

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 2/9/2024

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7:02PM

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	Yes	8	2
Metropolitan	Yes	7	1
Mornington	Yes	6	1
Northcote	No	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

Vale – Ian Jones, a minutes silence was held for Ian a 50 year member, Peter McDonough and Steve Brown spoke on Ian's behalf

Apology – H Merbis S Lester S Kearsey B Brickley

Minutes of the August delegates meeting as distributed ,

Business Arising-

1. K Clark mentioned the hold over fee for the 3rd Griffith and Derby was not actioned. S. Brown to follow up. As agreed all members who raced that weekend are to pay \$10 each to cover the holdover costs.
2. K Clark raised the issue of a large amount of surplus rings left over.
3. Mornington Peninsula Notice of Motion rule 5H , to race 3 lines.

Moved -Mornington Peninsula Seconded – P Bryant Motion Defeated 10 for 17
against

4. S Brown raised the concept of having rule changes only at one annual meeting

Reports

VRPB - A Demidowski

Andrew has sent an email to all federation secretaries regarding liberation protocols and is seeking feedback from liberation committees to help formulate a liberation guidance document

K Clark put a question to A Demidowski asking on what platform was Andrew initiating the liberation protocol document, Andrew stated it was his own initiative, Kevin went on to say liberations are on a federation to federation decision as in last weekend's racing and he believes the VHA were 100% correct in their decision making not to race .

Clock Chairman –

D Wetering noted that the clock variations that are being put on to the computer needs attention

D Wetering asked the meeting do the evaluation sheets have to be produced on race day , it was then noted Rule 58 – All clocking sheets have to be submitted within 2 hours of clocking , D Wetering then stated that A & M Vella had not produced their evaluation sheet for the 3rd Griffith , it was then moved that they be asked why they did not produce their clocking sheet for the 3rd Griffith. A check of their entry sheet indicated that only 15 of their 48 birds entered were registered in the VHA. A please explain will be sent via their club secretary.

Moved J Weaver Seconded S Gazzola Carried

J Van Beers raised the issue of members racing unregistered pigeons, it seems Rule 44 covers members flying unregistered birds

Ring Secretary

It was reported back to the meeting that Hank is willing to continue in his role as Ring secretary and is at home.

The following members submitted by S Gazzola did not have their clock birds registered in their name and subsequently disqualified from listed races Moved S Brown Seconded A.Demidowski. Carried

J Morel 3rd Griffith, Peach & Suttie 3rd Griffith , R Lay Derby ,J McCooke 3rd Griffith , A Lester 1st West Wyalong .

Treasurers Report-

Cheq Acc \$60,766.31

V2 plus. \$55.07

ANZ Online Savers \$111,614.24

Report from G Sheean

1. Life Ring costs needs to be settled
2. Need to look at how we charge and handle the Gippsland birds going forward
3. There is the need to secure a treasurer for next year

Moved D Lowe. Sec K Clark Carried

Transport

A Spiliopoulos mentioned things are going well, truck is leaving on time, food and watering of the birds is going well, although there was a hiccup at Notting Hill with two birds mistakenly put in a bottom tier of an unused unit .

Andrew thanked Gavin Whitehand for his efforts on basketing night, the meeting also thanked S Gazzola, R Lay, M Mellerick for their help as well

Correspondence

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Plenty – Verification of Griffith 2 fed winner

Metro – Verification of Griffith 1 fed winner

Heidelberg -Verification of Griffith Derby fed winner

Pathfinder – Verification of West Wyalong 1 fed winner

Malvern – Verification Griffith 3 fed winner

Noted and accepted for payment Moved K Clark Seconded N Stone Carried

Mornington Peninsula – Line of flight 2025 (Late submission)

VRPB- Requiring feedback on liberation decision procedures from all feds (Done)

OUT

All members minutes-Minutes of August delegates meeting, info re eligible rings for YB Derby, NOM from Mornington Peninsula & line of flight from DV & Metro/Pathfinder clubs

General Business

Race Schedule – It was moved S Gazzola Seconded P Mc Donough that the second West Wyalong be cancelled Carried

J Van Beers raised a concern that that there seems to have been a lot a change to the race program this season so far, John then said he had a concern with dropping the 2nd West Wyalong in that it could have an impact on the birds going further into the season.

It was suggested by K Clark that the season could be put back one week and we could then continue with all races that was scheduled, this suggestion was then put to a motion Moved J Van Beers Seconded D Lowe Carried 17 for 11 against. Original motion to cancel race was rescinded.

The VHA Presentation was suggested for the Monday 13th January 2025 to be confirmed, Venue - Sandown Greyhound Racetrack

Life Rings- \$1.00 for season 2025 as some clubs have already sold rings at this price. Moved P McDonough. Seconded D Allen Carried

P Ainsworth Special Ring Race – Rings are now available at all centres

TREASURER NEEDED – VHA is still seeking a treasurer

VHA Fundraiser – VHA is intending to run a squeaker sale in late January to raise funds for transport

Rule 61 – no feed back

It was mentioned that Colin Walker was aware of a fancier that had taken his bird to a Melbourne Vet Practice and this fancier was then reported to the Victorian Agricultural Department and they are now asking why pigeon fanciers do not have a PIC Property Identification Code

National Teams- The VHA are to approach the National Race Committee and ask that for the 2025 and onwards, that there be a maximum of 10 birds entered to race from any fancier's backyard. Moved J Cerin Sec. P McDonough Carried

Meeting Closed. 8.30 pm