

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 4th of September 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	0
Metropolitan	Yes	7	1
Mornington	No	5	0
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	24

Apologies – Steve Lester and Gerry Sheean.

Matters arising from the previous minutes – None.

Moved Neville Stone seconded Steve Gazzola minutes be accepted. Carried.

REPORTS

Clock Chairman – Alan Marcon. Alan reported other than some inputting mistakes all is going well.

Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis. Thirty lost birds reported and owners notified.

Mittyack 3 Andrew Demidowski clocked a pigeon not registered in his name. Mittyack derby Hank Merbis clocked a pigeon whose life ring was not eligible for entry to the race. Moved Alan Marcon seconded Neville Stone no time be given for either pigeon. Carried.

Treasurers Report – Steve Brown on behalf of Gerry Sheean.

Account balances – Cheque account - \$48,473.46 V2 plus account - \$55.07 ANZ Online account - \$151,500.00

Summary of current situation. Upfront fees \$40,289. Paid out so far \$20,860. This leaves a balance of \$20,000 for remaining races which will cost approx. \$30,000. Prize money owed at the moment

\$26,656. Payment will be made when delegates pass for payment. We still owe honorariums \$10,000 plus transport for last two Mildura's approx. K6. (Awaiting invoice.). Added money stands at \$18,278. Some members running out of upfront fees. Transfers can be made at a fee of \$10.00. Moved Kevin Clark seconded Steve Piralis. Carried. We earned \$175 interest this month with ATM fees of \$145. The total bank balance is healthy and we will cover all future outgoings. Gerry is also in the process of establishing our electricity account which is proving more difficult than anticipated.

Transport Officers Report – Andrew Spiliopoulos. The truck is getting to the race point in good time. There was some derogatory coverage on social media regarding our release. Investigation has found this to be unfounded. Andrew advises that the liberation site at Mildura is also used by the VPU and Cumberland federations. Andrew attended the latest meeting of the National committee at the Union rooms and advises that the Yarraville club is paying for transport for the national race. The Western federation are transporting the birds this year and the VHA next year. Due to a tight time line to get the birds to the WPF rooms (9.00pm) the VHA will be basketing at two centres. Diamond Valley and Notting Hill. Basketing to start at Diamond Valley at 5.00pm and finish by 7.00pm. Ray to leave Diamond Valley at 7.15pm to get the birds to Notting Hill by 8.00pm. Notting Hill to finish basketing by 7.45pm. This time line will be tight and we need everyone to be punctual to get the birds to the WPF at the time they have allocated.

The units purchased for the Tasmania race need servicing. Andrew will attend Diamond Valley centre on Tuesday the 12th of September at 11.00am and the Notting Hill centre on Wednesday the 13th of September at 11.00am to carry out works. He will require 4 members to help him at each centre. Centres to notify Andrew names of people who will be attending to help. A quote of \$2,400 has been received for new drinkers for the Tassie units. It has been decided excess drinkers from existing units will be used and that new drinkers will not be purchased at this stage.

CORRESPONDENCE

Notification of verification of federation winners – John Galea, Fox and Brudenell, David Wetering and both winners of Gazzola and Clark. Moved Alan Marcon seconded Kevin Clark prize money be paid. Carried.

Letter from Ivanhoe centre requesting Traralgon birds be liberated separately. After discussion it was decided that the country birds should be liberated with the VHA birds.

GVPF request to send pigeons to Yolla. Pigeons to be basketed at VPU rooms. Moved Hank Merbis seconded Nevile Stone the VHA transport GVPF pigeons. Carried. Price to be set for country pigeons at \$3.00 per bird. Moved Hank Merbis seconded Nevile Stone. Carried.

Andrew Demidowski requesting not to be disqualified for an unregistered pigeon. This was discussed earlier and a decision made.

Jim Davis minutes of National meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Steve Brown to send an email to Yarraville club thanking them for their sponsorship of the National race.

Steve Brown has distributed a copy of a new code of conduct which updates the previous code circa 2021. This will have to be discussed and possibly adopted moving forward.

Next years line of flight to be voted on at next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.01pm.