

# VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

03/02/2025

President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared meeting open 7:04PM

Apologies: NIL

Minutes of the 2024 AGM were accepted (distributed by email) Moved A Demidowski  
Seconded N Stone Carried

Treasurers report- Gerry Sheean

As attached Moved P Bryant Seconded A Demidowski Carried

Presidents report-

- Brief summary was given, as stated the report was given at the presentation evening at Sandown Greyhounds.
- He thanked all executive members and workers at all centres that helped the VHA in 2024.

General Business-

- A Demidowski enquired what the insurances cover? The majority of the policy covers public liability on all basketing centres.
- J Weaver enquired about the online sale that was held a couple of years ago and what were the funds to be used for. After a brief discussion it was decided that the money raised will go towards social functions. Moved J Weaver Seconded S Kearsey. Carried.
- K Clark raised that he believed there needed to be a change in voting at the AGM. He indicated one vote per member instead of the current delegate system. This would require a rule change.

Meeting closed at 7:38PM

## **NOTES FROM ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024**

1. Club races lost \$3697 last year, with low numbers due to weather and race point issues particularly in last two races. With only 3 races perhaps scheduled this year I would recommend we charge 80 cents per bird for 2024
2. With membership around 100 in numbers, affiliations should be set around \$200 to cover insurances and honorariums. Honorariums now at \$10K, and likely to increase, plus Insurances at \$10K would mean break even approximately.
3. Added money: Currently \$1151 (at end of financial year), but we have ring sales to add (already collected \$2100 with \$10880 outstanding ). I would expect that we should sell about \$13,000 in total with costs of just on \$4,500, so we should have \$8500 for added money. So I would suggest \$450 per race in 2024. Last we allocated added money to the National race to give that race some prize money. I suggest we do that again and also look at entry fee for the race as with low numbers there is nothing to distribute as transport does not get covered by up front fees.
4. We have liability of sponsorship of \$6,200. \$1,200 of this is to be allocated to the 10-bird race. Godfrey Stevens donated \$7500 in 2024 but we only flew one 500 so there is \$5,000 in credit. In the past Godfrey let the sponsorship swing if not used up, and donated the difference the following year. It is unlikely we will get sponsorship this coming year but I feel he would still want us to allocate this \$5K to distance flying in 2025.
5. I have supplied transport costings and a summary of rental income to the executive separately. In rough calculations all up costs for feds was just over \$100K (less the three races we did not fly Yolla, and 500 and 600 Mile races), but looking toward 2025 the figure will be close to this unless we cart some races together or delete some. However we will receive only about \$35K from rental. All the costs relate to how many races we have, and as such how much these will cost to conduct. We will likely only have about 27,000 noms this year. So any figure less than \$2 per nom will leave us a long way short( \$35K rent plus \$54K noms). Last year we would have lost a lot more than we actually did had we not cancelled these 3 races.
6. I believe a charge of \$50 per member for Notting Hill users should remain.
7. I make note that the minute secretary has not taken his honorarium along with the clock chairman who has donated his allowance, back toward prize money for the 10 bird race
8. Summarising the current assets in the balance sheet we should note the following:  
Cheque account stands at \$11,295, and online account \$70,075, so total bank \$81K.  
Of this amount \$16,500 was donated by Bayswater club but stipulated it should be used for something other than racing costs. Similarly, the sale in 2022 of \$24,500 was to be used for specific purpose not set against racing costs. Added money account is \$1836. So we have around \$29K in available back up funds. Most outgoings are covered with Aston so barring any extraordinary expense we are OK cash ways.
9. Looking back at 2024 Local transport costs amount \$27K with \$5800 being for club races. North pick-ups for Fed races was \$5K with South pick up and return of units to all centres was \$16K which includes Tasmania races. Local Transport equates to 26% of our total race costs. Entry fees (not counting club races) was \$46K and we returned in prize money \$71K. This follows sponsorship Ivanhoe \$3K, Godfrey Stevens \$2.5K, Steve Gazzola \$1K and Alan Marcon \$360, and added money \$18K, plus additional sponsorship from Sandown Greyhounds \$3K, In vogue builders \$1K, KYBROOKE Pet Resort, Meadow Pigeon Stud, Alderbrooke plumbing, On Top Roofing, Benzing Australia, and Traralgon Racing pigeon club all with \$1Keach. So, it meant that in 2023 we returned \$1.53 for every dollar members

contributed to entries. In addition, taken from the entries was \$4800 for medallions and diplomas and \$1073 for trailer maintenance.

10. I make note again, to the delegates that the Notting Hill centre, in particular, has several very small clubs. This creates a lot of work dealing with different secretaries that in most circumstances don't even attend the centre. It makes sense if centres could find one person only to deal with race entries. Frankston, Ivanhoe and Cranbourne operate this way. I have difficulty understanding why clubs exist from a race entry perspective, when they have no prizes at club level. Some clubs operate throughout the season with only one or two members. The treasurer spends a lot of time sorting and following up on entries for these clubs.