

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA March delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 3/3/2025

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7:06 PM

Vale Klaus Kastrup. A minute silence was held for Klaus Kastrup.

ROLL CALL

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Diamond Valley	Yes	12	3
Frankston	Yes	9	2
Heidelberg	Yes	11	2
Ivanhoe	Yes	9	2
Knox	Yes	0	0
Malvern	Yes	9	2
Metropolitan	Yes	11	2
Mornington	Yes	4	1
Northcote	No	5	1
North East	Yes	5	1
Notting Hill	Yes	4	1
Oakleigh-Waverley	Yes	6	1
Pathfinder	Yes	8	2
Plenty	Yes	12	3
South East	Yes	8	2
United	Yes	6	2
TOTAL		119	27

Apologies– D Lowe & A Demidowski

- S Brown read out a short history of Klaus. He was a 50-year VHA member and a member of the Malvern, Brighton and Moorabbin clubs. He was a small team flyer with Harrison cross European

bloodlines. One funny story to hand was one night he was sitting in a deck chair on his house roof waiting for birds in the dark from the 500. One flew over his head and into the loft except Klaus in all the excitement forgot he was on the roof. All ended well with a high fed position. He was a good guy that had a tough life and was liked by many.

Previous minutes of the February 3/2/2025 delegates meeting,

Business Arising-

- Diamond Valley amended race schedule proposal. A Spiliopoulos asked if there is any reason why this can't be voted on. J Van Beers stated that The Diamond Valley proposal is completely different to the original proposal. It was moved K Clark seconded S Gazzola that the Diamond Valley proposal be accepted. Carried unanimously.
- A vote was then taken regarding conducting a second 500. Moved J Weaver Seconded J Stanley that a second 500 be scheduled between the 500 and 600 in the off week. Carried.
- It was moved B Brickley Seconded J Stanley that a Mittyack comeback race be scheduled on the Friday 26th of September, carting with the first Morgan race. Carried.

Reports

Clock Chairman- NIL

Ring Secretary- Hank Merbis 12 birds reported. Most ring issues are recorded.

Treasurers Report- Paul Bryant. Paul is in the process of taking over the books from Gerry Sheean.

Account Balances - Cheque Acc \$48,096 V2 Acc \$55 Online Saver Acc \$70,061

- Sales at Notting Hill when using the credit card machine incur fees, an issue that needs to be addressed. A fee should be added to the hiring of the rooms to cover this. Noted.
- Paul Bryant raised the question if the 110 account was needed and in reference to that S Gazzola stated that B McPherson might be interested in organising a special race in 2026. Noted.

Transport

- A Spiliopoulos stated that he had organised the trailer rego costs bought down to \$900 which was originally \$2000. This was due to having to pay for 6 months registration and not 12 months.
- Curtain repairs need to proceed. Moved M Tung Seconded K Clark. Carried.

Correspondence

In

- Mornington - clearance for A Lester to Frankston. Noted.
- Frankston - new members Peter Evans and Nick Tasalopoulos both from the Frankston area.
- Knox - clearance for T Maslowski, D Allen and G Mountjoy to Metro. Noted.
- Mornington - requesting Executive Officers re-examine VHA payments for DV insurances and make recommendation to delegates.

- Plenty - nomination of J Yates for the VHA Hall of Fame.
- South East - new race schedule.
- Ivanhoe - new race schedule.
- Ivanhoe - suggesting changes to Ainsworth special ring race in 2026
- Suburban Rail Loop – Re possible re-zoning for Notting Hill area

OUT

- All members - Minutes of AGM, finance report & February delegates meeting.
- All members - Advising March meeting and voting options.
- South East - Advising non acceptance of race schedule due to rule 27.
- Ivanhoe - Advising non acceptance of race schedule due to rule 27.

General Business

- Mornington's request for examination of DV insurances. It was discussed and M Tung stated the VHA and Diamond Valley are both joint tenants. It was suggested that the issue be re-visited in 3 years when the lease is up.
- Ivanhoe suggested changes to the Ainsworth race for next year. It was decided to leave it in the hands of S Brown as he is the organiser of the race.
- Plenty nomination of J Yates for the VHA Hall of Fame, S Brown read out summary of John's history and performances. 16 Fed winners including 7 x 500's. Moved J Weaver. Seconded N Stone. Carried.
- J Weaver asked what was happening with the unit donated by Godfrey Stevens. A Spliopoulos said still waiting for the brakes to be fixed. S Gazzola volunteered to pick it up and take it to be stored at the premises of J Van Beers.
- S. Brown proposed a VHA 125-year anniversary race in 2026 and to put it to the members for some suggestions.
- Notting Hill club rooms trans suburban rail loop was discussed and the possibility of effecting the Notting Hill rooms. More will be reported when it comes to hand.
- S Brown to contact WPF regarding transport costs for the 500- and 600-mile races this coming season.

Meeting Closed. 8:40PM