

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 7th of August 2023.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.09pm.

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Diamond Valley	Yes	12	3
Frankston	Yes	9	2
Greensborough	No	3	0
Heidelberg	Yes	11	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	11	2
Knox	Yes	5	1
Malvern	No	9	0
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
TOTAL		128	25

Apologies – Don Lowe and Gerry Sheean.

Matters arising from the previous minutes - None.

New members - Jeff Mann - Malvern club from previous meeting and S & R Cook – Mornington approved by executive officers under rule 3E and ratified at this meeting.

REPORTS

Clock Chairman Report – Alan Marcon. Mittyack 1 Rafael Lay's clock was read a minute out subsequent correct time puts him into the federation result. Tony Maslowski has issues with Benzing Live that need to be sorted. Alan once again advises that flyers are not putting proper identification of birds in their electronic clocks.

Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis. Thirty-two strays reported and owners notified. Members are advised that the ring draw has been done. Hank advised Mittyack 1 K. Camigla clocked a pigeon not registered. Eddie Jaberizadeh clocked a pigeon not registered correctly. Moved Hank Merbis seconded Peter McDonough no time be given. Carried. Mittyack 2 Forlan-Hongming clocked a pigeon not registered to him. Moved Hank Merbis seconded Peter McDonough no time be given. Carried.

Treasurers Report - Steve Brown on behalf of Gerry Sheean.

Bank balances 2nd of August 2023 Cheque Account \$37,906.13 V2 Plus Account \$55.07 ANZ Online Saver \$151,500.00

Gerry has summarised as follows:- The bank balance is good, with outgoings as listed here bringing some realism to the disposable bank balance. Honorariums \$10K plus. Added money \$22K. Prepaid rent \$30K. Two races not yet invoiced \$4K approx. New Rings \$5K (awaiting invoice). Bayswater donation 416.5K. Prize money now owed - \$4.5K. Up front fees collected to date \$20K. The balance at the end of the year will be \$2K approx. plus sales less cost of rings.

Gerry suggested we set the cost of rings now. After discussion it was moved Brett Howie seconded Neville Stone ring cost to be set at \$1.00 each. Carried.

Transport Report – Andrew Spiliopoulos. The truck is getting to races in good time. The truck has stopped at Charlton and had new tyres fitted of which Sam has donated two. This has happened over two weeks. They have travelled to Ouyen to stay overnight and then returned to the race point the next day to release the pigeons. Concerns have been raised regarding the drinkers not being able to be reached by the pigeons due to warping of the units caused by the crash years ago. Andrew advises some units which were beyond repair were thrown out at the time while attempts to straighten the other units were not completely successful. Units are lifted on to packers when loading to alleviate this issue and birds are able to reach water comfortably.

There will be a working bee held at Notting Hill and another at Diamond Valley to repair wheels on the Tassie units which were bought from Greater Melbourne. Andrew will attend and bring all necessary tools. He will require four flyers to attend each centre with him to assist in the repairs. Dates to be notified. Steve Gazzola has advised that there were no drinkers supplied with the units. It was moved Neville Stone seconded Hank Merbis that Andrew follow up and have stainless steel drinkers made. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Forlan-Hongmin requesting not to be disqualified. This matter was dealt with earlier.

Mornington requesting affiliation for S & R Cook. Dealt with earlier.

VRPU classic will now take place on September 17th. Distributed to members.

Submission for line of flight from Diamond Valley.

Submission for line of flight from Pathfinder.

United club requesting a change of flyer name from Espiritu to Espiritu and son.

Oakleigh requesting a change of name from N & E Machar to N & E Machar and Son.

Both applications moved Alan Marcon seconded Neville Stone. Carried.

Kristen Fletcher requesting pigeon release at the shrine. Gerry Sheean has responded and will assist on the day.

Letter from South East confirming John Van Beers federation winner has been flown and verified.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Gerry Charnley requested anyone with a current set of year books could he borrow them to enable his clubs honour board to be updated. Andrew Spiliopoulos will provide books to Gerry

There are 1000 rings for the Peter Ainsworth special race to be held next year. Steve brown requests one person to sell rings at each centre.

Application from Steve Gazzola of Meadow One lofts to liberate pigeons one half hour after our second liberation this weekend. Moved S. Lester seconded P. Suban. Motion carried.

Request from Jeff Weaver to clarify cost of entry for trainers in this year's club races. Confirmed at \$0.80 per bird.

Meeting closed at 8.18pm.