

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 4th of April 2022.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.06pm.

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	No	8	0
Mornington	No	4	0
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	No	6	0
TOTAL		135	25

Apologies - Andrew Demidowski, Colin Walker and Mark Tung

Matters arising from the previous minutes – None

REPORTS

Clock Chairman – Alan Marcon

Nothing to report.

Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis

8 strays reported and owners notified.

Transport Officer- Andrew Spiliopoulos

Andrew reminded everyone that the sprint series starts on the 23rd of April. Members volunteering to convoy with the birds are Paul and David Gardiner, Alan Marcon and Brett Evans.

Treasurers Report-Ray Schreiber

Balances- Cheque Account \$98,820.51 V2plus Account \$15,423.61 ANZ term deposit \$10,185.83

The cheque account consists of \$30,000 added money, with \$1,500 to be added when ring sales are finalised. \$19,200 has been allocated to this year's racing. (\$12,300 for next year) Balance \$68,820. Less predicted future expenses-: \$4,500 sponsorship, \$10,000 honorariums, \$4,000 future ring purchases, \$4,000 body corporate fees, \$10,000 repair to toilet = Total of \$28,500 expenses. This leaves \$40,320 plus rental income for 6 months of \$18,000 a balance of \$58,320.

CORRESPONDENCE

A request for the second 500 mile race to be named in the honour of John Yates. This motion was moved Alan Marcon seconded Kevin Clark. Carried

Quotes from SJS Transport and Steve Gazzola were received for the sprint series. SJS was \$3,960 and Steve Gazzola was \$4,800. It was moved Paul Gardiner seconded Alan Marcon that SJS be accepted. Carried.

Notice of Motion to alter rules 78 and 81 and remove rule 81(b) was submitted by Heidelberg Club. Please see attached. This will be voted on at the next delegates meeting.

Notification of office bearers from Pathfinder and Oakleigh and change to office bearers from Ivanhoe.

Pathfinder have two new members Furst and Forlan. Clearances were attached.

United have a new member N. Dela Cruz. Moved Alan Marcon seconded Hank Merbis the new member be accepted. Carried.

Knox club advise P & S Suban have transferred from Mountain District to Knox.

Becks Insurance Brokers advising Frankston centre has been added to the insurance policy.

Mrs D. Thomas thanking the members who assisted with the clearance of her late husband's pigeon equipment and book collection.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion was had re the future of the Bayswater centre. It was decided that with twelve months overheads already covered that conversation regarding the future of the centre would continue.

Andrew advised that the Executive Officers had met and discussed the promotion of the sport to potential new flyers. Based on practises overseas Andrew's proposal is-:
Small loft 1200 x 3000 to be built and supplied by the VHA. Small number of pigeons to be supplied at no cost. A starter kit to be provided which includes magazines, food and other items of assistance. A mentor to be allocated to each new flyer. Clocks to be supplied on a loan basis. VHA membership only to be paid. New flyers allowed to fly every second race up to 350 miles the first year and every second race up to 400 miles the second year at no charge. Alternate weeks when the new flyer is not racing, they will be encouraged to go to the loft of an experienced flyer while the race is being conducted.

The VHA is looking for a third member of the Melbourne 110 race committee to assist David Wetering and Steve Gazzola. Anyone willing to help can call David, Steve or the VHA secretary Steve Brown.

In addition to Brad McPherson sponsorship for the sprint series, Kevin Clark has donated \$500 of Benzing product to the bird of the year north section.

Andrew advises that the new sewer works are 85% finished. He is waiting for a sewer inspection to complete the connection and reinstate the concrete floor.

Glen Perry currently a fifty year member is to have his name added to the fifty-year membership honour board.

Meeting closed at 8.03pm.