RACE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT NOTTING HILL ON THE 25TH OF JANUARY 2021**

President Andrew Spiliopoulos opened the meeting at 7.10pm.

PRESENT Gerry Sheean, Andrew Spiliopoulos, Tim Brudenell, Jeff Weaver, David Crosby, Mark Schubert, Ed Sheean, Steven Kearsey, Paul Gardiner, Steve Gazzola and Bob Stukel

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

SPRINT SERIES Andrew Spiliopoulos presented the programme for the sprint series. Gerry Sheean advised that he had received advice from clubs that 35 members were interested in flying the series. Some clubs had not responded. Gerry also advised that members of other federations had shown interest in transporting with the VHA. It was decided by the committee that racing would go ahead. Other federations would be invited. The races would be termed special races not federation races and would list 20 positions and that the VHA would endeavour to pay prize money for 20 positions. There would no limit on the age of pigeons being raced. Basketing centres would be Notting Hill and Ivanhoe with the truck also picking up at the VPU rooms if they decide to fly.

These terms were moved by Steven Kearsey and seconded by Bob Stukel. Carried.

50 BIRD LIMIT The secretary presented a number of letters of correspondence from clubs wishing to review the 50 bird limit. The committee discussed this issue at length and it was decided that the committee would put a notice of motion to the delegates recommending the following:- That there should be one flyer only allowed from any one property and the number of birds entered from that loft have no limit except for races designated as limit races such as the 10 bird race and National race. This proposal to be implemented from the 2022 season. David Crosby was tasked with writing this notice of motion for presentation to the delegates.

COMPOSITION OF THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE It was noted that there had been 5 nominations for the liberation committee. The final make up to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting.

SECTIONS Discussion was had re altering sections. It was decided that any proposal to alter sections be left to clubs to submit requests for review to the VHA for consideration. The secretary sought confirmation of the northern boundary of the Mornington Peninsula.

FRANKSTON MORNINGTON CENTRE Andrew advised he had inspected the rooms and spoken to members at the proposed centre. They would be required to buy themselves a fork lift. Andrew was to supply details of a forklift that did not require a licence to operate. A list of required office holders for the centre is to be submitted to the VHA.

MULTIPLE MEMBERSHIP AT ONE ADDRESS This was included with the discussion of the 50 bird limit. It was noted that the rules for electronic clocks only allowed for a maximum of two fliers to use one clock. The rules for mechanical clocks do not have this limit. The secretary has asked for this apparent anomaly to be clarified. For the 2021 season this will impact on one of our flyers who wishes to race three teams. If the notice of motion regarding "one property one flyer no bird limit" being put to the delegates is accepted for the following seasons this will resolve itself.

ROLE OF TREASURER AND SECRETARY Gerry Sheean has spoken on several occasions regarding the roles of Secretary and Treasurer for the VHA. Gerry has advised that he believes that the role of Treasurer (rule 10) be re written to clarify the Treasurers role going forward.

COUNCIL ACTION Andrew advised that there had been some issues regarding Casey Council and the keeping of pigeons at an address of one our flyers. A representation from the VHA has attended the property to assist the flyer with this interaction moving forward. VHA President Andrew Spiliopoulos has provided VHA representation to officers from the Casey Council re the issues. The Council were due to reinspect the property in the following week. The VHA will monitor the situation.

JOINT LIBERATION 400, 500 AND 600 It was advised that there is a proposal by a separate committee to try and get all federations to transport together to the long distance races. No formal proposal has been received by the VHA at this point in time.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 9.05pmnm