

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 6th of March 2023.

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

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Diamond Valley	Yes	12	3
Frankston	Yes	9	2
Greensborough		0	0
Heidelberg	Yes	11	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	8	2
Knox	Yes	4	1
Malvern	Yes	9	2
Metropolitan	Yes	7	1
Mornington	Yes	4	1
Northcote	Yes	5	1
North East	Yes	4	1
Notting Hill	Yes	5	1
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	8	2
Pathfinder	Yes	8	2
Plenty	Yes	10	2
South East	Yes	8	2
United	Yes	8	2
TOTAL		120	27

A minute's silence was held in the memory of Tony Segota.

Apologies Gerry Sheean.

Matters arising from the previous minutes. None. Moved Steve Kearsy seconded David Wetering minutes be accepted. Carried.

REPORTS

Clock Chairman – Alan Marcon. Nothing to report.

Ring Secretary -Hank Merbis. Ten pigeons reported and owners notified.

Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos. Nothing to report.

Treasurers Report – Steve Brown on behalf of Gerry Sheean.

Bank balances Cheque Account - \$69,617.61 V2 Plus Account – \$54.77 ANZ Online Saver - \$65,042.84

General account now at \$69K. \$12k is rental bond from new tenant plus first month rental of \$4K plus overpayment from old tenant of just short \$4K. However, we have paid insurances \$7.5K. I expect the agent will request payment of the bond to his trust account in due course.

Online saver account is \$65K but \$9K is rental bond to old tenant and \$25K is proceeds from the sales late last year.

So we realistically have \$53K plus \$41K so \$94K heading into this season. We have lots of general overheads to come out of this as the year progresses: Honorariums \$10K, added money liability of \$19K. Rates, body Corp, etc., about \$12K but we will recoup some outgoings from old and new tenant of about \$4K.

But suffice to say we are looking OK heading into the new race season.

Even with reduced up front numbers expected due to losing some members, we will be able to cover all our outgoings even allowing for some extraordinary expense that may occur.

In addition to the above some clubs have not yet sorted their club ring sales out. Frankston \$1700, Greensborough \$600, Malvern \$400, Metropolitan \$700, Oakleigh \$600 and Pathfinder \$800. Total is \$4800, but not all rings will have been sold so some will be returned, but obviously our added money will increase somewhat.

Also, we had two clubs pay affiliations in March, which show in the bank balance but not in the P & L. In addition, one club has short paid (Pathfinder \$800) and one club (Greensborough), which will have members, have not yet affiliated.

VRPB – Colin Walker

Colin spoke at length about the new Animal Welfare Document. The VRPB has had contact from Agriculture Victoria with regard to how it would affect Victorian fanciers. Colin said there were several points of concern which were too late for the VRPB to have input into. The Animal Welfare Document is due to be adopted by all states later this month. Discussion was had around the new VRPB representative. It was moved Colin Walker seconded Jim Cerin that Andrew Demidowski be the VHA representative. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Several clubs have supplied their list of office bearers.

Beck Insurance – 2023 insurance policy.

Frankston club advising of change of name to McPherson and Ogilvie and Bryant and Demidowski. Moved Steve Kearsey seconded Hank Merbis this be accepted. Carried.

Malvern club advising of fifty years of membership for Charles Hider. Moved Steve Kearsey seconded Vince Falvo. Carried.

Application for two new members. Malvern – Petros Piligos (Hughesdale). Metropolitan – F. DePasquale (Hoppers Crossing). These two memberships to be voted on at the next meeting.

Animal welfare – Vic. Poultry consultation with various bodies/associations.

Laura Thomas – Animals at war.

Ivanhoe club recommendations with regard to 500 combine race and Pathfinder unit proposal. This letter was read to the delegates by the secretary Steve Brown.

Text message from Tas Gazzis with an offer to transport VHA pigeons to the combined 500-mile race at no charge if we should choose to participate. As once again there was little detail provided it was determined from one other federations schedule that the race would be held on the 21st of October. After some discussion it was moved Colin Walker seconded Kevin Clark that the VHA participate and that this race would be one of our 500-mile races and count for points in the VHA aggregate. When put to a vote the motion was carried 15 votes for - 12 against. This now will require a change of our schedule.

ANRPB have been advised that David Wetering and Steve Gazzola will be the VHA representatives for the 2024 Victorian Pigeon Convention.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nominations for VCHA positions Assistant Clock Chairman Steve Kearsey and Minute Secretary Jeff Weaver. Moved Alan Marcon seconded Hank Merbis. Carried.

Discussion was had re the Pathfinder proposal for the investigation of the building of a 1200 bird trailer for use by the VHA. It was moved Gerry Charnley seconded Steve Kearsey that further investigation be authorised. Motion carried.

Members were advised that we now have a new tenant occupying our rental property. The property is now being managed by an agent Josh Collosimo. Some alterations have been done inside by the new tenant and three phase power has been connected. The changeover has not left the VHA out of pocket.

Mark Tung addressed the meeting regarding the direction from the Executive Officer to pay the \$40 per member on request from any centre to effectively to cover Diamond Valley's building Insurance and to be fair to all other centres. This proposal was moved by Peter McDonough but did not get a seconder. Therefore, it was not voted on. After further discussion the original request made by Diamond Valley in correspondence on the 5th of December was referred to. As the original request had not been voted on it was moved Steve Kearsey and seconded Alan Marcon that the Diamond Valley building Insurance be paid by the VHA. This motion was carried.

The payment of fees for the use of the Notting Hill rooms was raised. Steve Brown is to speak to Gerry Sheean regarding whether fees have been paid or not.

Meeting closed at 8.43pm.