

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of the September Delegates Meeting held at Notting Hill on Monday, 7th September 2015.

The President David Wetering declared the Meeting open at 8.00pm

Roll Call

	Present	Total	Delegates
Bayswater-Nunawading	Yes	4	1
Diamond Valley	Yes	16	4
Greensborough	No	8	-
Heidelberg	Yes	9	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	13	3
Knox	Yes	7	1
Malvern	Yes	7	1
Metropolitan	Yes	14	3
Mountain Districts	No	7	-
Northcote	No	5	-
North East	Yes	8	2
Notting Hill	Yes	5	1
Oakleigh	Yes	8	2
Pathfinder	Yes	14	3
Plenty	Yes	10	2
South East	Yes	11	2
Springvale	Yes	16	4
United	Yes	12	3
Waverley-Box Hill	Yes	7	1
Yarra Valley	No	4	-
			35 Votes

The Minutes of the August Delegates Meeting were received on the motion of A.Spiliopoulos
Seconded J. Shore **Carried**

Matters Arising

1. **Pathfinder:** VHA National Distance Club proposal. This matter was referred back to the Pathfinder Club for clarification. The VHA Secretary has re-drafted the proposal to assist the club in this matter and this re-drafted proposal was read to the Meeting. The matter is referred back to the Clubs for voting at the next Delegates meeting with a copy of the proposal distributed with these minutes.
2. **Tasmania Transport:** Refer to Transport Officers Report.
3. **Les Kocsis Sale:** The sale was a huge success with a large amount of money being placed in reserve in the VHA Funds to be available for a 'rainy day' as per Les's request. The President handed a bunch of flowers to the Andrew Spiliopoulos and John Shore to be forwarded to their respective wives for their assistance in the conduct of the sale. The President also passed on a huge

thanks to Andrew Spiliopoulos, all his family, John Shore and all the other people that assisted with the sale.

The Secretary to prepare and send a letter of thanks to Les Kocsis.

The Minutes were adopted on the motion of J.Jackson Seconded R.Stukel **Carried**

Correspondence

Incoming

1. **Fed Winner Verifications**: Ouyen 2, Ouyen 3, Ouyen VHA Derby, Mildura 1, Mildura 2, and Berri Sires Produce.

2. **Letter from Ivanhoe Club**: Member Bill McDougall now has a serious injury and as a result has not raced. Due to the injury, he is unemployed and has very limited resources. The Club is requesting a refund of his Upfront Fee. Moved N.Stone 2nd H.Merbis, that due to his financial hardship, the Fee be refunded. **Carried**

3. **Pigeon Radio Australia**: Conducting a pigeon auction to raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. The advertising flyer distributed with these Minutes.

4. **Cranbourne Centre**: Letter re G E & C Perry's clocking in the 3rd Mildura race. Referred to the Clock Chairman's report

Business Arising from Correspondence

All covered in the initial reading

Reports

Treasurer

All going well. Ouyen 1 to Mildura 3 races approved for payment. **Carried**

Ring Registry

99 birds reported and owners notified.

Liberation

Nowhere to liberate Renmark nowadays. Truck Driver and the Convoyer found a good spot at Berri

This will continue to be used this year and the it was suggested that this be the point for future years.

Transport

Godfrey Stevens Unit to be used for Tasmania. Obviously no straw can be used so two types of fake grass were shown. There was some discussion about the unsuitability of this product.

It was moved A.Spiliopoulos 2nd H.Merbis that we used double layered corrugated cardboard.

Carried.

Clock Chairman

1. S & G Cameron had a race in their electronic clock from 3/7/15 which no-one realized. As a result the clock, up to the Ouyen Derby, synchronized to the setting on the 3/7/15. It ran to correct time for this whole period. It was moved by the Clock Chairman that they get there time for the

relevant races as the clock was set at the Cranbourne Centre and there is no doubt as to the clocking time in each race. **Carried**

2. R.Lay. 1st Berri. Rubber ring was caught in the spool and jammed the clock. It was not sitting within the hole of the spool. The Clock Chairman moved that no time be given. **Carried**

3. G E & C Perry. 3rd Mildura. This was the first time they used a Benzing Electronic Clock. In summary, birds were entered into the clock on Thursday 27/8/15 by R. Churchill. A practice race was then set up using R. Churchill's station to test the clock. This race was not closed, evaluated and clear. When birds were basketted for the 3rd Mildura that night, this practice race effectively became the race that the Perry's birds were entered on. Hence the clock was never set against the club system at Cranbourne. The Clock Chairman moved that no time be given. **Carried**

The Delegates wished to emphasize that there was no impropriety on the part of G E & C Perry and this situation is in no way a reflection on them. However the electronic clock was not set in accordance with the rules and as a result no time could be given.

General Business

1. The President advised that the VHA is to receive a new purpose built pigeon conveying trailer for use in the long races when the number of birds drops to 1800 and below. The President read out the various specifications of the trailer. It is being very generously donated by Mr. Joe Phillips of the Oakleigh Club. More information to follow.

2. 2014 Year Books distributed at the meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

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