

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of the July Delegates Meeting held at Notting Hill on Monday, 4th July 2016.

The President, David Wetering declared the Meeting open at 8.05pm

A Minutes Silence was held as a mark of respect for Ron Longstaff and Wally Wojak who both recently passed away. John Brislin spoke in relation to Ron Longstaff and his time in pigeon racing. David Wetering did similarly in relation to Wally Wojak. May they both Rest in Peace.

Apology: A.Spiliopoulos

Roll Call

	Present	Total	Delegates
Bayswater-Nunawading	Yes	6	1
Diamond Valley	Yes	16	4
Greensborough	No	8	-
Heidelberg	Yes	10	2
Ivanhoe	No	13	-
Knox	No	8	-
Malvern	Yes	9	2
Metropolitan	No	12	-
Mountain Districts	Yes	7	1
Northcote	No	5	-
North East	No	8	-
Notting Hill	No	4	-
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	15	2
Pathfinder	Yes	13	3
Plenty	Yes	10	2
South East	Yes	13	2
Springvale	No	13	-
United	Yes	7	1
		177	22

The Minutes of the June Delegates Meeting were received on the motion of R. Stukel
2nd H.Merbis **Carried**

Matters Arising

Nil

The Minutes were adopted on the motion of J.Brislin 2nd J.Mallia **Carried**

Correspondence

1. Three Notices of Motion – Two from the Racing Finance Committee and one from the Notting Hill Club. The three motions were discussed and explanations given for their submission. They are listed below in ‘matters arising from correspondence’ and will be voted on at the August Delegates Meeting.
2. Oakleigh-Waverley: Letter re Courtney and Douglas and confusion with the rule re the placement of a number of ‘Aust’ rings on the VHA Ring Registry. The letter requests transfer in the normal manner.
3. Australian National Racing Pigeon Board: The ANRPB is calling for a representative from Victoria to be on the Board. Their email has been sent to all Melbourne Federations. Any volunteer from within the VHA is asked to contact the Secretary.

Matters Arising from Correspondence

NOTICE OF MOTION (1) submitted by the Race and Finance Committee

Rule 80(a).

For the section of the rule where it says “A transfer fee of \$1.20 for VHA and \$1.90 for Non-VHA rings is to be paid by the new owner after such change of ownership. In the case where there are a number of rings listed on a transfer card, for VHA rings \$1.20 for first ring and 20 cents for each other ring and for non-VHA rings, \$1.90 for the first ring and 90 cents for each other ring”

This section to be replaced with “A transfer fee of \$2.75 (Incl. GST) is to be paid by the new owner after such change of ownership. In the case where there are a number of rings listed on a transfer card, for VHA rings \$2.75 (Incl. GST) for first ring and 20 cents for each other ring and for non-VHA rings, \$2.75 (Incl. GST) for the first ring and 90 cents for each other ring.”

Purpose

This brings the cost in line with current day postage costs and by treating all rings the same whether VHA or not makes the job easier for the Ring Registrar and less confusing for members.

NOTICE OF MOTION (2) submitted by the Race and Finance Committee

Total removal of Rule 81.

Purpose

This removes the 15 cent levy on old pigeons entered in Federation Races. It creates a small reduction on costs for flyers and also decreases the load on Secretaries on basket night.

NOTICE OF MOTION (3) submitted by the Notting Hill Racing Pigeon Club

Replace the whole of Rule 8 of the Electronic Clock Rules with:-

Rule 8. Every EBSS sensor antenna may be installed wholly or partially within the confines of the competitor's loft. Further, the EBSS sensor antenna can also be installed outside the loft but only in such a manner that one edge of the sensor antenna is against and touching an external wall of the loft. Each sensors/antennas of an EBSS must be installed at an entrance to the loft.

Purpose

The change in the rule will allow some flexibility in loft construction and installation of electronic pads whilst still maintaining full credibility of the rule. Whereas the previous rule required the electronic pad to be wholly within the loft, this change allows the pad to be not only wholly inside the loft but also partially inside the loft or against and touching an external wall of the loft.

2. Oakleigh-Waverley letter re Courtney and Douglas:- Due to confusion with the relevant rule, it was moved J.Brislin 2nd J.Egan, that the rings in question to transferred in the normal manner **Carried.**

Reports

Liberation Committee

All went well with the 1st race and nothing to report.

Treasurer

The Treasurer advised that there was sufficient numbers in the 1st race to cover transport costs. He also read out the ring draw for 2016. Nothing else to report.

Ring Registry

112 birds reported and owners notified. **Could all Clubs please notify the Ring Registrar with the number of standard and icom rings your club requires.**

General Business

1. Temperature and Atmospheric Data Logger: Following Bob Stukel's presentation on the Temperature and Atmospheric Data Logger at the June Delegates Meeting, at this Meeting Bob gave his first report after using the equipment in the 1st race. The information obtained showed that the temperature and atmospheric conditions in the transport units during transport and whilst stationary at the race point, were excellent. He will continue to use the equipment and monitor temperature and atmospheric conditions within the transport units.

2. PMV Statutory Declarations: For those Members that have not entered pigeons in a race as yet you are reminded that no pigeon can be entered in a VHA organized race unless it vaccinated

against PMV as per the protocol and the Member has lodged a statutory declaration to that effect. A copy of the statutory declaration is attached to these Minutes.
All completed Statutory Declaration are to held by the Centre Supervisor at each Centre and be available at the Centre in the case of any query.

Meeting closed 8.55pm

David Crosbie
Secretary,
Victorian Homing Association Incorporated

Statutory Declaration

I, _____

[Full name]

of _____

[Address]

[Occupation]

Do solemnly and sincerely declare:-

- That all the pigeons I will be entering in races in 2016 racing season have received two (2) vaccinations against PMV using a killed La Sota based PMV Vaccine.
- That I have used one of the two brands registered for use in Australia namely **'POULVAC'** (manufactured by Pfizer) or **'NEWCAVAC'** (manufactured by MSD).
- That these two (2) vaccinations were given at two to four week intervals with at least the second being given when the pigeon being vaccinated was over eight weeks old.

I acknowledge that this declaration is true and correct and I make it with the understanding and belief that a person making a false declaration is liable to the penalties of perjury.

Declared at _____

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this _____ Day of _____ 20 16

Signature of person making this declaration

Before me,

.....

The authorised witness must print or stamp his or her name, address and title under section 107A of the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958* (as of 1 January 2010), (previously *Evidence Act 1958*), (eg. Justice of the Peace, Pharmacist, Police Officer, Court Registrar, Bank Manager, Medical Practitioner, Dentist)