

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 2nd of May 2022.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.03pm.

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Diamond Valley	Yes	13	3
Frankston	Yes	12	3
Greensborough	No	6	0
Heidelberg	Yes	11	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	10	2
Knox	Yes	13	3
Malvern	Yes	8	2
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		136	29

Apologies – None

A minute's silence was held for Chris Constantinou. Chris was remembered as a very good young bird flyer and a member of the Malvern club. He was 61 years old.

Matters arising from previous minutes. – None.

Race and Finance committee meeting held 1st May 2022.

President Andrew Spiliopoulos reported to the delegates on the meeting held at Notting Hill on the previous day. The Race and Finance committee has considered the quotes provided by SJS Transport and Aust Chem TPT and recommended to the delegates that the SJS Transport quote be accepted for transport of the race pigeons for season 2022. This recommendation was moved Neville Stone seconded Hank Merbis. Motion carried.

Steve Brown thanked the members of the Race and Finance Committee for attending the meeting on such short notice.

REPORTS

Clock Chairman - Alan Marcon

Alan advised that some members had not included colours on the description of their birds in their clocks. This is to be followed up. Two sprint series races have been run and all has gone well.

Ring Secretary - Hank Merbis

30 birds reported. 3 dead 3 foreign rings. Relevant owners notified.

Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos

Andrew reported the small unit had been used for the first two races and all had gone well with good releases and good returns reported. Paul and David Gardiner had transported the birds to the first race and Sam Spiliopoulos and Kelly to the second.

Treasurers Report – Ray Shreiber

Members notified the Annual Statement for year 2021 has been sent to consumer affairs. Rental property has been invoiced for 50% of yearly outgoings. This includes Body Corporate fees \$2520, Rates \$571, Land tax \$207.50 and Water \$1016. The tenant has been reminded that as of the 1st of June 2022 rent will be increased by 4% to \$3470.10 per month. VHA share of outgoings \$4315.56
Trailer registration due 1st June \$879.90. BAS statement has been submitted. The treasurer advised that the Sprint series entry monies was covering costs with a little over as prizemoney.

CORRESPONDENCE

New member Roger Klein to join Oakleigh club. Moved Hank Merbis seconded Don Lowe new member be accepted. Carried.

Reply from Aust Chem TPT answering questions from Race and Finance committee.

Gerry Sheean expressing interest in conducting financials for 2022 Melbourne 110 race.

Ivanhoe – Shepparton 1 winner verified.

Notting Hill – Shepparton 2 winner verified.

M. Furst confirming he is flying solo from his Bayswater address.

G. Mountjoy expressing concern regarding using correct GPS details when measuring lofts.

Metropolitan Racing Pigeon Club seeking affiliation for 2022. (6 members including 5 current and 1 returned).

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion from Heidelberg Racing Pigeon Club to alter rule 78 and 81B as tabled at April delegates meeting. Moved Hank Merbis seconded Steve Gazzola motion be accepted. Carried.

With regard to rule alterations as detailed above. It was moved Alan Marcon seconded Jim Cerin that flyers effected by the change to rules 78 and 81B be given a grace period to the 31st of December 2022. This to be conditional on the flyer forwarding a list of the rings and their origin to the secretary Steve Brown before the start of this years old bird series. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Bayswater centre is currently not being used for any pigeon racing activities for the coming season. Discussion was had re the future use of the rooms. It was decided the options available to the VHA be discussed moving forward.

Victorian Racing Pigeon Board – Brad McPherson gave an update on the meeting held by the board on the 7th of February. Colin Walker addressed the delegates and also advised the following summary of items dealt with-: Treasurers report, confirmation of recently elected members, discussion on the draft Animal Welfare Action Plan, review of Model Constitutional Rules, Herpes

Virus, Australian National Racing Pigeon Board, Public Relations Officer, VRPB latest news (refer web site www.vrpb.org.au), Inaugural Annual General Meeting – to be held on Sunday the 22nd of May 2022 at 3.00pm. Venue to be announced, Future fund raising options, PMV vaccination-best practice, “home treatment” of pigeons and high mortality in one loft races.

Colin also discussed the reasons pigeon pox vaccine was not available and referred members to updates in the Pigeon Journal.

All clubs are reminded that Line of Flight submissions must be in writing and delivered to the VHA secretary prior to the August delegates meeting. Only race points on the relevant line of flight can be submitted. Refer rule 27. Refer rule 5(h) for the relevant line of flight.

Meeting closed at 8.22pm.