

# VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2021.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.05pm.

## ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Bayswater-Nunawading	Yes	4	1
Diamond Valley	Yes	12	3
Frankston	Yes	10	2
Greensborough	Yes	6	1
Heidelberg	Yes	11	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	17	4
Knox	Yes	13	3
Malvern	Yes	5	1
Mornington	Yes	6	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	7	1
United	Yes	6	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>32</b>

**Apologies** – none

**Matters arising from the previous minutes** – None

## REPORTS

### **Clock Chairman - Alan Marcon**

Alan reported that all had been going well but several issues had arisen on the last two weekends of racing. C Sparrow and J. Rigby did not present their clocks for the Cobar races. It was voted no time be given. Two Diamond Valley flyers did not present their clocks at Diamond Valley. It was voted no time be given. J. Ranno presented his clock as instructed by the VHA secretary and has been given time accordingly.

Note to all flyers as per rule 28 clocks can only be cleared at your centre. Where birds are basketed that is where clocks are to be presented.

Discussion was had re the use of Vision brand clocks. These clocks are not approved by the VHA for use in VHA races. The use of these clocks in the future is to be evaluated by the VHA.

### **Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis**

41 pigeons reported and owners notified.

Mount Hope race 2 pigeon clocked by Maslowski and Kehiagas registered to T & M Maslowski.

Recommended no time be given. Carried.

### **Treasurer – Steve Brown on behalf of Gerry Sheean.**

Balance of accounts as of 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Cheque account \$90,342.52, V2plus account \$15,423.33, ANZ term deposit \$10,185.83. Less expected expenses balance of cheque account should be approximately \$50,000.

Gerry reports the finances are good. Please refer to Gerry's finance report attached.

### **Transport Officer- Andrew Spiliopoulos**

Transport to races went smoothly. Andrew reported that all ratchets and ropes need replacing. All units are to come to Notting Hill for repairs. The VHA has purchased 6 units from the Greater Melbourne Federation. These units will need to have their wheels moved approximately 30mm to suit our trailer. When all units are at Notting Hill a working bee will be held to get all the repairs completed.

### **Victorian Racing Board Report – Colin Walker**

The second meeting of the board was held on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December at the VPU rooms.

The incorporation of the Victorian Racing Pigeon Body Inc. was completed on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2021. Referred to as the "VRPB". It was agreed that as most organisations would be having their AGMs in February/March the executive positions would be filled on an interim basis until this time. The Executive positions were filled by the following people.

President Tony Price – VRPU

Vice President Colin Walker- VHA

Secretary/Public Officer Marc Tenaglia-WPF

Treasurer Eddie Szatkowski-VPO

Marc Tenaglia was elected to fill the role in the interim as the Victorian representative on the Australian National Racing Pigeon Board.

The VRPB are currently trying to re-establish communication with the Victorian health minister with regard to future practices should Victoria go into lock down again.

Colin also spoke at length with regard to the herpes virus. Colin in his role as Veterinarian consultant to the VRPB will further investigate the development of diagnostic testing to evaluate the prevalence of the virus in lofts. He will further help formulate treatment options and cross immunity with other available chicken vaccines. Information to be detailed in the Australian Racing Pigeon Journal and the VRPB website. Members are reminded that the VRPB website is up and running.

[www.vrpb.org.au](http://www.vrpb.org.au)

### **Line Of Flight 2022**

The delegates then held a vote for the line of flight for 2022. Proposals were the North East track and the North track. The North East track was voted in 24 votes to the North track 8. A line of flight was submitted for the sprint series. Please refer to appendix attached for details.

### **Honorariums**

Discussion was had around the amounts paid to office bearers s honorariums. It was moved Alan Marcon seconded Paul Bryant that amount be raised to the following-:  
Secretary \$3000, Treasurer \$3000, Ring Secretary \$3000 Race Secretary \$1000. Motion carried.

### **General Business**

It was voted that membership be set at \$100 for the coming season.

Discussion was had whether a Bird of the Year award should be selected this year. The delicate's decided this honour would not be awarded this year.

Brett Evans was thanked for the great job he has done as convoyer this year.

Paul Bryant asked for clarification on basketing for the 500, 600 and Tassie races for next year.

Brad McPherson was voted in as VHA representative on the Victorian Racing Pigeon Board.

**Meeting closed at 8.09pm**