

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 3rd of October 2022.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.02pm.

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Diamond Valley	Yes	13	3
Frankston	Yes	13	3
Greensborough	No	6	0
Heidelberg	Yes	13	3
Ivanhoe	Yes	10	2
Knox	Yes	10	2
Malvern	Yes	8	2
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	28

Apologies - Jim Cerin and Kevin Clarke

Matters arising from the previous minutes. Metropolitan club missing from roll call list. Incorrect number of members listed for Heidelberg, Knox and Mornington clubs.

REPORTS

VRPB – Colin Walker. Colin gave a summary of his reading of the new Animal Protection Laws. Pigeon racing comes under the sub listing of “Animals in Entertainment”. He gave several examples of change to the Act and will monitor and provide input as per his role with the VRPB. Members can refer to the VRPB website for more details.

Clock Chairman - Alan Marcon. There was a malfunction with John Van Beers clock on the West Wyalong 3 race with the result that John was unable to be given a time. It was noted that if a flyer decides not to present their clock for a race in the nominated time, they must still produce their electronic clock before evaluation or their mechanical clock before pulling over or opening. Members to refer to rule 40. Members are also directed to rule 41 which requires each pigeon to be rung with one intact life ring of standard size, not defaced.

Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis. Forty pigeons and one ring reported. Owners notified. In the Parkes 2 race and the Parkes 10 race Bob Brinkley clocked pigeons not registered in his name. Moved Hank Merbis Seconded Steve Kearsy no time be given. Carried.

VHA 110 Race - Steve Gazzola. Approximately 550 pigeons entered in the race. Basketing will be at Notting Hill on Monday the 10th for release on Wednesday the 12th.

Treasurers Report – Steve Brown on behalf of Gerry Sheean. Current balance of accounts-: Cheque Account \$56,307.38, V2 Plus Account \$50,628.65, ANZ Online Saver \$60,030.30.

Gerry has noted that clubs are providing wrong information on their vouchers. Club secretaries are asked to check information before sending.

Godfrey Stevens through his company Greg Sewell Engineering has kindly donated \$5,000 to go to prize money for the 2 x 500 mile races and the 600 mile race. Adding this to the \$2,500 left over from last year means he is contributing \$2,500 prize money to each race. The executive committee would like to express their gratitude to Godfrey for his generosity.

Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos. Truck is getting away early and getting to race points OK. With the flooding in NSW, we are lucky we are getting through to where we need to go. Andrew has had issues with the tenant at number 2 blocking the entry to our building having to call him to come and clear the driveway.

Andrew advised that the transport to Yolla is being provided by Global International the company who took over from Toll at no charge. It was moved Steve Kearsy seconded Neville Stone that thanks be given to Andrew and Gerry Sheean for their work in delivering this outcome. Motion carried.

RACE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Andrew gave an outline of coming recommendations from the Race and Finance Committee meeting held on the 19th of September.

CORRESPONDENCE

Advice from Plenty Club West Wyalong and Produce federation winners have been verified. Moved Steve Kearsy seconded Alan Marcon payments for both races be approved. Carried.

Metropolitan club advising of new member Rob Farrugia.

ANRPB – Note on the Grand National concept. This is to be from Cobar on the 8th of October. The Executive Committee decided that due to lack of clarity on the race the VHA would not participate.

Frankston club nominations for executive officers' positions.

Malvern club nominations for executive officers' positions.

Diamond Valley nominating Peter McDonough for the liberation committee.

Letter from Colin Walker on change of ownership from Walkers Grizzles to E. Walker. It was moved Steve Kearsley seconded Alan Marcon E. Walker be accepted as new member. Carried. All monies paid by Walkers Grizzles to be accepted as payment for E. Walker.

VRPB government survey re protection of animals. Refer to Colin Walkers summary on the VRPB website.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Line of flight submissions from Diamond Valley and Ivanhoe. Submissions are identical. Season to start on the 1st of July with the final race on the 11th of November. It was moved Steve Kearsley seconded Neville Stone the line of flight submission be accepted. Carried.

Notice of Motion to move the Maryborough race point to Kurting. Moved Hank Merbis seconded Colin Walker race point be moved. Carried.

Request to reduce number of federation positions and number of positions paid winnings. It was moved Steve Kearsley seconded Hank Merbis request be rejected. Carried.

A note of appreciation to Steve Gazzola for his recent sponsorship.

A film crew will be attending Diamond Valley for a documentary.

The weekend of the Yolla and West Wyalong races clock presentation will be by 9.00pm DLST. Members are requested to present by 8.00pm. if possible.

Members are reminded that clock presentation for the West Wyalong 4 and Yolla races will be 8.00pm DLST.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

