

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on THE 8TH of February 2021

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.30pm

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	TOTAL	DELEGATES
Bayswater-Nunawading	Yes	4	1
Diamond Valley	Yes	12	3
Greensborough	Yes	6	1
Heidelberg	Yes	10	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	12	3
Knox	Yes	13	3
Malvern	Yes	5	1
Mountain District	Yes	6	1
Northcote	Yes	6	1
North East	Yes	5	1
Notting Hill	Yes	9	2
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	9	2
Pathfinder	Yes	12	3
Plenty	Yes	9	2
South East	Yes	6	1
United	Yes	6	1
TOTAL		130	28

A minute's silence was held for Vin Frawley and Les Fenton.

Steve Kearsy spoke of Vin Frawley winning the first National race conducted in which there were a total of 9900 pigeons. First prize was a cheque for \$1000. Steve advised that this pigeon went on to breed two federation race winners.

Apologies - none.

Matters arising from the previous minutes – none.

Moved Steve Gazzola seconded Gavin Whitehand that the minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

Current Membership

Gerry Sheean read out a list of current numbers of members.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President – Andrew Spiliopoulos was elected president with a vote of 23 to Ray Schreiber's 5.

Secretary – Steve Brown was elected secretary receiving 17 votes to Ray Schreiber's 11

Liberation Committee – David Wetering, Steve Gazzola and Peter McDonough were elected to the liberation committee with votes of 25, 28 and 18 respectively.

A summary of voting is attached at the end of the minutes.

Treasurer – Gerry Sheean was appointed treasurer unopposed.

Clock Chairman – Alan Marcon was appointed clock chairman unopposed.

It was moved Neil Machar seconded Steve Gazzola that all other positions be appointed to current holders who were re standing unopposed. Carried unanimously.

NEW CLUBS

Application has been received from Mornington and Frankston Pigeon Clubs to join the VHA. Gerry read out a list of members and their committee for both clubs. This being 4 members for Mornington and 14 for Frankston.

A recommendation was received from the Race and Finance Committee that these two clubs be accepted as affiliates of the VHA subject to receipt of moneys and relevant clearances. A motion to accept this recommendation was moved by Paul Gardiner and seconded by Bob Stukel. Motion carried – unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Plenty Homing Club was received thanking the members of the Oakleigh – Waverley club for their generous donation enabling the VHA to pay off the loan.

Gerry and Andrew ran through the correspondence discussed at the Race and Finance Committee meeting. All details are in the minutes of the 25th of January meeting which will be distributed to the members.

Letters were received from various clubs with nominations for Executive Officers and Liberation Committee.

A number of clubs have sent notifications of their office bearers for 2021 to the secretary.

Colin Walker sent a request for the donation of some 30 pigeons for the University of Melbourne. This request was filled with donations by Steve Kearsey and Steve Gazzola.

The schedule for the sprint series was presented to the delegates. It was moved Kevin Clarke and seconded David Crosbie that the series go ahead. Motion carried.

Heidelberg club submitted a request that an extra race be added to the schedule. The extra race would be on the same day as the young bird derby open to old birds with liberation from the same location at a separate time. This would enable old birds to be raced on this Saturday. It was moved Hank Merbis and seconded Neville Stone that this race be added. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Clock Chairman - Alan Marcon Nothing to report.

Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis 25 birds reported and owners notified. Hank requested a list of all pigeons to be raced by new flyers to the VHA. Ring secretaries are requested to give the number of rings required for this year's breeding season by March.

Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos The trailer has been registered for 12 months. Any centre requiring maintenance to be done on any of the units should contact Andrew.

Treasurer Outgoing treasurer Tim Brudenell has handed over the safe custody packet to the president Andrew Spiliopoulos which Andrew will place in his fire proof safe. This package holds copies of title and legal agreements for leases amongst other items needed to be kept in a secure place. The package has been returned to the VHA as the ANZ bank no longer offers the storage of this item. All paperwork required for the transfer of signatures between the new office bearers was supplied by Tim and duly filled in after the meeting.

Andrew Spiliopoulos thanked outgoing Treasurer Tim Brudenell and outgoing Secretary Gerry Sheean who is moving to the treasurer's role, for their outstanding contribution to the VHA over the past two years. This was received with a round of applause.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Bob Stukel spoke regarding the "VHA 110" race. The race will be going ahead with advertising to commence after the date is finalised.

Gerry advised that Eddie Sheean would be in attendance at Ivanhoe centre to take monies for the sprint series. Gerry has asked if anyone would like to fill the role at Notting Hill. He will do the job if no one else volunteers but advises that he will not be available on one night as he will be interstate. Anyone wishing to fill the role should contact Gerry.

Steve Kearsley asked if low ring numbers could be issued on the ICON rings for a change.

Kevin Clarke was nominated by Diamond Valley to be the VHA representative on the One Voice committee. This was moved Steve Gazzola seconded Paul Gardiner. Motion carried.

Neil Machar asked if a flyer could fly to two different lofts at two different locations. This will be discussed by the race and finance committee at its next meeting.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 9.08pm

