

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of the August Delegates Meeting held at Notting Hill on Monday, 3rd August 2015.

The President David Wetering declared the Meeting open at 8.00pm

Apology: R.Stukel, H.Marciniec, J.Shore

Roll Call

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

The Minutes of the July Delegates Meeting were received on the motion of J.Brislin
Seconded A.Spilliopoulos **Carried**

Matters Arising

1. 500 and 600 mile races open to all flyers inside the VHA Boundary.
2. Tasmania Transport.

Both referred to in-coming correspondence via the R & F. C Minutes

The Minutes were adopted on the motion of H.Merbis Seconded K.Crawford **Carried**

Correspondence

Incoming

1. Dave Dillon requesting a change of membership name from D.Dillon to F & D Dillon.
Moved K.Crawford 2nd J.Stanley this be approved. **Carried**
2. Letter from Cranbourne Centre re an issue with Benzing Live. Two Members were given the wrong email address and as result their clocking times did not arrive at the Cranbourne Centre.
The Members were Tony Segota and Max Smith. Due to the fact that this was an initial 'hick-up' with a new system and without setting a precedent, it was moved N.Aathoon 2nd H.Merbis that the Members be given their time. **Carried**
3. **Pathfinder**. Verification S & J Wetering's Federation Winner 1st Ouyen
4. **Pathfinder**. Formation of a VHA National Distance Club
5. **Race and Finance Committee Meeting**. Minutes re Meeting 27th July 2015
6. **Outgoing**. The Secretary sent a reply to Ivanhoe Club re the issues they raised that were read out in correspondence at the July Delegates Meeting.

Business Arising from Correspondence

1. **Race and Finance Committee Meeting**.

Tasmanian Race: The issue with the Tasmanian Race is the method of transport due to the differing costs between a truck and a training unit. The training unit is considerable cheaper. It was decided that:-

- There would be no restriction on the number of birds members could enter up to the 50 bird limit.
- Two weeks before the race, members will be asked to nominate if they are participating in the race and how many birds they intend to enter.
- After these nominations are received, it will be decided if we use a truck or a training unit.
- If a truck is used, an extra VHA unit will have to be prepared re the floor as no straw can be used. Due to time restraints, it was decided to prepare this VHA unit in any case and if it is not used this year, it will still be available to use in the future. This will give us six prepared units.
- If a training unit is used, it will be Godfrey Steven's unit which is fully set up to transport pigeons for racing. Again it was decided to prepare this training unit and if it is not used this year, it will still be available in the future.

Outside Pigeons in our 500 and 600 mile races: The issue of allowing non-members of the VHA to enter pigeons in our 500 mile and 600 mile races was discussed. The President stated that at this stage, any recommendation was for this year only. Future years would depend on scheduling. It was recommended that:-

- Flyers from the other four Melbourne Federations, VPU, WPF, VPO and GMPF (and only these flyers) be allowed to place birds on our truck for liberation with our 500 and 600 mile races.
- These birds are not part of the VHA Race but a separate result that includes these birds will be produced.
- This separate result has no prizemoney attached and is a result only.

- Cost of entry for these birds will be \$5.00 for the 500 mile races and \$6.00 for the 600 mile race. This is for transport only.

It was moved J.Stanley 2nd N. Fleming that this recommendation be adopted. **Carried**

2. Pathfinder. Formation of a VHA National Distance Club

The President referred this correspondence back to the Pathfinder Club for additional information.

Reports

Liberation

Ouyen 2. Showers hung until 1.30pm and then returned at 4pm. There was no way we could liberated hence the holdover to Sunday. The correct decision was made. The other Federations raced Saturday but they were well south of us and not affected by the persistent rain.

Ring Registry

84 birds reported and owners notified.

Transport Officer

No issues.

Clock Chairman

Tapes for the 1st Ouyen have been checked. Some matters need addressing:-

- Manual clocks. Use the correct clock tapes. Also if you are using a new ink pad pull the clock over a number of times to remove the excessive ink.
- With electronic clocks, ensure all previous completed races have been cleared.
- The clock sheet is not retained at the Centre. It accompanies the clock tapes to the Clock Chairman.

Treasurer

Use all existing race rubbers even if it means using the same colour two weeks in a row. We have an additional 5000 with 15000 on the way.

Diplomas will be out shortly.

General Business

1. The Secretary gave an explanation of how the upfront fee was arrived at. Birds nominated and all the expenses that relate to transport were detailed. It was emphasised that with transport, people tend to think of the Prime Mover only. The Prime Mover cost is only a little over half of the overall transport cost. Delegates were also advised of the amount of money from 2014 that was included in the calculation of the Upfront Fee for 2015.

2. Les Kocsis has donated all his pigeons and equipment to the VHA for sale. He has requested that all funds raised be placed in a reserve fund and be available to assist the VHA if any extraordinary situation arises. Andrew Spiliopoulos has all the birds and equipment at his place and has done a great deal of work preparing an Auction Sale. This sale will be conducted on the **28th August 2015.**

Surrey Lofts (A. Spiliopoulos) and Heritage Lofts (J & L Shore) have each donated six pigeons of the latest international blood lines also to be sold at the sale. A sale notification has been attached and distributed with the Delegates Report email.

A note from the Secretary

Under our rules, any changes to the rules and, as a matter of practice, most issues required to be voted on, are referred to the Clubs for discussion. The Clubs then vote on the issue at Club level and then instruct the Club Delegates on how to vote. There is normally little discussion when the matter is referred back to the Clubs, as the Delegate has only heard it read out in correspondence and it is difficult to take it all in at that stage. If the Delegate returns to the next Delegates meeting and attempts to question the issue at that time, he is generally 'howled down' being told "Your Club has already instructed you how to the vote so it's no point asking questions now". It leaves Delegates very uncertain when they vote and often uncertain what they are voting for.

This is why the President and I have insisted that any submissions contain complete detail and answer any questions that may arise. Situations vary but where appropriate, the submission must cover:-

- Why it has been submitted.
- The aim of the submission.
- How it is to be implemented.
- The cost (where that is relevant).
- Who is going to do the required work (where that is relevant)

Recent examples include Bayswater's VHA show submission and Malvern's change of section boundary submission. Both were referred to the Clubs for further submission and the end results were clear, concise documents fully understood by Members and Delegates resulting in everyone being clear as to what they were voting on regardless of whether they either for or against.

This will continue to be our practice.

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

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