

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA May delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 6/5/2024

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7:03 PM.

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Diamond Valley	Yes	13	3
Frankston	Yes	8	2
Greensborough	No	5	1
Heidelberg	Yes	12	3
Ivanhoe	No	10	2
Knox	Yes	4	1
Malvern	Yes	8	2
Metropolitan	Yes	6	1
Mornington	Yes	4	1
Northcote	No	5	1
North East	Yes	5	1
Notting Hill	Yes	4	1
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	7	1
Pathfinder	Yes	8	2
Plenty	Yes	10	2
South East	Yes	9	2
United	No	9	2
TOTAL		127	28

ROLL CALL

Apologies – M. Tung, C. Walker, D. Lowe, B. McPherson & H. Merbis

A moments silence was held re the passing of Oakleigh Waverley member & 50 year VHA member Victor Synhur. The President & Secretary indicated that Vic joined the VHA in 1968 and was an old fashioned flyer that enjoyed his pigeons and a beer at the rooms after clocking.

Minutes of the April delegates meeting as distributed - Business arising –

K. Clark brought to attention of the members that in future the race & finance committee should not propose motions, they can only offer recommendations and therefore in the previous April minutes an actual member should propose the motion. Noted.

J. Weaver stated that the issue re sections (Ref I) in General Business minutes should read that D. Lowe suggested the Central section & Central East section members be canvassed, working together to find a solution. D. Lowe to undertake contacting flyers for their feedback. Noted

Moved N. Stone Sec J. Weaver Carried

Reports

- A. VRPB - C Walker unavailable however Steve Brown advised that Colin and Charles Hider had attended an all day VCAT hearing for T. Varelis and an outcome was expected in a few weeks.
- B. Clock Chairman – No report
- C. Ring Secretary Report - No report as Hank Merbis was in hospital. Steve Brown advised that Hank had been having problems in adding ring numbers to the race net system. At present he was with holding all emails/transfer forms submitted if manual checking was required. Club ring secretaries will be requested to keep their club ring allocations at this stage. Members are also advised to keep a copy of any transfers or registrations that are forwarded to Hank. An email from the secretary will be sent to members.
- D. Treasurer's Report – S. Brown for G. Sheean
Cheque Acc \$10,399-75 V2 Plus Acc \$55-07 ANZ Online Saver Acc \$111,500-00
- E. Transport Officer- A Spiliopoulos stated that all units have been returned to their centres with Frankston requiring an additional unit. Please check the wheels and yellow tape on the units. Wayne Maine (Tasmania) has advised that all is well regarding our pick up and liberations from Yolla and in the event that he is unavailable, other members from his club are available to assist and have done so for the VHA in the past. The long term weather bureau forecast for this season is for less rain than when we last raced the NE track.

Correspondence

In

- Malvern – NOM re sections. Abolish all sections and add monies to club prize money OR Revert to two sections only (called north & south)
- Australian Avian Products (M. Schubert) Donation of goods as additional prizes for P. Ainsworth race.
- VRPU – Requesting to transport with VHA for both Yolla races

- Ivanhoe – Nominating Don Lowe as 50 year member. (inspection of the honour board indicated this had previously been done)
- VRPB – Advising update re T. Varelis VCAT hearing
- H. Marciniac – Advising Greensborough members all transferring to Plenty with clearances. Greensborough will cease as a club.
- North East – NOM to merge Central Section with Central East Section (called Central East)

Out

- All members – Minutes of April delegates meeting & official race schedule
- Gippsland RPF – Confirmation of transport of their birds to Yolla & 500 & 600 mile races.
- Mark Schubert – Note of thanks for product donation. (Australian Avian Products)

General Business

- A. VRPU Tassy transport request. After discussion from several members it was Moved K. Clark Seconded – J. Cerin that the VHA transport the VRPU birds to both Yolla races and be charged 50% of the costs (excluding VHA local transport costs) Carried 12 votes to 11. The members also discussed joint liberation and rejected this idea therefore there will be separate liberations of the federations.
- B. Kevin Clark advised that former members from the Bayswater/Nunawading centre were having discussions regarding the monies returned to the VHA from that centre. They were investigating the possible improvement to the ramp at Ivanhoe Centre to assist the loading of the birds. An update will be provided in due course.
- C. Membership Drive – Andrew Spiliopoulos advised that a quote was requested for a 5000 letter drop and that materials to build a small race loft (beginner's loft) had been obtained. He also advised that he was looking for another member to join the recruiting subcommittee. Manfred Furst offered to assist.
- D. Reminder – For club ring secretaries to maintain/keep their records. Steve Brown reinforced that we have a new rule where all registrations/transfers MUST be in the hands of the ring secretary prior to the first race. John Van Beers enquired did that mean up until the day of release of the first federation race? After reading the rule it was agreed that John was correct as per the wording of the rule. The Secretary requested that members submit their transfers asap and not leave it to the last minute as this was unfair on the ring secretary.
- E. It was requested that a vote of thanks be sent to Colin Walker & Charles Hider for their continued support for pigeon flyers involved in VCAT hearings.

Vince Falvo indicated that he believed that the NOM from Malvern should read North & South Federation (not section) He requested that the email be returned to Charles Hider for clarification.

Meeting Closed 8.13 pm