

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of the December Delegates Meeting held at Notting Hill on Monday, 5th December 2016.

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

A Minutes Silence was held as a mark of respect for Ms. Rae Latimer formerly of the Box Hill Club and George Fenech formerly of the Plenty Club who both recently passed away. John Brislin spoke in relation to Rae and Henry Marciniac spoke to relation to George. Both men spoke in glowing terms in relation to our former Members. May they both Rest in Peace.

Roll Call

	Present	Total	Delegates
Bayswater-Nunawading	Yes	6	1
Diamond Valley	Yes	16	4
Greensborough	Yes	8	2
Heidelberg	Yes	10	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	13	3
Knox	Yes	8	2
Malvern	Yes	9	2
Metropolitan	No	12	-
Mountain Districts	Yes	7	1
Northcote	No	5	-
North East	No	8	-
Notting Hill	Yes	4	1
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	15	3
Pathfinder	Yes	13	3
Plenty	Yes	10	2
South East	Yes	13	3
Springvale	No	13	-
United	Yes	7	1
		177	30

The Minutes of the November Delegates Meeting were received on the motion of A Spiliopoulos
2nd R.Stukel **Carried**

Matters Arising

In relation to the agreement to transport VRPU pigeons, S.Kearsey queried whether the VRPU would basket on Thursday night for 500 mile races as they normally basket on Wednesday nights. The President advised that this had been discussed and the VRPU was happy to follow our lead.

October Delegates Meeting Line of Flight.

1. Do we conduct a 2nd Yolla Race? The President put to a vote those for and those against. The conducting of a 2nd Yolla Race was **Carried**

2. The 2nd Yolla race to be located on the same day as the Cobar National or the same day as the 'Comeback' Hillston. The President put both options to a vote. The conducting of a 2nd Yolla Race on the day of the 'Comeback' Hillston was **Carried**

3. Up-front Fee excess to be \$1.20 more than the set Up-front Fee or the same as last year (\$2.50). It was moved G.Stevens 2nd N. Stone that Up-front Fee excess be \$1.20 more than the set Up-front Fee. **Carried**

2017 Schedule will be forwarded in the New Year.

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

Correspondence

1. **Federation Winner Verifications**:- Coonamble (2) and Wingadee. All Federation Winners for the 2016 season have been verified.

2. **Honorariums** – Letter from Oakleigh-Waverley requesting that all honorariums be reviewed with either reduction or removal

3. **Diamond Valley Club**:- Three Notices of Motion re Clock Presentation, Length of race time and Birds clocked between sunset and sunrise.

4. **Wingadee Race**:- Letter from Ross Powell requesting a review of the result of the Wingadee Race and the re-instating of his 1st bird clocked with a support letter from the Ivanhoe Racing Pigeon Club. This matter to be dealt with under Clock Chairman's Report.

Matters Arising from Correspondence

1. **Honorariums**: After a short discussion it was moved J.Brislin 2nd A.Marcon that all Honorariums remain the same as they are now. **Carried**

2. **Diamond Valley Club**:- Three Notices of Motion. S.Kearsey gave a run-down on each Notice of Motion and the purpose of each Notice. The President stated these were important matters and he will re-table them again at the February 2017 Meeting to sit on the table for one month prior to voting in March. The Notices will be attached to the February Delegates Report.

Reports

Clock Chairman

In the Wingadee Race, Ross Powell of the Ivanhoe Club clocked a pigeon via an electronic system at 2247 hours on 11/11/16 and failed to produce a clock on the day of clocking. It was moved by the Clock Chairman that this pigeon be given no time in the race.

The circumstances of the situation were well known to the Delegates with the Member going to work. His job is such that he works at night. However access was left available to his electronic system and a pigeon arrived and was clocked at 2247 hours. That clocking was not discovered by the Member until he returned from work the next morning.

A very lengthy discussion followed with views put by many Delegates. At the completion of the discussion, the President put to a vote whether the pigeon clocked by Ross Powell at 22.47 hours should get time. The vote was a tied vote leaving the President to make a casting vote. The President stated that like everybody he too sympathised with the Member but the Rules of the Association had to be adhered to so his casting vote was that the pigeon clocked at 2247 hours does not get time. As a result the motion that the pigeon does not get time is **Carried**.

There was also discussion as to the eligibility of the pigeon clocked by the Ross Powell at 0720 hours on 12/11/16. It was moved by S.Kearsey 2nd A. Spiliopoulos that this pigeon does get time.

Carried

Transport

1. Trailer is in for a brake overhaul.
2. Sam Spiliopoulos again did very well with our local transport and a big thanks to him.
3. Suggested that we sell the five tier units as we don't use them and they are only taking up space. The Delegates were in agreement and they will be offered for sale. Anyone who is interested in one of the five tier units perhaps to convert to some sort of unit can contact John Brislin.

Ring Registry

1. 35 birds reported and owners notified.
2. Coonamble (1). The pigeon clocked by Egan and Warren was not registered to them. Moved H.Merbis 2nd S.Kearsey that the bird gets no time in the race. **Carried**
3. Club Secretaries forward Ring Sales Lists as youngsters are starting to get reported.

Treasurer

1. Club Secretaries forward Ring Sale and all other outstanding monies to the Treasurer ASAP.
2. All affiliations with cheque attached to be forwarded to the Treasurer prior to February Annual and Delegates Meetings.

General Business

1. Australian Racing Pigeon National Committee: A meeting was held in Canberra which was attended by pigeon flyers from all over Australia. Stephen Kearsey gave a run-down on its history and purpose. The President also gave a run-down on a summary from our state representative Graham Wark. A Code of Conduct will be produced and then our Code of Conduct will have to be in sync with that Code of Conduct. Both Stephen and David stated that this was not an issue to be scared of as long as common sense is used in transporting, liberating and the overall keeping of pigeons.
2. Reminder:- VHA Presentation 10th December 2016 at 3pm.

Meeting closed 10.05pm

David Crosbie
Secretary,
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