

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 1st of August 2022.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.14pm.

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Diamond Valley	Yes	13	3
Frankston	Yes	13	3
Greensborough	No	6	0
Heidelberg	Yes	12	3
Ivanhoe	Yes	10	2
Knox	Yes	10	2
Malvern	No	8	0
Metropolitan	Yes	7	1
Mornington	No	7	0
Northcote	Yes	5	1
North East	Yes	4	1
Notting Hill	Yes	7	1
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	8	2
Pathfinder	Yes	12	3
Plenty	Yes	8	2
South East	Yes	5	1
United	Yes	7	1
TOTAL		142	27

Apologies – None.

Matters arising from the previous minutes – None.

REPORTS

VRPB – not present.

Clock Chairman – Alan Marcon All going well. Some small issues but no major problems. Alan confirmed that the use of STB clocks is still permitted. Ink pads and clock rolls are available.

Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis Seventy-five strays reported including some deceased. Owners notified. Notification that S. Hamilton clocked a pigeon not registered in his name. Moved Hank Merbis seconded Marc Tung no time be given. Carried. Hank advised that life rings are now available to clubs.

Treasurer - Members were advised that Ray Schreiber has resigned as treasurer and that the VHA were looking for someone to fill the role. Anyone interested contact Steve Brown or Andrew Spiliopoulos. It was moved Kevin Clarke seconded Steve Brown that Gerry Sheean be appointed

interim treasurer. Motion carried. Steve Brown then read to the delegates the current bank balances as provided to him by Gerry Sheean. Cheque account \$50,262.67 V2 plus account \$16,423.76 ANZ Online saver \$60,000.05. A profit and loss statement has been supplied to the secretary for the period 1/1/2022 to 31/7/2022. This statement showed income for the period at \$84,699.04 and expenses at \$67,289.22 leaving a net surplus of \$17,409.82. Accompanying notes acknowledge that we will run at a loss this year which will be covered by money's accumulated in the last two years. However next year we will revert to \$200 membership fees and a more realistic up-front fee.

Transport – Andrew Spiliopoulos All going well so far. After the first race from Shepparton, it was reported that a lot of birds did not leave. The second race from Shepparton the pigeons were released at Calder Woodburn a point closer to Melbourne as the usual release point was not accessible. Andrew advised that there was no suitable available release point further north that they were aware of. Note to centres' that drinkers must be turned upside down for transport to the federation races. Andrew presented the logistics for the Tasmania races. Toll has supplied costings which has increased significantly from previous years. Transport on the boat has increased from \$700 each way to \$1100 each way. With the fuel surcharge increasing from \$108.50 to \$301.00. Andrew is having ongoing talks with Toll regarding costs. The Tassie race has cost approximately \$5000 in the past. Arrangements moving forward are Thursday basketing for the north race, Wednesday basketing for the Tasmania races. Basketing centres for the Tasmania race are Diamond Valley and Notting Hill. As the tray truck will be used for the Tasmania transport another truck will have to be sourced for local transport on the Thursday night.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ray Schreiber notice of resignation from Treasurers position and Notting Hill supervisor position.

Notting Hill suppling clearance for Raphael Lay to Metropolitan club.

Diamond Valley line of flight submission North West line old birds 2023.

Frankston club letter of appreciation to Gerry Sheean for his assistance to their new secretary.

Cranbourne Centre Request to clock second pigeon in the second West Wyalong race. This is for a Jack Tipler memorial race for the centre. Moved Paul Gardener seconded Neville Stone permission be given. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Melbourne 110 race. Advertising to start this month. Already on Racenet.

Reminder the Allan Wallgate sale is only twenty-five days away. Members are reminded that the sale is on the 26th of August at the Notting Hill rooms.

Update on Bayswater rooms. David Crosby is in contact with the local council. Alan Marcon, Andrew and Sam Spiliopoulos are going to the rooms to pick up some of the equipment.

Some concern has been raised regarding our tenant. Rent has been paid to date. Andrew will see tenant when he is back in approximately two weeks.

Tina Dark has completed diplomas for last year. Tina sent a letter of apology for them being late. The members would like to thank Tina for all her hard work over the years and convey to her that there is no need for an apology. The VHA will send flowers to Tina in a mark of gratitude.

Kevin Clark suggested a review of transport costs after the first four federation races.

Kevin also wanted to express appreciation to Raphael Lay for helping Steve Gazzola load the units on to the truck.

It was reported that one of the Ivanhoe units had been returned with drinkers damaged.

Jamie Rigby a member of Notting Hill club who also flies with the VPO made a presentation to the delegates regarding being able to set his electronic clock at the VPO basketing centre. This is in contradiction to rule 39. His club was told to lodge a written request on behalf of their member.

It was raised that race data was not being submitted accurately and that when red writing comes up on entry then data needs to be re-entered correctly. Full attention needs to be given to complete ring markings. i.e. the year needs to be completed in full.

It was noted that our rules (44 and 78) require pigeons to be registered in the name of a flyer. i.e. a person. As such the racing and registration of pigeons in the name "Walkers Grizzles" does not comply with our rules. It was moved Jeff Weaver seconded Kevin Clark these pigeons be registered in the name of a person and that no costs should be charged by the VHA for the transfer. Motion carried.

Hank Merbis wished to remind flyers that an initial ring list is not required from old flyers.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm