

CLUB	PRESENT	TOTAL	DELEGATES
Bayswater-Nunawading	Yes	4	1
Diamond Valley	No	12	0
Greensborough	No	6	0
Heidelberg	Yes	8	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	11	2
Knox	Yes	4	1
Malvern	Yes	6	1
Mountain District	Yes	5	1
Northcote	No	5	0
North East	Yes	5	1
Notting Hill	N/A	3	0
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	6	1
Pathfinder	Yes	15	3
Plenty	Yes	10	2
South East	Yes	6	1
United	N/A	3	0
TOTAL		109	16

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of May delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on 6th of May 2019

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 8.04pm

ROLL CALL

Apologies – David Crosby

Matters arising from the previous minutes- None. Moved John Yates seconded Bob Stukel minutes be accepted. Carried

REPORTS

Ring Secretary - Hank Merbis 22 pigeons reported and owners notified.

Clock Chairman – John Yates Nothing to report.

Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos We are awaiting registration so trailer can be taken to have vents fitted. Cranbourne centre has a damaged unit. This unit will be replaced and the damaged unit repaired for use next year.

Treasurer – Tim Brudenell The latest submission for the loan application to finance the \$140,000 debt on unit one was lodged on April the 15th. Tim has been advised that he should have an answer by the end of this week. Invoices paid – safe custody fee \$40, Bank account fee \$10, Telstra 179.99, Steve Letch \$60 and \$52.50, In Vogue builders \$25,076. Rental received for unit one \$11,035.88.

Account balances -ANZ term \$26,083.04 Cheque account \$26,154.21 110 Race \$3304.84 ANZ online \$00.00.

Correspondence

Mark Vella on behalf of PRV requested the use of the Notting Hill centre for an auction on the 22-09-2019. Moved Allan Marcon seconded Kevin Clarke permission be given subject to conditions as discussed. Carried

Carolyn Maggs from the Deer Park Girl Guides requested someone attend one of their meetings to address the girl guides regard sending messages by pigeon and their use during the war. Our secretary Gerry Sheean has referred them to the Western Pigeon Federation due to their closer proximity.

The Greater Valleys Pigeon Club have requested transport with the VHA to both our Tassie Races. Moved Neville Stone seconded Allan Marcon approval be granted. Carried

John Simmonds on behalf of the Gippsland Pigeon Federation seeking permission to transport race birds with the VHA to Morgan on the 5th and 19th of October, Yolla on the 26th of October and Carrieton on the 2nd of November. Moved Bob Stukel seconded Steve Gazzola transport be allowed. Carried

Traralgon Racing Pigeon Club request transport with the VHA to seven race points. These include 2 x Tassie, 2 x Morgan, 2 x Carrieton and Bookaloo. Moved Paul Suban seconded Bob Stukel approval be given. Carried

Tom Halfpenny a year 12 student in High School is interested in making a short documentary about pigeon racing as part of a school media project assessment this year. Gerry Sheean has spoken to Tom and has referred him to the Bayswater centre for assistance.

The VPU has asked that the flier promoting their open day be put on the VHA web site. Moved John Yates seconded Bob Stukel this be facilitated. Carried.

General Business

Tina Dark asked if the information was available for her to complete the Diplomas for 2017 and 2018. Gerry Sheean advised that the 2015 and 2016 year book draft had arrived and the 2017 was expected soon. These will be published on the VHA website in due course.

Noel Fleming requested an update on the debenture proposal for the debt on unit one. Gerry advised that we would wait until we see if we can get a commercial loan and then go to the delegates to make a decision.

Gerry Sheean advised that the two VHA phone numbers have been cancelled, the lost bird number being redirected for 6 months. In future the ring secretary Hank Merbis will use own phone and will be reimbursed for his costs by the VHA. Gerry advised this will save the VHA a considerable amount as the phone bill for the VHA last year was \$2,500.00.

Bob Stukel reported on the 110 race. So far we have 33 birds nominated for a total of \$3,300. Bob also read to the meeting a story he viewed on the internet by Hugh Pidington about the saving of 170 lives including his own by the pigeon service in Bougainville during World War 2.

In response to enquiries about the proposed up-front fees this year the President and Secretary advised that there had been discussions around the fees at the Race and Finance committee meetings. Indications are that there will be a possible 20,000 birds nominated this year compared to 23,000 last year. As the membership of the VHA has decreased over the years from around 400 members to 130 and the VPU not transporting with us this year our costs per flier will increase considerably. Gerry Sheean advised the delegates that he has been working on a budget to help with a vision for the future.

Nominations for the Race and Finance Committee have been received from Cranbourne, Ivanhoe and Diamond Valley centres. These are Mark Shubert, Ed. Sheean and Steven Kearsey respectively. We are still waiting for nominations from Notting Hill and Bayswater centres.

John Yates has agreed to put "Money Bags" his PRV \$100,000 winner on display at the upcoming season launch/family day for the VPU being held on Saturday the 1st of June at the VPU rooms. This will help promote our 110 race. All flyers from all federations are welcome to attend the event starting at 1.00pm.

Andrew advised the Outback Truckers programme had not been aired yet. We are still waiting for advice on the scheduled time of programming.

Meeting closed at 8.43pm.