

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 4th of December 2023.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.07pm.

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	5	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	27

Apologies - Colin Walker, Gerry Charnley and Gerry Sheean.

Matters arising from the previous minutes. None. Moved Hank Merbis seconded Neville Stone minutes be accepted. Carried.

REPORTS

Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis. 19 pigeons reported and owners notified. Bird clocked in 600 mile race by De Pasquale had incorrect ring number. Moved Hank Merbis no time be given. Seconded Alan Marcon. Carried.

Clock Chairman – Alan Marcon. Alan reported that throughout the season all centres had operated well. He would like to thank all centres for their cooperation throughout the season. An issue arose with the second bird clocked by Ergun Avci in the 500 mile race. A full Benzing live evaluation had been done before the second pigeon had been clocked. As there was a second race live in the clock it was established that the clocking time was correct and it was decided that he be given time for the race.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Brown on behalf of Gerry Sheean.

Bank balances as of 4th December. Cheque Account - \$10,761.99, V2 Plus Account – 455.07 and ANZ Online Saver \$81,500.00

In summary everything is paid for. Presentation day was just over \$3K. All prize money has been paid out. This year's entries were \$51K and with added money and sponsorship we paid out \$82K to members. All money's being paid out within 2 weeks of final race. Current bank balance includes \$18.5K Bayswater donation, \$24K from the pigeon sale and \$23K in prepaid rent with all expected outgoings already paid to Aston.

Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos. Andrew reports that the pump is playing up. It was moved Neville Stone seconded Steve Gazzola a new pump be purchased. Carried. Andrew will get a quote to be presented at the next meeting. The curtains are in need of repair before next season.

Voting.

Vote on change of schedule as submitted by Pathfinder at last meeting. For change of schedule - Diamond Valley, Frankston, Malvern, Metropolitan, Mornington, Notting Hill and Pathfinder – Yes total 12 votes. Against change of schedule - Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Knox, Northcote, North East, Oakleigh – Waverley, Plenty, South Esat and United. – No total 15 votes. Proposal not carried. Existing schedule to remain.

Notice of Motion

Vote on notice of motion from Heidelberg re rule 79c. All ownership transfers to be completed by first federation race. Increase in fee to be charged for transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the Shrine of Remembrance thanking us for the pigeon liberation. Many thanks to Eddie and Gerry Sheean. It was noted that this is a great promotion for our sport and especially for the free transport we get to and from Tasmania.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Correspondence received from the body corporate regarding signage to be placed at the entry to the property. It was decided that we participate and have a pigeon logo on the sign. Cost to us is \$300.

Andrew spoke regarding the Presentation Day held at The Manningham Club. The day went well and was enjoyed by all who attended. Congratulations to all federation and averages winners.

The Victorian pigeon convention held on the previous weekend was a great success. The Meadows was a great venue and those that attended reported they had an enjoyable time. The auctions run on the Saturday and Sunday mornings raise \$21,000 each day and helped pay for the weekend with money left over going towards the VCAT case and to Prostate Cancer. Greg Hamilton gave a great talk with a small power point presentation and Bill Lawry gave a great talk before the evening dinner. The secret auction went well with punters spending \$21,000 on 12 pigeons. This prize money to be allocated to the winning flyer and buyer on our Produce race next year. The money will jackpot if it is not won. Congratulations to all who helped organise the day a combination of representatives from all the federations. Special thanks and congratulations to Steve Gazzola and David Wetering for

their contribution to the running of the convention. A note of thanks from the VHA will be sent to Bill Lawry for his contribution.

Steve Brown still has some rings available for the Peter Ainsworth race to be held on the first 400 mile race. Contact Steve if you require rings.

The life members badges that were awarded at the presentation day have a spelling mistake and will be replaced.

Members are reminded of the upcoming Diamond Valley squeaker sale to be held at the Diamond Valley rooms Petrie Park Montmorency on Sunday the 14th of January 2024. Viewing from 11.00am sale starts at 1.00pm.

The President closed the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and safe New Year.

Meeting closed at 7.54pm.