

# VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2021

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

## ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Bayswater-Nunawading	Yes	4	1
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	No	6	0
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>31</b>

A minute's silence was held for Alan Melville.

Bob Stukel spoke of Alan's 50 years in pigeon racing and how his quiet demeanour belied his strong involvement of issues at club level. Alan particularly liked the long races and Bob recalled that Alan entered only two pigeons in one of the long races and gained a federation position. Alan's son will be continuing to race in his father's name.

**Apologies** – none.

**Matters arising from the previous minutes** – none.

## REPORTS

**Ring Secretary** – Hank Merbis 21 strays reported and owners notified. Pigeons clocked in the current sprint series by A. Spiliopoulos in Shepparton 1 and Brad McPherson in Shepparton 3 not registered in the flyer's names. Moved Hank Merbis seconded Alan Marcon that time not be given. Carried. Hank advised that only four ring secretaries had advised him of 2022 requirements. Ring secretaries are asked to contact Hank with club's requirements. And could all ring secretaries return left over current rings to Hank as soon as possible.

**Clock Chairman** – Alan Marcon Alan advised that the sprint series was going well. There had been a problem with Benzing live early but this had been sorted out with the help of Kevin Clarke. There has been an issue with setting clocks against various digital clocks from the internet causing a variation on clocking times of some two seconds. Alan will be carrying out random checks on centres to ensure the correct digital format is being used.

**Treasurer**- Gerry Sheean

Current accounts:- Cheque account - \$66,265.21 V2 plus account-\$16,017.06 Term deposit \$10,160.43 (this is the rental bond) Gerry advised all Insurances had been paid and that certificates of currency had been sent to all centres. After yearly expenses to be taken out of the cheque account we have approximately \$54,000 available.

**Transport Officer**- Andrew Spiliopoulos The birds were unable to be liberated at the DECA site so an alternate location had to be found for the current sprint series. This site is not large enough for liberation of the number of birds we will be carrying in the old bird series. An alternate site has been offered to us which will be suitable and a key to the gate of the property has been received.

A tyre has been damaged when leaving the VHA headquarters due to objects being left by our tenant. The treasurer has written to the tenant re this and other financial matters.

The loading of the pigeons at the Ivanhoe centre has gone well during the sprint series. Ivanhoe club are to source another ramp to improve on the current procedure.

The secretary has written to Greater Valleys offering to transport their pigeons with the VHA to the longer races.

David Wetering has run water along the truck which has made it much easier to operate water supply. Many thanks to David.

Frankston centre have corresponded with the local council with regard to extending the platform for easier loading.

Andrew advised that eight UK transport trucks have now been fitted with curtains similar to the curtains already fitted to the VHA trailer.

110 race – due to issue with required rest period for our transport driver it is advised that the 110 race will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> with basketing on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Notice of Motion**

A vote was held on the notice of motion from Bayswater -Nunawading club re one flyer one backyard one hundred bird limit. The vote was 10 for - 19 against. Motion- not carried.

### **CORREPENDENCE**

Andrew Demidowski has created a new logos for consideration. Samples will be sent out for consideration.

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

Notice of Motion from Knox.

The two notices of motion previously submitted by Knox are to be voted on at the next meeting. The first is one flyer on backyard no bird limit. The second is four sectional boundaries replacing the existing sections.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The SMS message is not being received by all members due to an issue with the link to our website. The Treasurer is following up with our supplier. So far it has taken two weeks to get a reply from our supplier.

Bob Stukel spoke regarding the 110 race. The race now has a change of name to the Melbourne 110 race. The cut-off date for entry is the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Basketing for this year will be Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October the race will be held on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Squeaker sales for next year's Melbourne110 race are scheduled as follows-: December 5<sup>th</sup>, January 9<sup>th</sup> February 6<sup>th</sup> these are all Sundays. The proposed prize money is 1<sup>st</sup> \$55,000 2<sup>nd</sup> 25,000 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$15,000

Colin Walker spoke regarding the One Voice board meeting which had its first meeting at the VPU rooms. The board spoke re a number of issues minutes of the meeting will be distributed soon.

Colin also spoke with regard to the current Brisbane disease which looks more and more like PMV. Colin noted that they are waiting further advice from the Queensland Agro bio science authorities.

It was noted by the Treasurer that the current sprint series has had a number of sponsors and the VHA would like to thank the following sponsors-: Brad McPherson \$1,000, Andrew Demidowski six stock pigeons, Craig Worme of Hunters stock Feeds 30 bags of grain and Sam and Andrew Spiliopoulos donated \$3,000 for the final race.

It was also noted by the executive committee that the shortfall in revenue for the sprint series has been covered in equal halves by the very generous donation of honorariums from Gerry Sheean and Tim Brudenell and the generous donation by Andrew and Sam Spiliopoulos.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.35pm.