

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 3rd of May 2021.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.12pm.

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Bayswater-Nunawading	No	4	0
Diamond Valley	Yes	12	3
Frankston	Yes	10	2
Greensborough	No	6	0
Heidelberg	Yes	10	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	12	3
Knox	Yes	13	3
Malvern	Yes	5	1
Mornington	Yes	4	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		144	29

Apologies – Bob Stukel and Alan Marcon

Matters arising from previous minutes – none

Moved Steve Kearsey seconded Andrew Demidowski that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Notice of Motion

There were two notice of motion proposals to be voted on. The first “one property one flyer no bird limit”. This proposal received 5 votes for and 24 votes against and therefore was defeated. The second motion to alter section boundaries received 7 votes for and 22 votes against and was also defeated.

REPORTS

Clock Chairman – Assistant Steve Kearsey Steve spoke at length of the recent issues with Racenet going down and results not being able to be processed. This issue took two weeks to resolve and was caused by the loss of data during a server upgrade by a third provider. Steve explained that this had required a lot of work to fix but was now working OK. There had also been an issue with Benzing live which had been caused by a glitch in the system at Benzing. This had also been rectified.

Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis 21 birds have been reported and owners notified. Hank wished to remind dual flyers that their team lists must be in before the first race and that there is no transferring between teams during racing season. Members are reminded that any pigeon requiring a transfer between owners must be transferred before it is raced.

Treasurers Report- Gerry Sheean Current account balances-: Cheque account \$67,284.87 V2Plus account \$16,017.06 Term deposit \$10,160.43 (this is the bond for our rental). Gerry advised that with outgoings and added moneys committed and rental income to be received that the VHA should trade this year with approximately a \$10,000 surplus. Ivanhoe and Northcote clubs have indicated that they will be subsidising the Tasmania races to the amount of \$6,000. Gerry once again encouraged secretaries of clubs to adopt EFT (electronic funds transfer) as a means of payment to and from the treasurer. This makes handling of moneys easier for everybody concerned. Paperwork can be sent to the treasurer and the payments made when secretaries have banked moneys and had cheques cleared. Gerry has acknowledged that this may take up to ten days and has indicated that this is acceptable. Anybody seeking any clarification or assistance should contact Gerry for direction.

Transport Officer- Andrew Spiliopoulos Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

The proposed change to the VHA logo was discussed with members indicating that the existing logo had a lot of tradition and history in its format and questioning why it should be changed. Andrew Demidowski spoke with regard to the difficulty of reproducing the existing logo on promotional material due to its intricacies and this is why he had suggested a change. Andrew was asked to come back to the committee with a sample of his suggested logo in the same colours as the existing logo with a view to adopt this in these instances. It was generally agreed that the existing traditional logo should stay on diplomas and the truck and wherever else it can be used.

Members were advised that all winners from the sprint series had been flown and verified.

John Yates has been acknowledged for his 50 years membership of the VHA.

South Eastern club advised that they have a new member (John Mallia in partnership) making two teams to one loft.

Bob Stukel advising the Melbourne 110 race will be advertised in the Pigeon magazine and will have a promotion on the facebook page. Entry forms have been sent out via email. Applicants should scan their completed entry forms and send back to Bob. They should then be posted to Bob's address.

A letter was received from a new club "South Suburban Pigeon Club" wishing to affiliate with the VHA. This will be an open boundary club basketing at Notting Hill. This letter was received with a list of members and President and Secretary nominated. This application will be voted on at the next meeting.

A letter was received requesting Brad McPherson be in charge of the facebook page on behalf of the VHA. Currently the VHA has no one in charge of this process. It was decided that a protocol and

policy for content be adopted by the management committee before this was progressed. Steve Brown is to action this.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The President spoke with regard to proposed rule changes and subsequent submitted notices of motions received from clubs. A properly written notice of motion should have the rule number referenced the existing rule and the proposed new rule written as it would appear in the rule book. This is what will be required moving forward.

It was asked if the Insurance issue previously raised for the trailer had been sorted. This was confirmed as done.

Reminder for all clubs that all new flyers need to have their lofts measured up and their initial ring list submitted before the season commences.

Discussion was had regarding Covid 19 procedures and processes moving forward. Colin Walker and Kevin Clarke advised that there was a protocol in place in Netherlands's pigeon racing available on digital media that has been adopted by the Victorian Pigeon Board. This protocol comes with a high recommendation from Colin and Kevin and would be part of any presentation to sitting government ministers in case of issues arising.

Andrew Demidowski and Andrew Spiliopoulos spoke with regard to the difficulty of operating our website. Kevin Clarke advised that this was a very old system and suggested that the VHA should look at a new updated simplified website. It was estimated a new website would cost 1-2 thousand dollars to implement and a lot of time.

Andrew Spiliopoulos has fixed the toilet at Notting Hill a problem caused by users flushing hand towel. It was decided a hand dryer be installed and paper towel be removed.

Enquiries were made by a member regarding permits required for a new loft and the keeping of pigeons therein. The member was advised to seek clarification from the particular council regarding building requirements and then the separate animal permit. The flyer will be supported with this process.

Discussion was had re our tenant and the mess he is continually leaving out front of the building. There was also some concern regarding the condition of the toilet. Andrew Spiliopoulos is intending to meet him and discuss the issues.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.32pm.