

Victorian Homing Association

Race & Finance Meeting

16/9/24

Meeting opened 7.00pm

A Spiliopoulos presiding

Attendees – A Spiliopoulos, S Spiliopoulos, S Gazzola, S Kearsey, D Wetering, M Schubert, J Weaver, K Clark, E Sheean, S Brown, B McPherson, M Tung -Minutes

1. Short fall in transport funds- It was discussed that the 57k short fall will be reduced by 44k of rent money leaving a short fall of 13k which will be raised by the way of fund raising.
2. Ring price recommendation – To be \$1.50 for 2025 rings.
3. Upfront transport fee- Recommended to be \$1.75 in 2025
4. Squeaker Sale – A pigeon sale has been decided to be held October / November to offset the short fall in transport costs, S Gazzola is working on the date and format
5. Affiliation Fees – It is suggested that they stay at \$200
6. Nottingham room hire- Hiring out the Nottingham rooms for storage of pallets, A Spiliopoulos is looking into this option
7. Race Point Change- It was suggested that the Produce be changed to the North track race point Mount Hope, the consensus was it should be left up to the liberation committee to give direction.
8. Tracking Rings- It was recommended that tracking rings be used to gather information from races
9. Traralgon Racing Pigeon Club- The TRPC has kindly donated \$1000 to the winner of the first Yolla.
10. It is believed that the TRPC birds are influencing races, this was discussed and the VHA will look into it going forward
11. Local Transport & Tray Truck- A Spiliopoulos put forward the costings of going from a prime mover to a tray truck suitable to carting race birds
 - Tray Truck \$185k
 - Fit out 88k
 - Maintenance 7k
12. Local Transport & Basketing- It was suggested that centres look at joint basketing, maybe also look into centres transporting their own birds to Nottingham
13. J Weaver raised the issue of sending the 10 birders on the semi-trailer, it was suggested in the future maybe there could be two races
14. Rule Changes- There is a need to look at procedure that consolidates the changing of rules. S.Brown to submit a NOM that we have only one rules meeting per year at the February meeting.
15. Position of Treasurer- With the lack of volunteers for the position of Treasurer, it was suggested that we look at options outside of the VHA, A Spiliopoulos is looking into this.
16. K Clark raised the proposal of going to an open limit.
17. Was suggested that the 2nd 350 clock production be no later than 7pm.

18. Section Prizes – Ed Sheean proposed that the section prize money for special races be changed to a breakup of the prize pool instead of the number of birds.

19. VHA PRESENTATION- MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2025 Sandown Greyhound Track

Meeting Closed 9.02 pm