

## MINUTES OF THE RACE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT NOTTING HILL ON 3<sup>RD</sup> OF JUNE 2020

**President Andrew Spiliopoulos opened the meeting at 7.05pm.**

**PRESENT** Gerry Sheean, Andrew Spiliopoulos, Tim Brudenell, Jeff Weaver, David Crosby, Mark Schubert, Ed Sheean, Steven Kearsy, Steve Gazzola, Paul Gardiner and Bob Stukel

**APOLOGIES** Hank Merbis and John Yates

The secretary **Gerry Sheean**, due to the suspension of delegates meetings (as a result of the corona virus) wished to advise the members of the following correspondence:-

Greater Valleys Pigeon Club wishing to transport with the VHA to Tasmania.

David Crosby advising Bayswater had set up provision for EFT banking.

Charles Hider letter advising members were allowed to toss pigeons.

Invoice received for printing of year books. The year books are now available and were distributed to centre representatives.

New flyers to clubs Fred Li and Andrew Demidowski.

Letter from Neil Machar advising of his resignation from the ANRPB.

Kevin Weekes re-joining the VHA this year.

Knox club advising that Tony Maslowski will be flying two teams from his loft this year. Fliers will be Maslowski and Maslowski and Kehagious.

Colin Walker applying to race third team this season under the name Walker Grizzlies.

Correspondence from the ANRPB regarding Colin Walkers recent letters. The VHA advises that Colin was given approval only to enquire regarding the possible refund of donated monies.

The VRPU has sent a copy of their updated racing schedule.

**Andrew Spiliopoulos** opened discussion on the process of basketing this season with regard to restrictions due to the Corona virus. It was noted that there may be a further lifting of restrictions on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. Andrew supplied a bottle of hand sanitiser for each basketing centre. Further processes were noted. Sanitiser should be available in all centres. A sign re Covid 19 to be on display in each centre. Markings for social distancing be provided. Allowance be made for people who are vulnerable. Anyone in the process of basketing pigeons should be wearing a face mask. Expect staggered times for basketing. All clubs and centres are encouraged to pay by EFT and also advise racing voucher details via email to VHA secretary. This will avoid VHA secretary visiting centres to collect vouchers and payments. No socialising either on basketing night or on presentation of clocks. Canteens not to be opened and drinks and food not to be served. Centre supervisors or specially appointed officer in each centre to administer these rules and have VHA support to ask members to leave premises if not complying. Centres should determine their own best methods for adherence, which may well include opening centres early for basketing, particularly in early races. Members should assist in this regard, in particular for flyers with large teams, in getting to the centres early as possible.

Price of life rings are to return to \$1 for 2020. The total ring money raised from ring sales last year was \$29K, so with costs taken out, we have \$12,800 to be allocated to added money, and \$12,800 to loan. As we have already paid \$10K off the loan, it was agreed that we need to pay a further \$2.7K off it now, and the secretary was authorised to do this.

It was proposed Paul Gardener seconded David Crosby the upfront fee for this season to be \$2.00 a bird. Motion carried. Nomination to be submitted on the night of basketing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Shepparton race and payment is required on the night of basketing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deniliquin race.

Discussion was had around subsidising the two Yolla races the same as the other fed races this season. It was moved Steve Kearsy seconded Bob Stukel. Motion carried.

The National is to be charged as a standalone race. Members were advised that a statutory declaration is still required for PMV.

Transport officer Andrew Spiliopoulos advised two tyres were to be changed on the truck. Andrew has sourced new tyres for \$100 each. The LED lights were to be installed soon and that Paul Brislin will be assisting Sam Spiliopoulos in adjusting the brakes. Andrew advised that this has to be done every two years and, in the future, may require official paperwork from a mechanic. Andrew will source 30 bags of food from Hunters for the race birds. A quote will be provided for transport for this season.

It was put to the meeting that centre subsidies be scrapped as they were no longer necessary. It was moved Ed Sheean seconded Jeff Weaver. Motion carried.

Bob Stukel spoke to the committee regarding the 110 race which will be held this year. Bob handed out fliers and details will be on the VHA web site. An advertisement is on the back page of the June edition of the Australian Racing Pigeon Journal.

It was agreed that in line with current restrictions, and all matters dealt with at this meeting, that the July delegates meeting will be cancelled. A decision on August meeting to be determined in line with changing government directions.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.