

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA August delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 5/8/2024

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7:02PM.

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Diamond Valley	Yes	13	3
Frankston	Yes	12	3
Heidelberg	Yes	12	3
Ivanhoe	Yes	10	2
Knox	Yes	4	1
Malvern	No	8	2
Metropolitan	Yes	7	1
Mornington	Yes	6	1
Northcote	No	5	1
North East	Yes	5	1
Notting Hill	Yes	4	1
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	6	1
Pathfinder	Yes	9	2
Plenty	Yes	15	3
South East	Yes	9	2
United	Yes	10	2
TOTAL		135	29

Apologies:

H Merbis, S Lester

Minutes of the July delegates meeting as distributed:

Business Arising - Nil

Moved - N Stone

Seconded - G Mountjoy

Carried

Vote - Leigh Day (Frankston) new member

Moved – Frankston

Seconded - J Weaver

Carried

Reports

VRPB - A Demidowski

Andrew spoke about the last VCAT hearing, the role the VRPB had in it and the likely outcome , which was all positive, then members from the floor had a say on their experiences with councils and regulations

Andrew then announced he is preparing a liberation release protocol for discussion.

Clock Chairman – No Report

Ring Secretary – S Kearsey

- 35 strays reported
- Stephen stated due to poor health Hank cannot fulfill his role as ring secretary and suggested the VHA need to seek someone in the future to do the role
- Stephen also said that he had received a complaint from a non-fancier regarding a lost pigeon, so to all members please be prompt in picking up lost birds
- S Brown has asked all members to keep records of their transfers

Treasurers Report – Report from Steve Brown

Cheque Acc \$43,508.16

V2 plus. \$55.07

ANZ Online Savers \$111,500.00

- See attached life ring account from Kevin and attached payment of this account. See also attached P & L up to 31st July and bank balances as at 31st July and bank reconciliation which shows all bank transactions have be ledgered.
- We have a lot of money to come in for upfront fees, but Gerry has previously advised the position here. He made one comment regarding life rings without advice; the cost is \$4500 (\$600 up on last year) and our sales of life rings were \$14,200. As such our added money for 2025 will be less than \$10k so per race will be around \$500. 2022 we added \$1000 then this year \$800 and next year will be \$500.

Transport – Report from A Spiliopoulos

- A Spiliopoulos said the Griffith race point is not suitable for liberations

- The new pump is working well, thank you to Sam and Andrew
- It has come to our attention that the CCF (Sydney) birds are at risk of coming through liberation point (Griffith)
- The 2nd club race from Shepparton which the liberation was delayed by fog was discussed; it was noted that some of the membership were not happy with the delay of information that was posted, it was pointed out that everyone was doing their best to get the birds liberated.

Correspondence

In

- D Wetering – Request for extra time to clock Blind Auction Birds in the Produce race
Action: S Brown to contact all parties that will be involved
- Mornington - Name change of club to Mornington Peninsula (incorporating Peninsula)
Action: Noted
- Ivanhoe Centre - Concern re losses incurred in Berrigan club race
Action: Noted
- Mornington Peninsula - Nom Line of Flight
Action: Notice of motion to be sent out to the membership
- J Davis -Notification of National meeting
Action: Noted & attended
- GVPF - Request transport to 2nd Yolla
Action: Request accepted A charge of \$3-00 per bird. Birds delivered to Notting Hill.
Moved - J Weaver Seconded - N Stone Carried
- DV – Line of flight (NW ending with Bookaloo)
- Metro/Pathf – Line of flight (NW ending with Blinman)

Out

- All members – Minutes of July delegates meeting, reminder re ring list transfers & advice re Rule 61

General Business

Andrew Spiliopoulos advised that Carrieton was listed on the Metro/Pathfinder line of flight submission as the 500 mile race point. Jeff Weaver stated that Orroroo was probably a better race point and Sam Spiliopoulos agreed, indicating that the topography at Orroroo enabled the sunrise to

be visible at least 15 minutes earlier than at Carrieton. It was agreed to change this race point on the submission to Orroroo.

National Race

- A discussion was held in relation to the amount of teams allowed for a flyer per backyard for the National race; it was decided to put this to the membership for consideration.

Moved - J Weaver

Seconded - K Clark

Carried

NB – The National is conducted under VRPU rule 102

Life Rings

- Life rings are now available and have been sent out to clubs

Rule 61

- Rule 61. John Van Beers stated he has been attending the race point in club races with his pigeons for tossing for 15 years. Steve Brown suggested that if the rule is not enforced then remove it. The rule was discussed at length and had no outcome; it was asked if clubs could have input into this rule to somewhat make it clearer.

- **Liberation times**

- J Weaver questioned the liberation times. S Gazzola then raised the issues of working with other organisations on liberation times which can sometimes change, this has a flow on affect.

Sponsored Races

- Flyers handed out curtaining the sponsored races details

Meeting Closed. 8.32 pm