

# VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC

## Minutes of the May Delegates Meeting held at Notting Hill on Monday, 7th May 2018.

The President, Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the Meeting open at 8.02pm

Apologies: N. Stone, T. Brudenell, Bob Stukel, Colin Walker

### Roll Call

	Present	Total	Delegates
Bayswater-Nunawading	Yes	5	1
Diamond Valley	No	12	-
Greensborough	No	6	-
Heidelberg	Yes	7	1
Ivanhoe	No	10	-
Knox	Yes	6	1
Malvern	Yes	8	2
Mountain Districts	Yes	7	1
Northcote	No	4	-
North East	Yes	5	1
Notting Hill	Yes	4	1
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	6	1
Pathfinder	No	18	-
Plenty	Yes	11	2
South East	Yes	5	1
United	Yes	4	1
Total		118	13

The Minutes of the April Delegates Meeting were received on the motion of H. Merbis  
2<sup>nd</sup> J.Yates **Carried**

### **Matters Arising**

The April minutes did not state that John Brislin had resigned from all positions including Liberation Officer.

The Minutes were adopted on the motion of K. Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup> H. Merbis **Carried**

### **Correspondence**

- 1.Old/New Members: Pathfinder 2 new Change of address for Courtney & Douglas
- 2.Malvern nominating Rohan Burns to the Liberation Committee
3. Plenty nominating Tim Brudenell as Treasurer, Sam Spiliopoulos as Transport Officer and Andrew Spiliopoulos as Assistant Transport Officer. All above nomination to be accepted. Moved Ken Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup> H. Merbis

## **Reports**

### **Ring Registry**

16 birds reported and owners notified.

Liberation/Transport Officer/Clock Chairman/Treasurer - All nothing to report

## **General Business**

1. North East: Kevin Clark reported that the North East Club thought that both Andrew Spiliopoulos and Henry Marciniac were taking on too many positions and too much work as being left to too few. Kevin Clark also questioned whether it was wise to have the President also on the Liberation Committee. Henry Marciniac that due to the marvellous work that Andrew did with weather bureau, that it would be detrimental to have Andrew replaced. Noel Fleming added that there was not a lot of time to be changing official positions at this time of the year with the beginning of racing fast approaching.

2. Kevin Clark asked whether a tender process had been put in place in order to appoint a Transport contract.

Andrew Spiliopoulos will organise a quote for transporting the race birds and stated that there were additional conditions affecting their running of trucking businesses such as the "Chain of Responsibility", working diaries replacing log books, and that the driver cannot have worked anywhere else during the day before taking charge of the transporting of the pigeons to the race point. He also stated that hiring of Prime Movers from rental companies have become far more expensive with the rental companies charging additional days for truck pickups and returns.

General discussion took place on whether the VHA should tender out the transporting of the pigeons.

It was moved by John Yates and 2<sup>nd</sup> Gavin Fraser that a complete transparent plan of transporting is presented to the delegates at the next meeting including drivers to be used and pricing.

Due to the racing season fast approaching, it was also moved K. Crawford and 2<sup>nd</sup> H. Merbis to appoint Sam Spiliopoulos' prime mover subject to presentation of a complete transparent quote.

## **Carried**

3. It was suggested that the VHA write to the ANRDB to enquire on exactly when it was expected that the Rota Virus vaccine be available.

4. Andrew Spiliopoulos reported that the sample drinker sponges provided by Bill Stone worked very well and that samples would be brought to the next meeting

**With no further general business, the President declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm**