

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 8th of November 2021.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.04pm.

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	11	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	7	1
United	No	6	0
TOTAL		146	28

A minute's silence was held for Norm Douglas, David Thomas and David Dillon.

Kevin Clarke spoke with regard to David Thomas. David flew his first race in 1950 and flew pigeons for seventy years. He held various official positions within the organisation and will be remembered as a champion fellow who will be sadly missed.

Gerry Charnley spoke of David Dillon. David was originally a member of Waverley club and later Waverley-Oakleigh. He was a victim of asbestosis due to his occupation in earlier years and suffered from this in later years. He will be remembered for his great attitude to life and pigeon racing. Gerry quoted David's great saying "love the sport – do your best".

Apologies - Mark Schubert and Gerry Sheean

Matters arising from the previous minutes. – None

New Members L Trajano, W. Williams, A. Alvarez, R. Morrison and M. West (Ivanhoe) C. Sparrow (Morn) Evans Family (Notting Hill)

Moved Neville Stone seconded Ray Schreiber new members be accepted. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Clock Chairman- Alan Marcon. Alan reported that all was going well. Advised that the lateness of mail was holding up processing of results. This was particular to Bayswater and Notting Hill. Alan also advised that on some sheets no colour identification of pigeons was being provided. Members are advised that colour identification of birds should be entered into clocks when coupling pigeons.

Ring Secretary-Hank Merbis. 210 pigeons reported and owners notified.

The following flyers clocked pigeons not registered – Edwards and McMeikin Hay Derby, T Wue Hillston 1, Clinton Sparrow Hillston 2 and Mount Hope 2.

It was voted no time be given.

Treasurers Report- Steve Brown on behalf of Gerry Sheean. Balance of funds-: Cheque account - \$86,201.15 V2 Plus Account \$15,423.33 ANZ term deposit \$10,185.83. Gerry provided a profit and loss statement and with an explanation around outgoings advised that we have a balance of about \$25k. Gerry recommended in his summary that we should increase entry fee for the 500 and 600 mile races from &1.70 to \$4 and \$5 respectively. After discussion it was moved Pathfinder seconded South East entry fees be increased as per the Treasurers recommendation. Motion carried.

Transport Officer - Andrew Spiliopoulos. Andrew noted that some units were in need of repair and that some units need oiling of wheels. It was advised that centres inspect their units and carry out oiling of wheels. Any welding can be done at Notting Hill at the end of the year. Centres to advise the transport officer of works required.

CORRESPONDENCE

Knox – Notice of Motion to amend rule 12 of the electronic clocking rules. This change of rules allows more than two flyers to one loft to use one electric clock. Motion passed.

Bayswater/Nunawading Club notifying that Forlan's instalment of ETS pad complies with the rules.

Frankston – Notice of motion to add Rule 12 (a) of electronic clocking rules (2 clocks to one pad). Motion passed.

Colin Walker – Colin wishes to raise the issue of VHA refund for Rota Vaccine from ANRPB. This was referred to general business.

Diamond Valley – Requesting assistance re purchase of de fib for DVB centre.

VRPB update and resignation of Kevin Clarke as VHA representative.

Conveyor's report – Cobram 1 & 2.

Letter from Shrine of Remembrance seeking pigeons for release on the 11/11/21 at the Shrine.

C. Hider – Confirming he will represent VHA re any appeal from South Suburban RPC.

Verification of federation winners. W. Williams, E. Avci, J & K Mallia, Pino De Luca and Brad McPherson

Diamond Valley – Proposed race schedule for 2022. North East line.

Frankston – Submitting line of flight proposal for 2022. North East Line.

Notting Hill – Clearance for R. Campbell to Mornington. Proposal for sprint series for 2022 starting 2nd of April on the North line.

Notting Hill - Proposal for line of flight for 2022. North Line.

Traralgon requesting their club transport to 400, 500 and 600 mile races with the VHA next year.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Colin Walker advised that the VRPB website is up and running.

Bob Stukel spoke regarding the Melbourne 110 race for next year. Bob advised that there is a proposal to hold two squeecker sales one in December and one in January. It was advised that all pigeons previously purchased are able to participate in the race.

It was advised to the delegates by the secretary that Don Lowe had achieved 50 years of membership and his name should be added to the 50 year membership board. This was moved Steve Brown seconded Hank Merbis. Motion carried.

Discussion was had around a VHA member releasing training pigeons near the race bird liberation. A fine was suggested by the secretary but it was moved Paul Gardener seconded Kevin Clarke a reprimand be sufficient. Motion carried. Attention should be taken by all members of the VHA of rules 61,62 and 59 with regard to the release of non-competing pigeons on race days.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos acknowledged and thanked Brad McPherson for his work on the VHA facebook page.

Alan Marcon thanked Andrew and Cathy Spiliopoulos, and Steve Brown on behalf of flyers from the Cranbourne centre for their generosity and help during the recent difficulty with basketing using the Cranbourne centre.

Ed and Gerry Sheean along with Andrew Spiliopoulos would be releasing pigeons at the Shrine of Remembrance as part of Remembrance Day celebrations.

As a result of Kevin Clarke resigning his position on the VRPB board a new VHA representative is required. Anyone wishing to take up this position should contact Steve Brown.

Colin Walker and Kevin Clarke both spoke with regard to the ANRPB. Colin spoke re the donation by VHA members of \$25,000 money for vaccine development he believes should be returned to the VHA. It was noted that there was currently no Victorian representative on the ANRPB and it was suggested that someone from the VRPB should take this position.

With regard to Diamond Valleys request for assistance in buying a de fib machine for the Diamond Valley rooms. It was asked if the local council had been approached and what the cost of a machine was.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.48pm.