

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 1st of May 2023.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7.06pm.

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Diamond Valley	Yes	12	3
Frankston	Yes	9	2
Greensborough	No	4	1
Heidelberg	Yes	11	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	8	2
Knox	Yes	6	1
Malvern	Yes	9	2
Metropolitan	Yes	7	1
Mornington	Yes	4	1
Northcote	Yes	5	1
North East	Yes	4	1
Notting Hill	Yes	5	1
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	8	2
Pathfinder	Yes	8	2
Plenty	Yes	10	2
South East	Yes	8	2
United	Yes	8	2
TOTAL		122	28

A minute's silence was held for Gary Smith, George Fabian and Warwick Wakeman.

Apologies – Andrew Demidowski, Gerry Sheean and Alan Marcon

Matters arising from the previous minutes – none. Moved Hank Merbis seconded Neville Stone minutes be accepted. Carried.

REPORTS

Ring Secretary – Hank Merbis. 14 birds reported and owners notified.

Clock Chairman. – Nothing to report.

VRPB – Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Steve Brown on behalf of Gerry Sheean. Current bank balances - Cheque account \$12,298.91 V2plus account \$55.07 ANZ Online account \$105,096.67. Gerry has advised that the VHA has transferred the tenants bond an amount of \$11,962.50 to Aston Commercial. Therefore, we do not hold the tenant's bond. Immediate outgoings pending are - trailer registration \$902.46 and Racenet Invoices for past three years and current year. This amounts to 2 x \$67 plus \$1728 a total of \$1862.

We have received three new affiliations for this year. Unsold rings need to be returned to the ring secretary Hank Merbis so accounts can be updated. Moneys are still owed to the VHA by Greensborough and Oakleigh and Pathfinder still owe transfers from last year and have not settled their ring account for this year. We have sufficient funds to cover added money and other commitments (honorariums and transport share) moving forward.

Transport Officer – Andrew Spiliopoulos. Andrew emailed 16 companies for prices for transport for this season. Two companies replied. One company quoted \$136,000 the second Saga Transport quoted \$88,825 conditional on transport to proceed on scheduled day of basketing, no holdovers allowed for and the driver not assisting with care or release of pigeons. Godfrey Stevens also obtained a quote from National Transport who he contracts to do work for his business. Without including change of basketing night and hold overs National quoted \$3.00 a kilometre. Steve Brown requested a quote from Harker's Transport but they declined to submit. S.J.S. Transport quoted \$49,847.00 noting no GST will be charged.

Ivanhoe have requested an extra unit as North East club are basketing at Ivanhoe centre for season 2023. Andrew will organise an extra unit. As per the treasurer's report trailer registration is due. Andrew to follow up on the quoted fee.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gippsland RPF requesting transport to Yolla. This was approved by the delegates at a price of \$4.00 a pigeon.

Diamond Valley requesting separate liberation (north/south) for club races as per 2022. Approved by the delegates.

PRV advising that Melbourne 500 combine race not to include country flyers at this stage.

Ivanhoe centre requesting extra unit as North East flyers basketing there this year.

Frankston club advising new member Rob Ponsioen.

Ivanhoe/Northcote advising new members W. Williams, L. Trajano and A. Jaberizadeh. Clearance from VPU for w. Williams supplied.

Cranbourne Centre requesting permission to conduct junior flyer 5 bird races. (not for federation positions) Approved.

VRPU Racing Pigeon Information night and social get together Friday the 26th of May at VPU rooms. Notice of Motion from Diamond Valley to change rule 5(H).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval for Treasurer to pay Racenet fees as detailed in Treasurer's report. Moved Steve Kearsey seconded Kevin Clark. Carried.

Steven Kearsey informed the delegates that he had legal advice that the VHA had joint responsibility for the Diamond Valley Insurance as they were on the lease.

Traralgon request to carry their pigeons as submitted last meeting. Moved Steve Kearsey seconded Neville Stone request be accepted. Carried. Price set at \$3.00 a bird for 400, 500 and 600. \$1.00 a bird for all other races.

Line of Flight discussion due to inclusion of Bourke Combine. It was decided that the comeback 300 mile race will be held on Friday the 13th with basketing on Wednesday the 11th of October.

It was advised that we can no longer liberate in Renmark due to the growth of the town. As a result it was decided to change the race point to Berri.

Costs were set for Cobar National at \$5.00 per bird. And Bourke Combine at \$3.50 per bird as we are not paying for transport.

Steven Kearsey addressed the meeting on the Notice of Motion to change rule 5(H) (see attached).

Kevin Clark asked to look at changing arrangements for local transport between Diamond Valley centre and Ivanhoe centre. Kevin suggests local pick up to go from Diamond Valley to Ivanhoe then unload. The semi then to stop and pick up the units on the way to the race point.

Andrew Spiliopoulos addressed the meeting re Landlord Insurance for unit 2. Also raised maintenance issues with the air conditioner and the roller door.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.