

# VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2023.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.04pm.

## ROLL CALL

| CLUB              | PRESENT | MEMBERS    | DELEGATES |
|-------------------|---------|------------|-----------|
| Diamond Valley    | Yes     | 12         | 3         |
| Frankston         | Yes     | 9          | 2         |
| Greensborough     | N/A     | 3          | 0         |
| Heidelberg        | Yes     | 11         | 2         |
| Ivanhoe           | Yes     | 11         | 2         |
| Knox              | Yes     | 5          | 1         |
| Malvern           | Yes     | 9          | 2         |
| Metropolitan      | Yes     | 7          | 1         |
| Mornington        | Yes     | 4          | 1         |
| Northcote         | Yes     | 6          | 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         |
|                   |         |            |           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      |         | <b>128</b> | <b>27</b> |

A minute's silence was held for the passing of John Jackson. John passed away last December his passing only came to our attention recently. Steve Brown advised that John won his first federation race in the mid-sixties and went on to win a number of Federation races including a Produce.

Apologies – Gerry Sheean and Kevin Clark.

Matters arising from the previous minutes – None.

New member application – Jeff Mann to join Malvern club. To be voted on at the next meeting.

## REPORTS

**Clock Chairman – Alan Marcon.** Nothing to report. No issues have arisen from the weekends racing at the time of this meeting.

**Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis.** 80 strays reported and owners notified.

**Treasurer – Steve Brown on behalf of Gerry Sheean.**

Current bank balances - Cheque Account - \$20,418.65 V2 Plus Account - \$55.07 ANZ Online Saver - \$151,500.00. First race of the season was run at a loss of almost \$1,000. There were only 66 members out of 128 affiliated members participating. We have a BAS statement to submit for June

qtr. Which will be a result in payment of nett GST of \$3431.00. Added money currently sits at \$22,234.00 of which we have agreed to offset \$1,000 per race for 17 races. Request to confirm added money for Ouyen Derby and the former combine race for Bourke. Members are reminded of upfront fees due in the coming weeks.

#### **Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos**

Andrew advised that our convoyer Cam Murrells has retired and we now have a new convoyer in Digger Mellerick. Cam Murrells has given the VHA great service and will be sent a note of appreciation. The VHA have provided a new mattress in the sleeper, new lights and a lock on the door. The race birds were released on Saturday at Firey Flat which is 7 kilometres further on than Kurting as there was no clear release point at Kurting. Sam has cleaned the trailer, adjusted the brakes and greased. Two break covers damaged from going through flood waters last year have been repaired, cleaned and replaced and a third is broken and needs to be replaced. Clubs are reminded that drinkers are to be left open side up during club races.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Message to the secretary Steve Brown from Tas Gassis notifying that the offer to transport birds to the combined 500 mile race had been rejected by the WPF and the GMPF. Efforts will be made to conduct the race next year.

W. Williams requesting name change to Williams and Hunter. This was applied for mid meetings and as such was approved by the Executive to enable the partnership to participate in the first race.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The president advised he had received a copy of the Diamond Valley lease agreement from the Banyule Council and would read it and sign accordingly.

Approval given to allocate added money to the Derby and 500 mile race as requested by the Treasurer. This makes added money for all 19 federation races \$19,000.00.

Notice to everyone that upfront fees have been set at \$1.50 a bird. Nominations due basketing night of third club race. Payment due basketing night of first federation race. Excess birds to be charged at \$2.50 a bird.

A proposal for a special ring race was put forward. 1000 special rings to be sold at \$5.00 a ring. To be conducted as a race within a race at the first 400 mile race. 20 prizes to be paid all money to be paid as prize money. Clock all birds. Moved race be approved Hank Merbis Seconded Alan Marcon. Carried.

Hard copies of schedules have arrived. They will be distributed to all centres.

Meeting closed at 7.32pm.