

VICTORIAN HOMING ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the VHA October delegates meeting held at Notting Hill on the 6/10/2025.

The President Andrew Spiliopoulos declared the meeting open at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL Apologies Nil – All clubs present.

CLUB	PRESENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATES
Diamond Valley	Yes	12	3
Frankston	Yes	12	3
Heidelberg	Yes	12	3
Ivanhoe	Yes	11	2
Knox	Recess	0	0
Malvern	Yes	9	2
Metropolitan	Yes	10	2
Mornington	Yes	4	1
Northcote	Yes	5	1
North East	Yes	5	1
Notting Hill	Yes	4	1
Oakleigh	Yes	6	1
Pathfinder	Yes	8	2
Plenty	Yes	12	3
South East	Yes	8	2
United	Yes	11	2
TOTAL		129	29

Previous minutes of the September delegates meeting (distributed via email)

Business Arising- Nil

Minutes adopted – Moved R. Brickley Seconded H. Merbis Carried.

Voting (Line of Flight 2026) A ballot was held for submissions by Metropolitan, Mornington & Notting Hill clubs. The line of flight submitted by Metropolitan received 23 votes which was unanimous.

NOM – Metropolitan Rule 79C. Cut off date for registration of birds (July 1) Moved P. Suban
Seconded H. Merbis Carried.

Reports

VRPB – Andrew Demidowski briefly discussed the obtaining of a PIC (Property ID code). He stated this could be easily done on line and only takes a few minutes. Any member having difficulty in doing so can contact him.

Clock Chairman- David Wetering spoke regarding any potential issues regarding the accidental elimination of race data from electronic clocks. It is the flyers responsibility to supervise the clearance of previous race data on their clocks and there is nothing the VHA can do once an accidental clearance has occurred. The VHA rules are very clear and if there is an accidental clearance of a race, then the flyer will be given no time. David has also verified this with Benzing.

Ring Secretary- Hank Merbis. 60 birds reported & owners notified. Race birds unregistered – A. Jaberizdeh (Northcote) Produce race. P & S. Suban (Metro) & J. Li (Heid) Both Mittyack come back race. Moved H. Merbis Seconded D. Wetering that they be given no time. Carried.

Treasurers Report- Paul Bryant Acc Balances – Cheque \$91,104 On Line Saver \$70,000

Requesting invoices be paid for SJS Transport (5 races) , Straight Link (Yolla race)& Brown Dog Printing (raffle tickets)

It was agreed by the members present that \$6K costs for a Tassy race was too expensive and John Van Beers stated that we need to look at ways to cut costs for the 2026 Tassy race.

Moved P. Suban Seconded S. Gazzola that these accounts be paid. Carried.

Moved A. Demidowski Seconded B. Trower that all prize monies be paid out where the federation winners have been verified. Carried.

Transport – Andrew Spiliopoulos. Advised that the truck needs to leave Frankston by 6.30 pm & Notting Hill by 7.15 pm for the National race. The birds are required to be at the WPF by 9.00 pm. Similar times for the Carrieton & Blinman races. Birds from the Morgan & Mittyack comeback race were watered at Mittyack. Morgan 2, an item punctured the fuel filter on the truck on return to Melbourne, and thankfully Digger had a contact at Sea Lake who assisted with repairs which took about 4 hours. The second Carrieton birds will be transported via unit with Gippsland & Traralgon birds also.

Correspondence

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Cranbourne Centre – Verification of fed winners Mildura 1 (Venturina) Berri 10 Bird (Wilson & Howie) & Mittyack 4 (Marcon)

Frankston – Verification of fed winners Produce & Morgan (Peach & Suttie)

National Committee – Email to VPO excluding them from National race due to non compliance of VRPU rules.

VPO – Appeal to National Committee to reconsider decision to exclude VPO. Request to race 1 team per loft.

National Committee – Email to VPO advising that only one “bona fide” flyer per property can participate in National but must basket at either WPF or VRPU rooms including clock production re security.

Heidelberg – Verification of fed winner Berri 2 (Hao)

Mornington – Nomination for Vice President – A. Demidowski.

Pathfinder – Nomination for Vice Presidents – K. Clark & M. Tung.

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All Members - Minutes of September delegates meeting minutes, Metro NOM rule 79C, various line of flight submissions, National minutes.

All members – Email advising 2ND Tassy race proceeding as scheduled.

General Business

- **VHA raffle** – Tickets are selling well. A ledger has been kept to record tickets. To be drawn at Presentation night 11/12/25.
- **A VHA Squeaker sale** will be organised by Mark Tung & Steve Brown on Sunday 18th January 2026 at Notting Hill. All proceeds to 2026 transport. All VHA members will be invited to donate squeakers or flown birds.
- **Presentation Night** – Sandown Greyhounds Thursday 11th December. Free entry. All welcome.
- **Sponsorship** – regarding the 10 bird Berri fed race, there was no monetary sponsorship of this race. Central Cumberland Fed donated 2 Gold Race rings to the winner.
- John Van Beers enquired if the Tassy race was included in the up front fee nominations. Advised that **all federation races** (excluding club races) are included in the up front fee nomination.
- A liberation policy was sent to the VHA by Andrew Demidowski. It was circulated to the Executive Officers with little feedback. Andrew enquired if he should continue with the policy but the general consensus from the Executives was that it was probably not required and that what is in place at present is adequate. Andrew will re visit the document.
- Andrew Demidowski stated that all members should vaccinate twice for PMV.

Meeting Closed 9.00 pm.