

# VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of July delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

The President, Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 8.00pm

## ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	TOTAL	DELEGATES
Bayswater-Nunawading	Yes	5	1
Diamond Valley	Yes	12	3
Greensborough	No	6	-
Heidelberg	Yes	10	2
Ivanhoe	No	10	2
Knox	Yes	6	1
Malvern	Yes	8	2
Mountain District	Yes	7	1
Northcote	No	4	-
North East	Yes	5	1
Notting Hill	Yes	4	1
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	6	1
Pathfinder	Yes	18	4
Plenty	Yes	11	2
South East	Yes	5	1
United	Yes	4	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>121</b>	<b>23</b>

Apologies: Ken Crawford

## **Bereavement**

A minute's silence was held for the recent passing of Barry Frank. Kevin Clarke spoke to the delegates of Barry Frank's time in pigeons and of his family.

## **Matters arising**

Noel Fleming asked for Heidelberg club's membership numbers to be adjusted for their three new members.

## **Correspondence**

1. Mt. Districts club advised that Robbins and Furst will now be racing as Furst.
2. One old/new member: D. Nossack North East Club
3. Flyers John Van Beers and I & J Van Beers are now members of South Eastern club.
4. Diamond Valley advised change of name from Micalizzi to Micalizzi and Ilsley.

5. Correspondence from the Long Distance Combine advises that the combine race will be held on the two five hundred mile races and the six hundred mile races for 2018. A \$20 fee is required to compete in these races. Andrew Spiliopoulos advised that at this stage the 600 mile race date proposed by the Long Distance Combine does not coincide with the VHA scheduled race.

### **Reports.**

#### **Ring Secretary.**

66 strays were reported. The new ring issues are available. Less rings have been purchased this year Hank Merbis advises that ring secretaries should act quickly distributing rings. The treasurer advised that the ring draw has been done.

#### **Clock Chairman**

The clock chairman had nothing to report.

#### **Transport**

There were problems with a wheel on one unit and two drinkers on other units. Issue to be rectified. Water was supplied to the VHA pigeons at the race point. Andrew advised that even with the temperature at 5-7 degrees a large number of pigeons drank. Discussion was held re the current watering method and the O, H and S risk. It was agreed that an aluminium platform system be designed for safer, easier and quicker watering of the pigeons. It was decided that the executive committee should proceed with the design and building of such system with the aim of having it in place by the first federation race. Foam for the drinkers is still being looked at with the cutting of the foam being the issue.

#### **Leasing of Notting Hill**

The president advised that we have paid for advertising for one more month and that the agent had been more pro active since he was contacted recently. The rent asked for is \$55,000. A number of rental comparisons from the area were shown to the delegates. A decision to drop the asking rent was left for negotiation with the agent.

#### **General Business**

1. Kevin Clark asked whether the rules allowed a club to exist with less than four members.
2. The secretary advised that the Transport up front fee nominations are required on basketing night of the 1<sup>st</sup> Deniliquin race and that payment is to be made on basketing night of the first federation race Griffith 1. Not as per the schedule.
3. The president asked for suggestions to get more support for the club races.
4. Discussion was held on the transfer of ownership of pigeons during the racing season.

**Meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.**