

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 6th of June 2022.

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

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	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	Yes	6	1
TOTAL		136	28

Apologies – Brad McPherson

A minute's silence was held for the passing of Jack Mooney.

Steve Brown and Andrew Spiliopoulos spoke with regard to Jack's wonderful contribution to the VHA in his roles first as Assistant Secretary then Treasurer and then the position of President. A position which he held for eleven years. Jack was a life member and a fifty year member and has a prestigious VHA plaque named in his honour. He was a strong advocate of the purchase of the present VHA rooms which were bought after the sale of the property in Swan Street. Jack was much liked and respected by his colleagues.

Matters arising from the previous minutes-none.

Affiliation of the Metropolitan Club.

Proposed Kevin Clark. Seconded Jim Cerin Carried.

REPORTS

VRPB – Colin Walker

The AGB was held on the 22/5 where the constitution was ratified and the executive committee re-elected under the new constitution. Colin reiterated the reasons for the existence of the VRPB as a representative body for fanciers in Victoria and a source of information to the fancy and the public.

A number of veterinary investigations were being considered by the board and Colin advised that a \$10.00 fee for voting rights on the board was applicable to raise money for the undertaking of clinical investigation. It was moved Kevin Clark seconded Paul Gardiner the fee per member for the VHA be accepted. Carried. Colin then advised that the VHA had the right to two more representatives on the board. Anybody interested please contact Colin.

Clock Chairman – Alan Marcon

Sprint series went well except for some issues with Benzing live on the third race. Members are once again reminded that if Benzing live fails they must personally present their clocks. Reminder that GPS must be set on the club system.

Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis

Forty strays reported. (4 deceased) owners notified.

Treasurer – Ray Schreiber

Bank balances - Cheque account \$91,343.98, V2 plus account \$15,423.61, ANZ term deposit \$10,185.83. Main expenditure for May \$11,077.20 repair of toilet system, \$879.90 trailer registration, \$2,495 race transport (entries received \$2,646). Ray advised the delegates that due to current fuel costs the transport cost for the coming series was most likely to increase. The original quote being based on a price of \$1.75 per litre.

Transport Officers Report – Andrew Spiliopoulos

All units will be returned to centres by the 24th of June. Food for the first third of the season has been ordered from Hunter stock feeds. Straw is to be ordered soon. Anyone wishing to order straw can contact Andrew. Andrew advised there is a 10 O'clock truck curfew around Ivanhoe rooms and that McEwan Rd. is a Vic Roads Road. Investigation to be undertaken by Mark Tung into possibility of somebody doing the pickup from Diamond Valley and Ivanhoe rooms to allow Sam to get away earlier from Notting Hill.

Secretary – Steve Brown

Steve reminded members of the requirements for "Use of Life Rings from Non-Recognised Pigeon Clubs/Organisations" as detailed in his email to members on the 31/5/2022. Steve reiterated failure to adhere to the requirements listed in his email will prohibit any birds carrying these rings to be raced this season. Members are reminded that after the 31st of December 2022 the use of these rings will be not be allowed in VHA conducted races.

Letter received from Pathfinder suggesting federation positions be reduced from 30 to 20 and that prize money be paid to first 12 positions only.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mornington application for a former member P. DeLuca to re-join the VHA. Moved Steve Brown seconded Neville Stone Membership be accepted. Carried.

Heidelberg Club Tim Owens to transfer from Bayswater/ Nunawading to Heidelberg club.

Sprint Series - Verification of 1st Deniliquin winner and Shepparton 3 winner.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Future of Bayswater centre was discussed again. Andrew to report to Dave Crosby.

Steve Brown had VHA logo clothes for sale. Anyone interested please contact Steve.

The VHA is to conduct a sale of Allan Wallgate's stock pigeons. All proceeds to go to the VHA. The sale date has been temporarily set for the 26th of August 2022.

Advertising for Melbourne 110 race to begin soon.

Hank Merbis advised that the honour boards had been updated.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.