

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 5th of June 2023.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.08pm.

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	No	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	No	8	2
Pathfinder	Yes	8	2
Plenty	Yes	10	2
South East	Yes	8	2
United	Yes	8	2
TOTAL		128	23

A minute's silence was held for Noel Fleming and Gary Cheswarth.

Noel was remembered as being well organised and also for starting the Greater Melbourne Pigeon Federation. Gary flew with Greensborough Club for a number of years until available time became an issue.

Apologies – Gerry Sheean

Matters arising from the previous minutes. None.

New Members – W. Williams, L. Trajano, A. Jaberizadeh and R. Ponsioen. It was moved Don Lowe seconded Hank Merbis new members be accepted. Carried.

Notice of Motion from Diamond Valley re Line of Flight Rule 5H. Motion carried. 20 votes Yes 3 votes No.

REPORTS

Clock Chairman - Alan Marcon. All centres to have their clock systems updated to the latest version. (Version 4.7 for club units. This is the same as last year.) Members to ensure that their Benzing Live is operating. Members are advised to send a test message to their contact. Flyers to ensure their

birds colour and sex is entered into their clock. Any bird not coupled in the clock on basketing night will be refused entry to the race. Members are asked to ensure transfers are done.

Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis. 55 birds reported and owners notified.

Treasurers Report – Steve Brown for Gerry Sheean.

Bank balances Cheque Account - \$20,770.59 V2 Plus Account \$55.07 ANZ Online Saver \$151,616.09.

Gerry reports that the VHA is in a very strong financial position. The balances reflect the upfront payment of rent from our tenant which basically equates up to and including February rent. It also includes the \$16,500.00 from Bayswater. He will look at investing some money in term deposit which currently is returning around 4%. Greensborough club still to pay for ring sales. Pathfinder still owe for ring transfers and have not clarified ring sales. Oakleigh have paid the ring account but not transfers. Trailer registration has been paid with Gerry's personal credit card and then has been reimbursed. We are incurring expense for the ATM machine of \$34.95 when we are not using it. We need to investigate an alternative. Gerry will investigate but welcomes any input. All other financials are the same as the end of April.

Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos. Units will be returned to centres this weekend. Centres to check operation. Food to be ordered. Food is a mix of Wheat, Milo, Peas, Maize and Safflower at 20% each. Sam will be getting truck ready and straw is to be purchased. The trailer needs 5 new tyres. Sam has donated three and two more will need to be purchased at some stage through the season.

CORRESPONDENCE

Steve Brown read out the WPF letter explaining their non-participation in the PRV combine.

PRV have extended an invitation to participate in a 500 mile combine in 2024.

Steve advised that the minutes of the VRPB meeting will be sent out for members to read.

Letter from David Crosby notifying transfer of \$16,500 from Bayswater Centre to the VHA. It has been suggested that ideas for its productive use come from ex Bayswater centre members.

Notification received of 2023 National Pigeon Convention to be held in Melbourne at The Meadows on the 24th, 25th and 26th of November.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Steve Brown recommended to the members that the transport quotes from SJS Transport be accepted.

It was moved Kevin Clark seconded Neville Stone the race transport quote be accepted. Carried.

It was moved Steve Kearsey seconded Neville Stone the local transport quote be accepted. Carried.

Steve Kearsey requested permission to put the PRV \$100,000 race results on the VHA website.

Moved Kevin Clark seconded Neville Stone. Carried.

Steve Brown suggested a \$5 ring race be held in season 2024.

Suggestion from the VRPU that a shield named after a VRPU flyer and a VHA flyer be awarded to the best flyer from Yolla this year and when ever the two federations fly together from Tasmania.

Discussion was had re the rental property and the requirement for a timely decision when maintenance was required. It was moved Steve Kearsey seconded Hank Merbis that one of the

President, Secretary or Treasurer can approve maintenance works when urgency is required.
Carried.

Charles Hider has provided an update on Council issues.

Kevin Clark to review centre sections.

In response to Kevin Clark's request from last meeting to investigate the possibility of changing local transport arrangements involving the northern centres. It was reported that Diamond Valley units would have to be unloaded at the Ivanhoe centre in the street and then moved in to the rooms as the tray truck could not be unloaded inside due to lack of room. The units from both centres would then need to be loaded onto the semi-trailer in the street. This would require Ivanhoe members to stay late waiting for the truck and create a greater work load on them. This would also be uncomfortable and difficult for both birds and members with inclement weather. The angle of the driveway to the street would make carriage of the units difficult. Advice has also been provided that the current drivers of the tray truck would be unlikely to continue to do the job on a reduced remuneration.

Executive Officers Zoom Meeting – Kevin Clark. Kevin advised the delegates that in the week previous to the current meeting the Executive Officers had met via Zoom with the intent of resurrecting the proposed PRV race for this year. The Executive decided to put to the meeting that we approach the PRV with an offer to transport the pigeons and to limit the VHA entry to 40 birds per flyer thus matching the WPF bird limit. This proposal was moved by Alan Marcon seconded by Paul Bryant. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.