

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of the April Delegates Meeting, held at Notting Hill on Monday, 8th April 2013.

The President David Wetering declared the Meeting open at 8PM

Apologies: Nil

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	15	3
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	
			35 Votes

The Minutes of the March Meeting Delegates were received on the motion of K.Clarke Seconded R. Stukel. **Carried**

Matters Arising

1. Tina Dark Calligraphy Expense. The Treasurer Henry Marciniac stated he had made an accounting error. The payment to Tina Dark was \$273.00. \$260.00 would be repaid to the VHA.
2. Ivanhoe Southern Series Ed Sheean checking on the situation re Insurance of the Units. No reply to date.
3. PMV Vaccination Bulk Purchase. N.Arathoon reported a price could not be obtained that would be viable for the VHA to make a bulk purchase.
4. Midweek Racing. The President asked for a vote of Clubs in favour of Midweek Racing. Only one club was in favour. At this time Midweek Racing will not proceed.
5. A.Vella Name Change to A&M. Vella. It was pointed out by Mr. Clark that Mark Vella flew in the Melbourne Federation in 2012. He should have a clearance from his Melbourne Federation Club. The Secretary to write to the Knox Club requesting a clearance be obtained by Mark Vella.

6. Correspondence

1. Race and Finance Committee Recommendations
2. Ring Registry Report.
3. Office Bearers Mountain District
4. Box Hill and Waverley Clubs have amalgamated. Now the Waverley and Box Hill Racing Pigeon Club Incorporated.
5. Riverina Racing Pigeon Club request to use VHA Facilities for races in October 2013
6. VHA Secretary letter to the Riverina Racing Pigeon Club requesting additional information
7. Northern District Racing Combine requesting to transport with the VHA in the distance races.

Business Arising from Correspondence

1, Race and Finance Committee Recommendations

It was Recommended that:-

That the cost of Life Rings be increased from \$0.90 to \$1.00 for Standard Rings and from \$0.95 to \$1.05 for Icon Rings.

The purpose of this recommendation is to increase general revenue so that the Ring Registry becomes self funded as the addition revenue raised will pay for the Honorarium and Expenses of the Ring Registry. None of the additional revenue raised will go to prize money.

It was Recommended that:-

That the cost of entry for all races including club races be increased by \$0.10 per bird.

The purpose of this recommendation is to increase general revenue. The Organization has a short fall in funds required to operate its general administration. At the moment \$0.10 of all entries is applied to the general operation fund of the Organization. This increase will mean that \$0.20 of all entries will be applied to the general operational fund of the organization. None of this additional revenue will go to prize money.

It was Recommended that:-

- The Section Aggregate Points for each Section of the Organization be given more credence.
- That on-going Aggregates in each of these Sections be publicized during the course of the Racing Season in the same manner as the other VHA Aggregates.
- That the Four (4) Club Races have Section Results and these results are included in the Section Aggregate Points for the Racing Season.
- Each Section Aggregate Winner will be presented with a Trophy at the Annual Presentation Function.
- The Section Races on the Club Races do not carry prize money, will have no additional entry fee and the 50 Bird Limit does not apply.

The purpose of this Recommendation is two-fold:-

(a) To give recognition to leading flyers in each Section of the VHA and not just the overall Aggregate Winners.

(b) To encourage Members to fly the Club Races thus ensuring that these races are totally self-funding and if possible in profit to assist in providing funds to be applied to general revenue to assist in the operation of the Organization

It was moved K.Clark Seconded R.Stukel that the recommendations be referred to the Clubs to be voted on at the next Delegates Meeting. **Carried**

It was then moved by N.Arathoon Seconded by K.Clark that each flyer competing pay \$5.00 per race on top of their normal entry fee instead of increase of \$0.10 per bird entry fee.

This was also referred to the clubs to be voted on at the next Delegates Meeting.

NOTE THAT IT EITHER \$5.00 PER WEEK PER FLYER OR \$0.10 PER BIRD NOT BOTH.

2. Northern District Racing Combine

John Brislin to liaise with the Northern District Combine re transport to the distance races and report back to the next Delegates Meeting. It was pointed out that they have requested transport to Cobar but that is a National Race and transport to that race would require National Committee approval.

3. Ring Registry Report

March 2013 – 40 reported. All returned to their owners. A request from the Ring Registrar that Members who have changed their details particular their email address to advise the Secretary who will forward the information on. They are having trouble contacting some Members.

General Business

1. As a result of queries from Delegates, Henry Marciniac spoke on the cost of the Presentation Night, the Telephone Bills, the Liquor and Food Licence payments and the use of Depreciation in the preparation of our Accounts.
2. Query re the Transfer of Pigeons by the Ring Registrar. The Secretary stated that he would write to the Ring Registrar and obtain the current procedure.
3. Henry Marciniac updated Members on the current situation re 2011 and 2012 Year Books. and the Diplomas
4. David Wetering updated Members on the current situation re the new Web Site
5. A general overview was given by the Secretary re the current financial position and the need to implement the recommendations from the Race and Finance Committee. He further stated that we could not continue to conduct a Presentation Night that loses the money it loses at the moment.

6. The President advised that we would support Members who had Council and VCAT issues as best we could but we would be very limited in what we could do financially in these matters.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT A STATUTORY DECLARATION MUST BE PRODUCED TO SHOW YOUR BIRDS HAVE BEEN INOCULATED AGAINST PMV. NO MEMBER CAN ENTER BIRDS IN ANY VHA ORGANIZED CLUB RACE OR FEDERATION RACE WITHOUT STATUTORY DECLARATION BEING HANDED TO YOUR CLUB SECRETARY OR ROOM STEWARD

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm

Andrew Demidowski
Minute Secretary
Victorian Homing Association Incorporated