

# VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC

## Minutes of the March Delegates Meeting, held at Notting Hill on Monday, 4th March 2013.

The President David Wetering declared the meeting open at 8PM

Apologies for H.Marciniec, A.Demidowski, A. Marcon, S.Kearsey

### Membership

	Status	Present	Total	Delegates
Bayswater-Nunawading		Yes	7	1
Box Hill		No	3	
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
North East		Yes	8	2
Notting Hill		Yes	5	1
Oakleigh		Yes	8	2
Pathfinder		Yes	12	3
Plenty		Yes	13	3
South East		No	5	
United		Yes	17	4
Waverley		No	6	
Yarra Valley		No	4	

Springvale		Yes	17	4
Northcote		No	5	
				33 Votes

The Minutes of the February were received on the motion of A.Spilliopoulos Seconded R. Stukel.  
**Carried**

### **Matters Arising**

1. Tina Dark requested that it be noted in the Minutes that the Annual Financial Statement has Diploma Calligraphy as an expense of \$533.00. She was paid \$273.00.
2. GPS It was moved by K.Clark Seconded N. Arathoon that the VHA purchase a “GPS Data Logger” at a cost of \$140.00 **Carried**

### **Correspondence**

1. Race and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Ring Registry Report.
3. Office Bearers United and South-Eastern
4. Ivanhoe Office Bearers and permission to use VHA Units in their Southern Series.
5. Pathfinder – Midweek Racing
6. Letter to Rosebud re Transport
7. Notice of Motion re Mornington Peninsula Section Boundaries
8. Office Bearers Knox
9. Change of Name Alf Vella
10. Letter to the Body Corporate Victoria – Change of Postal Address.

### **Business Arising from Correspondence**

#### **1, Race and Finance Committee Minutes**

##### Web Site

The President spoke on the Web Site and then the recommendation of the Race and Finance Committee was put to the Meeting:-

- That the existing Web Site be de-commissioned as it is old technology and cannot be updated.
- That a new ‘Live’ Website be purchased. Cost \$3000.00. On-going Host cost of \$240.00 per year. Free the first year. Amongst other things it provides for immediate Race Results on the Web, the ability to use the site to advertise, SMS Messaging re Liberation, Historical data and many other features
- That the VHA conduct a raffle with all Members buying and/or selling a minimum of Five (5) tickets at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket. One prize of \$1000.00 drawn on the night of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Old Bird Federation Race.

It was moved N.Podesta Seconded D.Twomey that the recommendation in full be implemented.

**Carried**

Notice of Motion re Mornington Peninsula Section Boundaries

The President stated that as the new Mornington Peninsula was already in existence, the formalisation of the Boundaries was procedural and did not need to be referred back to the Clubs.

Mornington Peninsula Section Boundaries

North:	Grid Line 5770
South	Grid Line 5743
East	Grid Line 352
West	Grid Line 300

Midweek Racing

The President stated that nothing could be done re Mid-Week Racing until the level of interest within the Membership was established. He requested that all Delegates go back to their Clubs and ascertain if there is a level of Interest. This matter will then be dealt with at the next Delegates Meeting.

Attached to rear of these Minutes is a paper on Midweek Racing prepared by John Brislin. **This is discussion paper only and if Mid-Week Racing proceeds all conditions re Race Points, Numbers, Cost, Pools etc. are up for discussion**

Up-Front Fee

It was Recommended that:-

- The Up-Front Fee continue to be applied as it is now.
- Further, that Members can trade any excess nominations they may have with another member.
- No such trading of nominations can take place until the week leading to the First 400 mile Federation Race
- Any Member who has used his quota prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> 400 Mile Race will pay the \$2.50 excess bird fee. Similarly any Member who has used his quota and cannot find a trade leading up to or after the 1<sup>st</sup> 400 Mile race will pay the \$2.50 excess bird fee.
- Each individual transaction between any two Members will incur a \$10 Fee payable to the VHA

It was moved K.Clark Seconded G.Jacobs that the recommendation in full be implemented.

**Carried**

**2. Ring Registry Report**

January 2013 - 35 reported. February 2013 – 35 reported. All returned to their owners.

### **3. Ivanhoe permission to use VHA Units in their Southern Series**

Subject to Ivanhoe Club satisfying the Executive Body that the Units will be covered by Insurance while being used by the Ivanhoe Club and as against the Victorian Homing Association

It was Moved K.Clark Seconded N.Arathoon that permission be granted. **Carried**

### **4. Change of Name Alf Vella**

It was Moved A.Spilliopoulos Seconded H.Merbis that the Member name change from Alf Vella to the partnership of A & M Vella be approved. **Carried**

### **General Business**

1. Neville Arathoon raised the possibility of buying PMV Inoculation in bulk to be sold by the VHA. He stated he would investigate further and report back to the Delegates.

2. Discussion re Club Racing. It was view of the Secretary that Club Racing was essential to the organization. Without Club Racing, we would start our season at 250 miles which would be disastrous. Those Members who don't fly club races can only do so because of the Members that do fly club races provide some degree of experienced pigeons when we get to 250 miles. It is therefore in every ones interest that club racing continue. The days of making a profit from club racing are gone. Our aim at this point in time is to have sufficient entries in club races so that the races pay for themself and we at least break even. This requires a contribution from all Members to club racing to cover transport costs.

Meeting Closed at 9.30 PM

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**A DISCUSSION PAPER RE MID-WEEK RACING PREPARED BY JOHN BRISLIN**

Five Races 2 x 300miles 3 x 350 miles

Maximum 15 Birds per Member

\$10.00 per bird entry

Pools \$5 \$10 \$20 \$50

VHA and GMPF the same Four Sections

WPF Two Sections

VRPU Two Sections

Race Day Attempt for Racing at 1500 metres or below. No strong north wind days

10 Prizes 3 Section Prizes per Section

Basket the night before the race

Race Monday or Tuesday best weather day

Three centres Notting Hill Diamond Valley VRPU Rooms

Start late August

Open to all Federations