

Minutes of Victorian Homing Association Race & Finance Committee meeting held at Notting Hill on 18th February 2013

The President David Wetering declared the meeting open at 7.30 pm

Present: David Wetering, Kevin Clarke, Andrew Spilliopoulos, Henry Marciniak, Des Twomey, Stephen Kearsey, Jeff Stanley, Michael Lucas, David Crosbie, John Brislin

Apologies: None

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Website

It was Recommended that:-

- That the existing Web Site be de-commissioned as it is old technology and cannot be updated.
- That a new 'Live' Website be purchased. Cost \$3000.00. On-going Host cost of \$240.00 per year. Free the first year. Amongst other things it provides for immediate Race Results on the Web, the ability to use the site to advertise, SMS Messaging re Liberation, Historical data and many other features
- That the VHA conduct a raffle with all Members buying and/or selling a total of 1000 tickets (approximately Five (5) per Member) at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket. One prize of \$1000.00 drawn on the night of the 2nd Old Bird Federation Race.

Peninsula, Section Boundaries

It was Recommended that:-

- That the new extension of the VHA Boundary that encompasses all of the Mornington Peninsula Area east to Grid Line 352 be known as the "Mornington Peninsula Section".
- That the Northern Boundary of this Section to be Grid Line 5770 and the Eastern Boundary of this Section to be Grid Line 352.

Further in relation to the extension of the VHA Boundary

it was resolved that:-

- that the VHA Secretary write to the Rosebud and District Racing Pigeon Club Incorporated and advise the Members that Rosebud and District Racing Pigeon Club Incorporated no longer fitted the definition of a 'Country Club' as the Club was now within the VHA Boundary and as

such they were most welcome to join the VHA as full Flying Members. The VHA would not be able to transport their pigeons as an Affiliated Country Club.

Club Races

There was general discussion re the lack of participation in the Old Bird Season Club Races. The Treasurer stated that in years gone by the Income from Club Races went along way in deferring the operational cost of the organization. This was no longer the case because of the lack of participation in Club Races. A healthy debated was conducted with some suggestions appearing at the end of the day to be cost neutral. Other suggestions were seen as being somewhat draconian.

It was resolved that:-

- The Members be advised that VHA is not as strong financially as it has been in the past as our Membership decreases. One form of revenue is the Club Races and all Members should be encouraged to participate in the Club Races as a way of contributing to the on-going costs of their Federation

Mid Week Racing

There is proposal to conduct Five (5) Mid-Week Races in the September-October Period open to all Federations to compete in. After some discussion,

It was resolved that:-

- Before any steps are taken to contact other Federations or put forward any other plans, the Members of the Organization are to be asked via the Delegates Meeting and subsequently Club Meetings, as to what the level of interest is to conduct such races.

Up-Front Fees

A letter was received from the North-East Club re the operation the Up-Front Fee that was referred to the Race and Finance Committee by the February Delegates Meeting. The letter received unanimous support and as a result

It was Recommended that:-

- The Up-Front Fee continue to be applied as it is now.
- Further, that Members can trade any excess nominations they may have with another member.
- No such trading of nominations can take place until the week leading to the First 400 mile Federation Race
- Any Member who has used his quota prior to the 1st 400 Mile Race will pay the \$2.50 excess bird fee. Similarly any Member who has used his quota and cannot find a trade leading up to or after the 1st 400 Mile race will pay the \$2.50 excess bird fee.

- Each individual transaction between any two Members will incur a \$10 Fee payable to the VHA

General Discussion

The following matters were discussed in varying degrees and will be expanded on in the future.

1. Up-Front Fee nomination time and payment time
2. Fund Raising particular the sale on the Internet of Donated Birds from our Leading Flyers
3. Trustees of Club Premises
4. Reducing Transport Cost including the number of Centres open in the longer races
5. Statutory Declarations re the PMV
6. National Race and whether the other Federations wish to be involved.

Meeting closed at 10.10pm

Andrew Demidowski
Minutes Secretary