

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of December delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 3rd of December 2018

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 8.05pm

A minute's silence was observed for the passing of Barry Harkom.

Neville Stone spoke of the contribution by Barry to the Ivanhoe club and of the assistance given to new flyers by the Harkom family. Members were reminded of the Harkom's very successful flying.

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	TOTAL	DELEGATES
Bayswater-Nunawading	YES	5	1
Diamond Valley	YES	12	3
Greensborough	YES	6	1
Heidelberg	YES	10	2
Ivanhoe	YES	10	2
Knox	YES	6	1
Malvern	YES	8	2
Mountain District	YES	7	1
Northcote	NO	4	-
North East	YES	6	1
Notting Hill	NO	2	-
Oakleigh-Waverley	YES	6	1
Pathfinder	YES	18	4
Plenty	YES	11	2
South East	YES	7	1
United	YES	4	1
TOTAL		122	23

Apologies- none

Matters arising from previous minutes-none

REPORTS

Treasurer Final invoice for transport has been sent to the Victorian Racing Pigeon Union. Final cheques will be sent to relevant secretaries this week. The federation winners' medallions are at the engravers.

Clock Chairman Nothing to report

Ring Secretary 21 birds reported owners notified.

Transport Andrew advised that further to last month's report of the inspection of the truck by the road transport authority that the authority had requested that the truck be subject to a "shaking" test. Sam had refused to let this test be undertaken. Colin Walker has now written a letter to be carried in the transport advising the authorities that this test cannot be done whilst pigeons are loaded. Andrew also advised that there is an issue with entering South Australia due to a prohibited snail. The concern is that the snail can be carried in the straw. As the snail causing concern is from a specific area this issue can be dealt with by ensuring the straw does not come from this area and that a declaration to this effect be carried on the truck.

Andrew advised that there was work required on the truck which include a leaking water tank that will need welding. A light not working, curtain requiring repair and replacement of lock which has fallen off the toolbox.

Moved John Yates seconded Steve Kearsley work as required be carried out. Carried.

Line of Flight Three submissions were received for the line of flight for season 2019. John Yates spoke regarding the lack of daylight hours and thus flying time when longer races were conducted earlier in the year. A vote was then conducted and the Plenty submission was adopted.

Correspondence Verification of federation race winners was received for Colin Walker, T & J Stevens and Stevens brothers. Henry advised that all federation winners have now been verified. A letter was received from Alex McDonald from the Tasmania federation thanking the VHA and Toll for their support. Mountain district advised that Greg Jacobs would no longer be club secretary as he is no longer racing and that Bill Stones will be taking over.

General Business

A 10 cent increase in entry fees for fed races which will be allocated to prize money was proposed by the Plenty club. Moved John Yates seconded Hank Merbis. Carried

Moved Steve Kearsley seconded Bob Stukel all other race conditions remain the same. Carried

Bob Stukel spoke about the difficulty of getting members to become office bearers as the secretary and race secretary's positions have not been filled. Bob suggested an increase in honorariums. It was suggested by Kevin Clarke that a full description of tasks involved be documented and distributed to the members.

Clarification was sought regarding the method of deciding bird of the year. The President asked if the members would like to reconsider the methodology. The members decided to leave the process as is.

Andrew advised that there was a cabinet maker interested in renting the Notting Hill property. This was in the hands of the agent. Andrew has sought clarification from the Council on what businesses are restricted in the area. Noel Fleming advised that the property advertisement indicated only one car parking space was available. This is incorrect and Andrew will follow up with the agents.

The Notting Hill rooms had a visit from the council health inspector. A small number of issues were raised including the requirement for a thermometer and food handling certificate to be displayed. These items will be dealt with.

The committee for the proposed \$100,000 race has been finalised. Members are Andrew Spiliopoulos, Bob Stukel, John Yates and Jai Courtney. Andrew advised that he is seeking a car as a prize and that he has already had a large participant commitment. Final details of the race are still being discussed.

143 people have indicated that they will be attending the VHA presentation day.

Request from Ken Crawford that the honour boards be updated. Andrew, Henry and Hank to follow up.

With no further business the president declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.