

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of the April Delegates Meeting, held at Notting Hill on Monday, 6th May 2013.

The President David Wetering declared the Meeting open at 8PM

Apologies: Bob Stukel, John Brislin, Greg Jacobs and John Hurren

Roll Call

	Present	Total	Delegates
Bayswater-Nunawading	Yes	7	1
Diamond Valley	Yes	11	2
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	13	3
South East	Yes	5	1
Springvale	Yes	17	4
United	Yes	17	4
Waverley-Box Hill	Yes	6	1
Yarra Valley	No	4	
			36 Votes

The Minutes of the April Meeting Delegates were received on the motion of A.Spiliopoulos
Seconded K.Clarke. **Carried**

Matters Arising

1. Mark Vella Clearance – Hasn't arrived as yet.
2. Ring Increase by 10 cents. President put the recommendation to a vote. 19 For 14 Against.
Carried.
3. Increase in Race Entry. President conducted a vote that members either support or do not support an Increase in Entry Fees. An increase in Entry Fees was carried.. The President then put to the vote the two options of 10 cents per bird or \$5 per flyer per race. The vote for 10cent increase 19 for. The vote for \$5 per flyer per week 9 For. The Increase of 10 cents per bird was Carried.
4. Section Aggregate Point on the Club Races President put the recommendation to a vote.
Carried

5. Transport of Northern Combine Pigeons. Deferred from the previous meeting for John Brislin to discuss it with them particular the Cobar Race as this is the National and VHA don't control transport for that race. John Brislin advised the Secretary that he had spoken to representatives of the Northern Combine and explained the Transport situation to them and what we could provide. The President put to the vote that we support in principal the transport of the Northern Combine pigeons with John Brislin to liaise with them for the finer details. Carried

Moved D.Twomey Seconded K.Clark that the minutes be adopted. Carried

Membership

Malvern Two (2) Old.

Notting Hill One (1) Old. One (1) Change of Racing Address.

Correspondence

1. Campbelltown NSW Racing Pigeon Club Trade Day 16/11/2013 – To the Web Site
2. Dandenong Pigeon Club King Island Races 1/6/2013 & 13/6/2013 – To the Web Site
3. Ring Registry Report.
4. Letter from the Ring Registry re the operation of the transfer system.
5. Letter from Bayswater-Nunawading re conducting a Pigeon Show
6. Letter from Malvern re Financial Reports, transport Costs, VHA Boundary and a New Section
7. Letter from the VHA Secretary nominating Ken Letch for 50 Year Membership Recognition.
8. Young Bird Racing 2014. Proposals from Oakleigh, Mountain District and Notting Hill

Business Arising from Correspondence

Ring Registry Report - April 2013 - 37 reported. All returned to their owners.

Letter from the Ring Registry re the operation of the Transfer System - The System used by Ann and Steve Letch and why they do it that way was read to the Delegates. It was then Moved by N.Arathoon Seconded by D.Twomey that the Secretary write to Ann and Steve Letch thanking them for there on-going work and indicating that they have the full support of the organization.

Letter from Bayswater-Nunawading re conducting a Pigeon Show - Conducting a Show in 2014 open to all Federations and Show Cubs. Tim Owen is prepared to be Show Organizer and requesting people interested to contact him to form a Committee. This matter was referred to the Clubs for a vote at the next Delegates Meeting.

Letter from Malvern re Financial Reports, Transport Costs, VHA Boundary and a New Section

Financial Report – Requesting that the VHA provide a written analysis as to the reasons for the deterioration in the Financial Position in the last two years. It should include an analysis of the expenditure and income for the last two years. The Treasurer stated that he provide that analysis. The Secretary then provided an explanation as to why he believed the Financial Position had deteriorated. It is attached hereto as APPENDIX 'A'

Detailed Estimate of Transport Costs for 2013 – The President and Secretary stated that this was always going to be done but not until June 2013.

50KM Boundary of the VHA be restored – The Secretary stated that this would require a Notice of Motion. The President pointed out that the boundary was extended to include the Mornington Peninsula to assist in growth of the Organization. It has been voted in by the Membership and at this point in time no VHA Race had been conducted since it was voted in.

Request for a Specific Section West of Huntingdale Road and South of Burwood Highway – It was Moved D.Twomey Seconded K.Crawford that this matter be referred back to the Malvern Club to forward additional information setting out what Sections this effected, the number of Flyers that would be in this Section they are requesting and what they would suggest would happen to the Flyers outside their proposed Section.

Ken Letch for 50 Year Membership Recognition – It was Moved and Seconded that Ken Letch be acknowledged for his 50 Year membership and his contribution to the Organization. Carried Unanimously. The Secretary to write to Ken.

Young Bird Racing 2014. Proposals from Oakleigh, Mountain District and Notting Hill – The proposals are attached hereto as APPENDIX ‘B’

General Business

Hank Merbis asking about VHA Membership Records to ascertain his eligibility for 50 Year Membership. Henry Marciniec stated that we have no archives. The mater to be further looked into

Kevin Clark requesting that members contact him re Computer Chip Rings so he acn calculate what he needs to order

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.

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 9.40pm

Andrew Demidowski
Minute Secretary
Victorian Homing Association Incorporated

APPENDIX 'A':

In 2006, 2007 and 2008 the VHA membership was \$110.00. The Total Membership Fees for those three years was **\$63773.00**. The average over those three years was **\$21257.00**

In 2009 the Membership Fee was reduced to \$55.00. For the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. the Total membership Fees was **\$49028.00**. The average over those four years was **\$12257.00**

Had we not dropped the Membership Fee for the period 2009 – 2012, then the Membership Fees paid over that period would have been approximately **\$85028.00**

The difference is **\$36000.00** For the same period we reduced the VHA Centre Allowance from \$950.00 to \$475.00. The saving to our Organization was **\$7600.00** over the four years.

The Net Loss to the Organization was **\$28400.00**. This, couple with the Roof Repair of **\$6400.00** and the VCAT Issue of **\$2300.00**, represents a total of **\$37100.00**

An example of the effect in the decrease in Membership Fees can be seen in the 2012 Accounts. The membership Fees for the Years were **\$13188.00** The VHA Insurance (which includes Public Liability for the Centres) plus the Notting Hill Body Corporate Fee came to **\$15551.00**. After payment of these two accounts, we are minus **-\$2363.00** and we still have all the other expenses relative to operating the Organization

Whilst other issues such as decreasing Membership have had an effect on our Financial Position, these matters are the major cause of the deterioration.

Telephone – This is mentioned for the Information only of the Membership. It is not relate to the deterioration of our Financial Position.

The Telephone Expense on the 2012 Accounts was for **\$2106.00**. This represents **\$994.00** for Line Rental on Two Lines and Calls at Notting Hill

The remaining **\$1112.00** was for the **Ring Registry Phone Account**.

APPENDIX 'B'

Notting Hill Young Bird Proposal 2014

Commencing 1/3/2014

Rushworth x 2

Kyabram x 3

Hay Derby on 19/4/2014

All conditions to remain the same as VHA previous Young Bird Series

Oakleigh Young Bird Proposal 2014

Commencing 6/9/2014

Avenal x 1

Kyabram x 1

Deniliquin x 2

Hay x 2

Hillston Derby on 18/10/2014

Conditions

- Special issue of Rings to be made available no earlier than 14/2/2014
- Orders for rings to be given to Club Secretaries up to 30/11/2013.
- No birds rung with the said rings to be allowed to compete in any VHA Race prior to the final race of the Young Bird Series.
- Only birds with this special issue of rings eligible to compete.
- Money raised from ring sales to be used specifically for Young Bird purposes. e.g. Added Prize Money/Expenses.

Four Sections

A. Loft Co-Ordinates NW of VHA Headquarters Notting Hill

B. Loft Co-Ordinates NE of VHA Headquarters Notting Hill

C. Loft Co-Ordinates SW of VHA Headquarters Notting Hill

D Loft Co-Ordinates SE of VHA Headquarters Notting Hill

Only one person required for Transportation, Watering and Liberation of Birds.

Mountain District Young Bird Proposal 2014

- Five Young Birds Races alongside the first Five Old Bird Races i.e. The Four Club Races and the first Old Bird Fed Race
- Thirty Bird Limit
- Transport Cost the same as Old Bird Transport Cost plus \$1.00 per bird Prize money. \$2.00 per Bird for the Young Bird Derby which would be on the day of

the first Old Bird Federation Race. Fed Races but Section only Prize Money for the first four races. Fed and Section for the Derby

- Sections the same as Old Bird Sections
- Liberation 30 minutes after the Old Bird Race Liberation
- Birds to qualify for the Derby must have flown in the previous Young Bird Race.