

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 21st of June 2021.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.03pm

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	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	30

Matters arising from the previous minutes – none.

Moved Bob Stukel seconded Ray Schreiber minutes be accepted. Carried.

Delegates Vote

Vote on proposed new club “South Suburban” was carried out by ballot under rule 4A. Result 10 for 20 against. New club not accepted for affiliation.

Vote on new flyer J Mallia. Carried new flyer accepted.

Noted that the first race has been cancelled and that the race season will now start on the 10th of July. The race schedule will be as previously circulated with the first race only cancelled. Steve Brown to distribute amended schedule. Members are advised that a group toss will be available from Warring Cottage at 11.30 am on the Saturday the week before the first race weather permitting with the Sunday a alternative if the weather on Saturday is not suitable. Those interested will be advised of the actual day and time closer to the weekend.

REPORTS

Clock Chairman - Alan Marcon

Alan reminded members with Benzing live to ensure that one email is sent to the allocated centre and one to him. All centres are to ensure that all clocks and club systems are updated. Discussion was had re the rule of two flyers only can clock in an electronic clock. Knox club to put in a submission to change the rule. The delegates have given permission for the executive officers to facilitate the rule change before the race season begins.

Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis

80 birds reported and owners notified. Dual flyers advised to submit their ring lists before the first race.

Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos

Sam Spiliopoulos has greased the joints and adjusted the brakes on the trailer. This was done at no charge to the VHA. On Wednesday Sam will return all units to their respective centres. Any repairs required on any units contact Andrew Spiliopoulos. Cam Murrell is to be repaid personal moneys he has been using to purchase fuel for the water pump on the truck.

Treasurer-Gerry Sheean

Gerry advised an invoice had been sent to our tenant for rates and body corporate fees due.

All clubs are financial. The VHA has currently \$70,260.45 in its cheque account. \$16,017.06 in the V2 PLUS Account and is holding \$10,160.43 bond money in the ANZ term deposit.

All centres are required to send entry sheets to Gerry.

Vouchers for races must be sent to him on basketing night or the next day. Gerry requests that these be sent electronically.

Gerry advised that payments can be made when cheques are cleared and moneys are available in accounts. A week after the race is OK.

A reminder that upfront fees are \$1.40 per bird this year. Nomination of numbers can be made on the night of the second Deniliquin race. (23-7-2021) Nominations must be in by this date. Gerry has asked that anyone having payment issues should talk to him directly.

VRPB report – Colin Walker

Colin advises there are no issues with transport, basketing or tossing. Kevin and Mark to prepare a Covid safe plan for basketing.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Ivanhoe thanking all sponsors of the sprint series. This includes Gerry Sheean and Tim Brudenell for the donation of their honorariums. Ivanhoe proposed the VHA hold the sprint series again next year only starting a bit later. After discussion by the delegates, it was proposed Jim Cerin seconded Hank Merbis that a sprint series be held next year. Carried.

Goulburn Valley Pigeon Federation requested they transport with the VHA to the Yolla race. This was agreed and a price of \$3.00 a bird set.

A QR code or sign in will be available at all centres on basketing night and at clock production. A series of VHA logos were presented to the delegates by Andrew Demidowski. A selection was made and adoption was proposed by Hank Merbis seconded Bob Stukel. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Colin Walker advises that Madeline Rowe a veterinarian will be speaking to the members at the next meeting. Madeline will be offering to test droppings as part of a research grant she has received for her training.

Bob Stukel advised that he had been on radio promoting the 110- race and that adds had been placed in the pigeon magazine the same notice is on the website. He reminded everyone that two-year-old pigeons were permitted entry. Prize money is \$55,000 first \$25,000 second \$15,000 third with other prizes.

Steve Brown advised that a social media policy had been put together. It gives the executive committee power to deal with any issues. In short the policy prohibits insulting or abusive behaviour to other members. Steve advised that Brad McPherson has volunteered to be social media manager. Moved Paul Suban seconded Andrew Demidowski Brad be appointed. Carried. Policy will be put on website. It was also noted by Steve that Andrew Demidowski had now entered all VHA federation winners up to 1990 had been put on the website. The remaining he hopes to have on soon. Jaie Hosking advised that the Herald Sun through Jai's wife had approached him about doing a story on pigeon racing. It was noted that Bill Lawry had been interviewed on radio and had spent a quarter of an hour talking about pigeon racing.

VHA headquarters has had three heaters installed and a hand dryer in the toilet. The body corporate has allocated us 11 car parking spaces.

Alan Marcon advised that a current member from Frankston now wished to basket at Cranbourne he needs a clearance before season starts.

Kevin Clarke advised that the clock chairman should check all master clocks at all centres to ensure a common setting was being used. The website timeanddate.com.au was recommended for setting of clocks. It was recommended that master units be left on for the season after their initial setting.

One old member re-joining. Case Merbis joining Heidelberg club

Bob Stukel thanked Russel Campbell and Frank Verco for their generous help while he was incapacitated with broken ribs.

It was decided that due to the late scheduling of the June meeting that the next VHA delegates meeting be held on the first Monday of August. Proposed Neville Stone seconded Gavin Fraser. Agreed unanimously.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.24.