

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 5th of December 2022.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.02pm.

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Diamond Valley	Yes	13	3
Frankston	Yes	13	3
Greensborough	No	6	0
Heidelberg	No	13	0
Ivanhoe	Yes	10	2
Knox	Yes	10	2
Malvern	Yes	8	2
Metropolitan	Yes	7	1
Mornington	Yes	7	1
Northcote	Yes	5	1
North East	Yes	4	1
Notting Hill	No	7	0
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	8	2
Pathfinder	Yes	12	3
Plenty	Yes	8	2
South East	Yes	5	1
United	Yes	7	1
TOTAL		142	25

Apologies – Jim Cerin, Hank Merbis, Colin Walker and Paul Gardiner.

Matters arising from the previous minutes. After some discussion regarding the previous minutes, it was moved Neville Stone seconded Andrew Demidowski the minutes be accepted. Carried.

REPORTS

Clock Chairman – Alan Marcon. Alan reported some difficulty with clock presentation due to the last two races being conducted at the same time and bird arrivals being drawn out. Discussion was held around the rule regarding the closing of the two races. Clarification was given on rule 72.

Ring Secretary – Steve Brown on behalf of Hank Merbis. 37 strays reported and owners notified.

Treasurer- Steve Brown on behalf of Gerry Sheean. Bank balances Cheque account \$32,845.81, V2 plus \$23,859.15, ANZ online saver \$40,100.36. Money from the online sale has been deposited in the V2 plus account for the time being. The Online saver consists of \$10,000 tenant bond and \$30,000 general account. Gerry reports that as 2022 season comes to a close the VHA is in a strong financial position going forward.

Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos. Andrew reported that 2002 had been a difficult year for transport with floods and road closures and difficulty with weather. He noted that social media comments had not been helpful. Sam will be checking the trailer for possible water damage to brakes etc. The truck had been pulled over by the NSW highway patrol for auditing. This took approximately 42 minutes with no mechanical or log book issues arising. Andrew advised that the Traralgon federation were interested in transporting with the VHA next year.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The notice of motion from Metropolitan club to alter rule 39 was put to the delegates. It was moved Alan Marcon seconded Kevin Clark the motion be passed. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Frankston club verifying the winner of the Yolla race.

Metropolitan club verifying the winner of the Carrieton race.

Diamond Valley verifying the winner of the Bookaloo race.

Mornington proposing federation fees for 2023 be set at \$100.

Mornington suggesting combining with other federations for long distance races.

Mornington suggesting subcommittee be formed regarding sections. After some discussion it was agreed Andrew Demidowski be in charge of forming a subcommittee. This committee to put a proposal to the delegates after consultation with relevant parties.

Frankston querying why an external flyer was allowed to transport pigeons to the five hundred mile race. It was pointed out that we do transport pigeons on behalf of country clubs who submit a request to the VHA in writing prior to the race being held. This however is for clubs not individual flyers and a proper request in appropriate time only will be accepted in future.

Diamond Valley advising that the Banyule council now require the Diamond Valley centre to insure the property. Diamond Valley have requested the VHA as co leasee pay the \$984.20 insurance fee. It was decided that this be considered at the next executive officers meeting to be held on the 12th of December. Consideration will be given to other centres as well a report to be given to the delegates accordingly.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Steve Kearsey asking that consideration be given to build a 1000 bird unit with the VHA sale money. This would be used for transporting birds to Tasmania in future and to other special races as considered appropriate.

A note of thanks to Mark Tung, Steve Gazzola and Gary Gillard for their work with the VHA on line sale. The sale was very successful much appreciation to these three and all who donated pigeons.

After discussion regarding the tenant and outstanding moneys owed Kevin Clark requested we ask the solicitor who drafted the lease to advise on matters including the appropriate way to remove the tenant if required moving forward.

Members are reminded of the presentation day to be held at Andrews place on Saturday the 10th of December. 501 North Road Pearcedale starting at 1.00pm finishing at 6.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.37pm.