

# VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC

## Minutes of the June Delegates Meeting, held at Notting Hill on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013.

The President David Wetering declared the Meeting open at 8PM

Apologies: Andrew Demidowski and John Hurren

### Roll Call

	Present	Total	Delegates
Bayswater-Nunawading	Yes	7	1
Diamond Valley	Yes	12	3
Greensborough	No	7	
Heidelberg	Yes	9	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	11	2
Knox	Yes	7	1
Malvern	Yes	17	4
Metropolitan	Yes	8	2
Mountain Districts	Yes	7	1
Northcote	No	5	
North East	Yes	8	2
Notting Hill	Yes	5	1
Oakleigh	Yes	8	2
Pathfinder	Yes	12	3
Plenty	Yes	12	3
South East	Yes	5	1
Springvale	Yes	17	4
United	Yes	17	4
Waverley-Box Hill	No	6	
Yarra Valley	No	4	
			36 Votes

The Minutes of the May Meeting Delegates were received on the motion of B.Stukel  
Seconded N.Lakiotis. **Carried**

### Matters Arising

1. Bayswater-Nunawading Letter re the proposal to conduct a Show.

It was moved that the VHA supports Bayswater-Nunawading Member T.Owen in his efforts to form a Committee to organize the conducting of a Show in 2014. Moved D.Twomey  
Seconded N.Podesta Carried.

Moved N.Lakiotis Seconded K.Clark that the minutes be adopted. Carried

### Membership

Diamond Valley 1 Old. A & M. Kearsey Cleared from Plenty Club to Diamond Valley Club  
Metropolitan One (1) New. Stan Swed 26 May Gibbs Crescent, Lynbrook..

## **Correspondence**

### **Incoming**

1. North East re Publicity
2. Metropolitan re 50 Years Membership N.Podesta and Office Bearers
3. Ring Registry Report.
4. Loft Locations – R.Welch, P.Suban, C & K. James, B & J. Stones, S.Swed & D.Breen
5. M. Vella's Clearance from the Dandenong Pigeon Club
6. R. Welch Clearance from Croydon Pigeon Club and Initial Ring List

### **Out-Going**

7. Letter to K.Letch re 50 Year Membership
8. Letter to Ann and Steve Letch thanking them for their efforts operating the Ring Registry

## **Business Arising from Correspondence**

**Ring Registry Report** - May 2013 - 100 reported. All returned to their owners.

**Letter from Metropolitan - 50 year Membership Noel Podesta** - It was Moved K.Clark, Seconded A.Spillipoulos that Noel Podesta be acknowledged for his 50 Year Membership and his contribution to the Organization. Carried. The Secretary to write to Noel.

**Letter from North-East re Publicity** - It was Moved A.Spillipoulos Seconded K.Clark that the VHA supports North-East Members Tas Gazos and Ian Thomas in their efforts to publicize Pigeon Racing via Pigeon Publications and the Media generally. Carried.

## **General Business**

Henry Marciniac gave a break-down of expenses as per the Malvern Letter read to the May Delegates Meeting. See Appendix 'A'

Dr. Colin Walker spoke to the Meeting re the PMV Trial. He explained how the Trial was conducted and the results. The Trial was a success and showed conclusively that our current inoculation procedure will protect our pigeons from the virus.

Stephen Kearsey spoke re the Financing of the PMV Trial. The Trial is complete and all of the donated funds have been absorbed to finance the Trial. He is currently in discussions with Pfizer re the use of the Trial Results.

After both Colin and Stephen spoke to the Meeting, our President David Wetering passed on his most sincere thanks to both gentlemen on behalf of the Pigeon Fraternity as a whole, for the work that they had put in in relation to the PMV situation. It is fair to say that if it wasn't for the efforts of Colin and Stephen, we would not have raced pigeons last year and probable would not be racing pigeons this year.

Neville Arathoon spoke on the Oakleigh Young Bird Proposal. He was of the view that the Oakleigh proposal would be beneficial to Long Distance Racing.

The President David Wetering spoke in relation to Clock Setting. No Member may set his own Clock and this includes Electronic Clocks. Any Member who has an Electronic Clock that other Clock Committee Members do not know how to operate, has one month to teach them.

The President was adamant that if he becomes aware of ANY MEMBER setting their own Clock, manual or electronic, he will be moving that they get no time.

#### Trailer

Our Transport Officer, John Brislin advised the Meeting that the water tanks and strapping holding the tanks in place were in need of repair. He has organized the repair and he has delivered the trailer to the repairer. The trailer will be ready for the Old Birds Series.

Raffle Tickets have been distributed to Delegates. The purpose of the Raffle is to contribute towards our new Web-site and also the general operating costs of our Organization. The more money we raised from events such as our Raffle, the less we will need to pay in Membership Fees. It is hoped that ALL MEMBERS will support the raffle. The President stated that it appears ticket selling is going well and he mentioned that one Member has sold 50 Books. If the Ticket Selling is a success, there may be the ability to have a second and third prize

Loft Locations – All Clubs that have new Members are asked to get their Loft Locations to the Secretary as soon as possible.

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm

David Crosbie

Secretary

Victorian Homing Association Incorporated

## **APPENDIX 'A'**

### **2012 Extraordinary Expenditure Items**

\$16,211	2011 Ring Fund Surplus applied to 2012 Added Prize Money
\$13,655	2011 Up Front Fee Surplus applied to 2012 Up Front Fee
\$ 6,400	Roof Repairs
\$ 2,307	Acoustics Testing
\$ 1,134	Air Fares – PMV Meeting
\$39,707	Total Extraordinary Items

### **General Expenditure**

Body Corporate fees are \$1171 per quarter or \$4683 pa, 3 quarters were paid in 2011. The 2013 will include the catch up of payments to the new Body Corp managers.

VHA telephone expenses in the 2011 accounts were for 13 months and also included additional expenditure on a new pit, new connection, and call diversions for the Ring Secretary's phone. The expense for 2012 was for 12 months. Notting Hill costs were \$994 where there are two lines with rental around \$900 and the balance being calls.

The cost of the Presentation night included \$1,650 for the entertainer, medallion winner's meals for themselves and partners and sundry photocopying. \$1,140 was recovered from fed races over 2011 and 2012.

### **Revenue Decrease**

Since 2009, revenue from membership affiliations has dropped by a total of \$33,700 without a corresponding decrease in fixed expenditure.

Over the past three years, revenue generated by the Club Races run by the VHA has dropped by approximately \$8,000.

2011 Life ring returns amounted to \$9,800 which is reflected in the 2012 net sales of life rings. The 2011 Ring Fund Surplus of \$16,211 was applied to the 2012 added Money Pool.

The net sales of 2012 rings to be added to 2013 Added money is \$20,924. This is significantly lower than the average added money pool from prior years.

