

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

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

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.01pm.

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Bayswater-Nunawading	N/A	3	0
Diamond Valley	Yes	13	3
Frankston	Yes	12	3
Greensborough	Yes	6	1
Heidelberg	Yes	11	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	10	2
Knox	No	12	0
Malvern	Yes	5	1
Mornington	Yes	4	1
Northcote	Yes	5	1
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	6	1
United	Yes	6	1
TOTAL		132	26

A minute's silence was held in the memory of Jack Tipler and John Yates.

Steve Brown, John Mallia and Andrew Spiliopoulos each said a few words about Jack Tipler. Steve and Andrew then said a few words about John Yates.

Apologies – Alan Marcon and Mark Tung

Matters Arising from the previous minutes – none.

Moved Neville Stone seconded Brad McPherson minutes be accepted. Carried.

Notice of Motion

From Diamond Valley to alter rule 5(e) and rule 8. Motion carried.

From Mornington to alter rule 2(a) and rule 4(b). Motion defeated.

REPORTS

Clock Chairman – Andrew on behalf of Alan Marcon. Nothing to report.

Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis. Twelve birds reported and owners notified.

Treasurer – Ray Schreiber. Current balances - Cheque account \$96,305, Term deposit \$10,185.83 and V2 account \$15,423.47. Clubs owe \$10,930 which includes rings and transfer monies. Amount to be adjusted for returned rings. Ring fund is approx. \$21,000 of which \$19,200 has been allocated to old bird series. Upcoming expenses due March are - Insurance \$6,185, Body Corporate \$2,520, Liquor license \$226.44. Total \$8,932.14. Sewer replacement if Andrew's quote is accepted \$10,000. Ray has received an external quote for transport and has asked Andrew to supply a quote including a rate per kilometre plus variation for fuel above \$1.75 per litre.

Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos. Twelve members attended the working bee on Saturday at the Notting Hill rooms. All units had their wheels oiled, welding done where required, repainting done, springs replaced where required and were retaped at release bar.

CORRESPONDENCE

Malvern club advising of new member Annie Hider. Membership accepted.

Bob Stukel advising of his resignation from Melbourne 110 race committee. Members advised that we are now seeking a new chairman of this committee.

Frankston club requesting Frankston be a centre for the upcoming sprint series. This was discussed and it was decided that they could basket at Frankston and bring the birds to Notting Hill centre to go into the transport. If Ivanhoe centre has no fliers basketing there then consideration would be given for the transport to pick up at Frankston.

Victorian Racing Pigeon Board requesting \$500 from the VHA towards a \$4,000 fee required to carry out Herpes research. It was moved Charles Hider seconded Paul Gardiner the VHA donate \$500. Motion carried.

South East Club requesting the alternating of first release at one half hour difference of pigeons for the club races for Diamond Valley and Ivanhoe centres and the rest of the VHA. This request was moved Kevin Clark seconded Paul Gardener. Motion carried.

Clearance received from Notting Hill for the Gardiner brothers to join Frankston.

Pathfinder nominations for executive positions.

Frankston office bearers.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Sprint Series

Start of the sprint series has been put back to 23rd of April. The schedule has been altered to three races from Shepparton and three from Deniliquin. Prices per race are listed on the schedule which is on our website. It was decided that these races be special federation races and results be published in the VHA year book. Steve Brown and Andrew Spiliopoulos have agreed to donate moneys to cover medallions and diplomas for the sprint series.

Old Bird Series

Old bird series prices were presented to the delegates. Club and federation entry fee is:- club races \$0.80 per bird. Narrandera and West Wyalong \$1.50 per bird Narrandera Derby \$3.00 per bird. Parkes produce \$4.00, Parkes 10 bird \$5.50, Parkes \$2.00, Yolla races \$4.50. Dubbo \$2.50, National 10 bird \$6.50, Coonamble \$3.50, Collarenebri \$5.50. An upfront fee of \$1.10 per bird will apply with an excess of \$2.20 for extra birds. Other pigeon organisations requesting to transport with the VHA have had prices per bird set at Dubbo \$4.00, Coonamble \$5.00, Collarenebri \$5.00 and Yolla \$5.00. It was moved Paul Gardener seconded Hank Merbis these prices be accepted. Motion carried. The recommendation that there be no transfer of bird nominations between flyers was rejected by the delegates.

It was advised that Klaus Kastrup had reached 50 years membership of the VHA. Moved Steve brown seconded John Melville his name to be added to the honour board. Motion carried.

Discussion was had re eligibility of life rings to be able to be registered with the VHA. Hank Merbis has requested this be looked into by the VHA. Hank advised that he and Steve Kearsy were looking into making a presentation to the VHA on this subject and also around ring transfers.

Neville Stone has some plastic nest bowls for sale at \$8.00 each. Anyone interested contact Neville.

Andrew spoke to the delegates re the sewer issues at Notting Hill. He has supplied a quote of \$10,000 to replace the existing inadequate system with a new one. The delegates decided that as offered by Mark Tung a second quote be sought. If this quote cannot be supplied within seven days, then Andrew has been approved to proceed with the works.

Steve Brown advised the delegates that he has received advice that we do not need a qualified person to audit our books. Steve to approach members to see if someone would like to take the position.

The secretary has received a letter from a prisoner in America which he read to the meeting. The prisoner has requested some information regarding pigeon racing. Steve will send a copy of the Pigeon Magazine to him.

Meeting closed at 8.50.