

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 7th of February 2022

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.41pm.

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Bayswater-Nunawading	N/A	3	0
Diamond Valley	Yes	13	3
Frankston	Yes	12	3
Greensborough	No	6	0
Heidelberg	Yes	11	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	10	2
Knox	Yes	12	3
Malvern	Yes	5	1
Mornington	Yes	4	1
Northcote	No	5	0
North East	Yes	4	1
Notting Hill	Yes	9	2
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	8	2
Pathfinder	Yes	12	3
Plenty	Yes	8	2
South East	Yes	5	1
United	Yes	6	1
TOTAL		131	27

Apologies – Alan Marcon

Matters arising from the previous minutes – None.

Moved Steven Kearsy seconded Neville Stone the minutes be accepted. Carried.

REPORTS

Clock Chairman – Steve Kearsy on behalf of Alan Marcon

Nothing to report.

Ring Secretary - Hank Merbis

36 pigeons reported 35 owners notified.

Treasurer – Gerry Sheean

Account balances \$77,010.05, Term deposit \$10,185.83, V2 account \$15,423.47

As reported at the AGM the VHA is in a sound financial position.

Transport- Andrew Spiliopoulos

The 5th of March has been set for the working bee at Notting Hill for repairs to be carried out on units. Members will be advised of times and requirements closer to the date.

CORRESPONDENCE

Verification of federation winners N. Lakiotis x 2, Peter McDonough and I & J Van Beers.

Mornington - notice of motion proposing rule change regarding VHA boundary. Rules 2a and 4b. Please see attachment.

Pathfinder - clearance for John Brislin to Heidelberg club.

Diamond Valley – notice of motion to change rules 5e and 8. Refer to attachment also nominations for executive and subcommittee positions.

Diamond Valley – application for new member. Mr. Barry Towns

Expressions of interest for executive positions - Steve Brown, Andrew Spiliopoulos, Alan Marcon, Steve Gazzola and Bob Stukel

Ivanhoe – several concerns re liberations, sections, incorrect dates for races submitted by Diamond Valley

Various clubs – affiliation and payment advice for 2022.

Alan Long – classification for racing pigeons.

VRPB – advising that Brad McPherson will be the VHA delegate for 2022.

Mt District club – In recess.

All members – re vaccines available (details on VHA website)

GENERAL BUSINESS

Barry Towns new member at Diamond Valley accepted.

Nomination of Ray Schreiber by Neil Machar for treasurer's position which was vacant with the resignation of Gerry Sheean. Seconded Mark Tung. Accepted.

Nomination of Kevin Clark by Steve Kearsey for vice president's position seconded Ray Shreiber. As there were now three nominations for two vice presidents positions a ballot was held. The results of the ballot were Bob Stukel 10 votes, Kevin Clark 17 votes and Mark Tung 27 votes.

It was then moved Steve Kearsey seconded Brad McPherson that the remaining positions be filled as nominated. Carried. The VHA positions are as follows:- President – Andrew Spiliopoulos, Vice Presidents Mark Tung and Kevin Clark, Secretary Steve Brown, Treasurer Ray Schreiber, Race

Secretary – Steven Gazzola, Clock Chairman – Alan Marcon assistant Steven Kearsey, Ring Secretary Hank Merbis, Transport Officer Andrew Spiliopoulos, Minute Secretary Jeff Weaver, GPS officer Gary Mountjoy, Convoyers Sam Spiliopoulos and Cam Murray, IT manager Andrew Demidowski, Liberation Committee David Wetering, Peter McDonough and Steven Gazzola, Honorary Solicitor Charles Hider.

The auditor's position is currently vacant subject to further investigation re legal requirements. Request from Diamond Valley and Ivanhoe centres for pigeons to be released one half hour after other birds in the club races. It was moved Ray Schreiber seconded Gerry Charnley this be allowed. Motion carried.

Steve Brown displayed polo shirts and jackets available to the members at \$30 and \$60 respectively. Anybody wishing to purchase should contact Steve. Steve would also like to remind members that any correspondence to the VHA secretary must be lodged with the secretary "three clear days prior to the monthly delegates meeting" Rule 5 (d).

Steve Kearsey inquired where the request for assistance from the VHA to buy a defibrillator was at. Steve was advised that as per the minutes of the delegates meeting on the 8th of November Diamond Valley had been asked for further information specifically what the machine would cost and had they approached the local council.

The costs associated with the sprint series as highlighted by Gerry Sheean were discussed. It was decided it be referred to the race and finance committee.

Colin Walker addressed the meeting with regard to the herpes virus and the cost of testing and a vaccine. He also spoke of managing potential doping in pigeons and the difficulty in clinical testing. Advised VRPB member Mark Tenaglia has been nominated to be the Victorian member on the ANRPB. Possibility of grants would be looked at after AGM's had been held.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.58pm