

# VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open a 7.00pm.

## ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Diamond Valley	Yes	13	3
Frankston	Yes	8	2
Greensborough	Yes	5	1
Heidelberg	Yes	12	3
Ivanhoe	Yes	10	2
Knox	Yes	4	1
Malvern	Yes	8	2
Metropolitan	No	6	0
Mornington	Yes	4	1
Northcote	Yes	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	Yes	9	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>126</b>	<b>27</b>

**Vale** – Greg Knight (Greensborough) A minutes silence was held for the passing of Greg Knight.

**Apology** – M. Tung

**Minutes of the previous delegates minutes** (distributed) Nil business arising.

Moved – N. Stone Seconded – D. Allen Carried

## New Members

The following new members were accepted by the delegates, J. Li, M. Portelli, M. Valentine, S. Ali, J. Stanley & D. McGregor.

## Notices of Motion

Moved - Diamond Valley      Seconded – H. Merbis that rule 3i be amended as per the notice of motion from Diamond Valley which was circulated to the clubs. A vote was conducted which resulted in 15 votes for the motion and 12 votes against. As a 2/3rds majority was not achieved, the motion was defeated.

The President indicated that there were several notices of motion from the Mornington club (circulated to members) which were discussed at the recent race & finance committee meeting where differing views were held regarding some of the rule changes. It was decided that the R & F minutes would be circulated to the clubs so that the clubs can make an informed decision re these changes, therefore the voting was deferred until next month.

### **Race Schedule Entry Fees & Up Front Fees for 2024.**

Moved – J. Weaver Seconded – B. McPherson that the delegates accept the R & F Committee's recommendation to keep all entry fees in 2024 the same as in 2023. Carried

Moved – J. Weaver Seconded – C. Walker that the upfront fee remain at \$1-50 per bird for 2024 (same as 2023) and that late nominations remain at \$2-50. Carried

### **Race & Finance Meeting**

The President outlined the recommendations of the R F committee meeting held a week prior -

- \$10,000 sourced by David Wetering to be distributed as additional prize money for 10 races.
- Reduce the number of prize monies paid from 30 to 15 for all races however 30 positions on the fed result to remain the same. When clocking 2 birds flyers can gain take 2 positions however only one prize. Section prizes to remain the same.
- Recommended that the first two Griffith races (only) be no limit races in an attempt to get more birds on the truck and more pigeons to a race early on.
- GMPF fed quoted \$1,500 per race to transport of 500 & 600 mile races, regardless of number of birds. GMPF were also advised that at this stage it was unknown if our last 500 would be on the same weekend as the 600.
- Notting Hill Centre members to pay \$50 per member for utilities at Notting Hill.
- Tassy races – It was proposed that all members basket at Notting Hill for the Tassy races and that a BBQ and free drinks be provided to members. After discussion from several flyers it was decided that it was too difficult to expect members from the far northern areas to travel to Notting Hill so the idea was abandoned.
- Discussion was held re Frankston & Cranbourne alternating their basketing centres in from 400 mile races onwards to save local transport costs. There was a query as to how much the VHA would save if this was done however no figure was given. Matter deferred.
- 500 & 600 mile races to be joint cartage from 2025.
- Bayswater Centre additional funds donated to VHA. It was agreed that Don Lowe would consult other former Bays Centre members re what to do with these funds. Matter deferred.
- VHA Recruiting Scheme – A. Spiliopoulos outlined an idea to help assist new flyers with lofts and birds provided. Andrew distributed an information sheet members present.

### **Reports**

Clock Chairman – No report

Ring Secretary – H. Merbis reported that 7 strays were notified to their owners for the past month. **All unused life rings must be returned to the VHA before 31st March** otherwise clubs will be invoiced for them.

VRPB – C. Walker. Colin gave a summary regarding trials being conducted for immunity in young pigeons. Comprehensive reports can be located on the VRPB website and in the latest Australian Racing Pigeon Journal. Colin was also elected as VHA delegate to the VRPB. Moved – D. Allen  
Seconded – N. Stone Carried.

Treasurer – S. Brown for G. Sheean.

Cheque Acc \$4,103-52 V2 Plus Acc \$55-07 ANZ On Line Saver Acc \$111,500-00

Aged Debtors list was read to the delegates Total \$7,200-00

Moved - H. Merbis Seconded - K. Clark Carried

Transport - The President advised that a new insurance policy was being sought for the VHA trailer with cover of \$100K The policy was passed on to the acting treasurer.

### **Expressions of Interest**

We are seeking a treasurer and a clock chairman. Please advise Steve Brown of any interested members.

### **Correspondence (in)**

Alan Marcon – Resignation as clock chairman.

Metro – NOM re merge Central West, Central & Central East into one section known as Central.

Metro – New member – S & P. Rose (Hampton Park)

Malvern – Affiliations

Frankston – A. Lester transfer from South East to Frankston (with clearance)

### **Correspondence (out)**

All members – Minutes from AGM & February delegates meetings. Notices of motion from Diamond Valley & Mornington clubs.

Alan Marcon – Thank you for service as clock chairman.

GMPF – Update re quote for 500 & 600 mile transportation.

### **General Business**

J. Van Beers queried if there would be future negotiations on price if GMPF had only minimal numbers. Advised that the price was fixed and that there would be no further quotation.

**Meeting closed 8.19 pm.**