# VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 11/11/2024

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7:07 PM

# **ROLL CALL**

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Diamond Valley	Yes	13	3
Frankston	Yes	12	3
Heidelberg	Yes	12	3
Ivanhoe	Yes	10	2
Knox	Yes	4	1
Malvern	No	8	2
Metropolitan	Yes	7	1
Mornington	Yes	6	1
Northcote	Yes	5	1
North East	Yes	5	1
Notting Hill	Yes	4	1
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	6	1
Pathfinder	Yes	9	2
Plenty	Yes	15	3
South East	Yes	9	2
United	Yes	10	2
TOTAL		135	29

Apology – H Merbis K Clark

Minutes of the October delegates meeting as distributed,

Business Arising- Nil Moved – N. Stone Seconded – S. Gazzola

#### **Notices of Motion**

North East -Rule 3i (No VHA members racing in another federation outside of the VHA)

13 for 14 Against motion defeated

• Metro – Rule 30a (All rule changes to be submitted by the October and voted in February)

13 for 10 Against Motion defeated It was noted that several clubs had not discussed this matter at club level.

#### **REPORTS**

VRPB - Nil

Clock Chairman- Nil

**Ring Secretary- 42 Strays** 

## Treasurer's Report-

See attached financials as at end of October, with Bank balances as of 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

To come out of the bank accounts is \$23K in prize money.

There are some other adjustments with a couple of clubs behind in payments so around \$4k is owing. I have chased up these amounts so we should have them soon. I will continue to hold back prize money payments to these clubs, till they get up to date.

Also to take into consideration is \$7.5K in sponsorship from Godfrey Stevens as this isn't ours really as it will go in prize money.

All SJS Transport accounts are up to date and also Tasmania now totally paid including Wayne Maine down in Tassie. Some Honorariums \$4K approx. still to be paid out also.

In addition, rental income has been paid in advance for 6 months from 1<sup>st</sup> July so we will receive no income till January. This prepayment was received on 19<sup>th</sup> June.

We have also allocated away \$300 per race for diplomas and medallions, so around \$5K.

Depending on how we go with racing from hereon if we were to complete the three races with the second 500 and 600 together, we would be looking at least \$14k debit. If we cancel these races, I presume SJS will look for compensation at what level??

Even allowing all this, the bank Balance of \$34k plus online Account \$80K covers all, including the provisions we hold from Bayswater donation and sale 2022 (Total \$40K).



## **Transport**

- A Spiliopoulos reported that the curtains on the trailer were repaired at a cost of \$200
- The National went well without any problems.
- Thanked W Maine for his services in the Tasmanian race, it was suggested that he be given a \$200 bonus, and this was Moved J Van Beers. Sec. N Stone Carried

# Correspondence

#### IN

- Diamond Valley Verification of Narromine 2 fed winner
- South East Verification of Parkes 3, West Wyalong 4 and Yolla fed winners
- Plenty Verification Narromine 1 (National) federation winner
- Metro Verification of Narromine 3 fed winner
- National Committee Advising meeting 18<sup>th</sup> Nov for all feds re discussion of possible long distance combined cartage in 2025
- Notting Hill club Nomination for President, Transport Officer (and Assistant) for 2025

### **OUT**

- All members: Minutes of October delegates meeting, NOM from Metro & NE clubs.
- All members: Notification of Comeback race being brought forward.

### **General Business**

- National Meeting: Monday 18th of November at Notting Hill to discuss options for long distance combine races and cartage.
- Racing finance meeting suggested the VHA membership remain at \$200. Moved N Stone
  Sec. J Weaver Carried

- VHA presentation Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January at Sandown greyhounds.
- It was decided not to have an online pigeon auction and now to be replaced with general squeaker sale. Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January at Notting Hill. Top 30 in the averages will be invited, plus others wanting to donate. All proceeds go to the VHA transport 2025.
- Remembrance Day: Thank you to G & E Sheean and Sam Spiliopoulos for assisting and liberating birds at the Shrine.
- The Executive Officers were given authority to grant payment of prize money for the 500-mile race. Moved P Bryant Sec. A Demidowski Carried
- A Demidowski stated the race schedule as it is an issue.
- J Weaver asked why the 300 comeback was changed by the executive and that he believed that the rules were broken in doing so. Steve Brown stated that under rule 5 (h) the Executive Officers could vary the race schedule and that the voting was 6 to 1 in favour of the change. After a long discussion and many opinions, there was no resolution.
- J Van Beers thanked S Spiliopoulos for his un waiving service as transporter.
- J Weaver enquired about the unit donated by G Stevens it was stated that A Spiliopoulos is going to pick up the unit and check all aspects of it.
- A Spiliopoulos raised weather concerns for the 500- & 600 races. After much discussion amongst the delegates it was moved J Weaver Sec. P Bryant that we only have 1 x 500 mile race with no 600 and basket Saturday night for a Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> liberation of the Coonamble race. Carried. It was also Moved J Weaver Sec. N Stone that the 500 be conducted as a national race, if permission can be obtained from the National Committee to alter from 600 to 500 miles. Carried.

Meeting Closed. 8:42PM