

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NO. 56  
MINUTES HELD ON 3rd MARCH 2014@ 8:20PM AT VRPU CLUBROOMS

PRESENT:

President	Tony Price
Secretary Treasurer	Jim Davis
Committee and Members	53 No.

Apologies: Anthony Cocks, Rocky Zora

Meeting Chaired by Tony Price

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- 1.0 Minutes Silence was called by the President in remembrance of those members and loved ones who had passed in the previous year.
- 2.0 Minutes of the 2013 were read and moved by M.Cavanagh, 2nd J.Forti and carried.
- 3.0 Business arising – Nil
- 4.0 Minutes adopted – moved V.Borg, 2<sup>nd</sup> J.Share and carried.
- 5.0 J Davis read audited Income, Expenditure statement and balance sheet. Accepted on a motion from W.Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> G.Church and carried.
- 6.0 Secretary's annual report delivered by J Davis. Accepted on a motion from C. Grech, 2<sup>nd</sup> G.Lapworth and carried.
- 7.0 T Price delivered the President's addendum.
- 8.0 Election of office bearers for 2014 was held with the current Executive Board unopposed those being:
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| President           | Tony Price     |
| Vice President      | Wayne Williams |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Jim Davis      |
| Assistant Secretary | Mark Cavanagh  |
| Ring Registrar      | TBA            |
- A ballot was taken for the Committee and the following members were elected:
- J.Floros, G Borg, V Cannizzo, C Cox, J Denaro, V Borg & P Mountney.

9.0 Motions:

**From the Board:**

Rule 60 – After "Short and Long Distance series" add "or at the Annual General Meeting for that season". Vote taken unanimously in favour. Carried.

Rules 67,72,77,79,96(d) and 96(e)

Delete word/s 67 "pools"

72 "pool"

77 last sentence: This does not include. ...particular pool"

79 "and Pools"

96 (d) first line "pool birds as well as" and second sentence "pool birds as well as"

96(e) whole sentence.

Vote taken unanimously in favour. Carried.

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Rule 68 – In the first line delete “self contained” and “with the exception of....and 960km races.”

Vote taken unanimously in favour. Carried

Rule 115 – Alter wording to -The boundaries of the Union shall be as follows. All that area west of longitude E145 06' 54" in the north until the junction with Plenty Rd and all that area west of Plenty Rd until the junction with Darebin Creek at Kingsbury, then west of Darebin Creek until it meets with Heidelberg Rd. North of Heidelberg Rd until Hoddle St, then west of Hoddle St/Punt Rd and north of Kerford Rd at St Kilda. The Northern Boundary shall be all that area south of Latitude S137 16' 14.88" There is no Western boundary.

T.Price explained with the northern flyers we wanted to close the Northern boundary to those currently within which meant the upper eastern boundary needed to be defined as well. Refer chart/map displayed.

Vote taken – 35 for 6 against 12 abstained. Carried.

**From Thomastown:**

Rule 57 – Delete “of 50% dunn peas and 50 % maple peas”. Add “ a 5-grain mix of dunn peas, maize, hard wheat, safflower and milo.”

For - R.Simmons read an article on race feed for basketing/convoying from Dr.G Chalmers supporting a mix.

- N.Gecas noted other Federations have mix.

Against – J.Denaro. VPU results show better returns and velocities on pea mix.

- J.Floros believed there was no evidence warranting change.

J.Share questioned % of mix? Varying %'s quoted from R. Simmons and J Dismore.

J Share questioned whether we would have the mix tested on a regular basis?

This would be done by supplier. Who would that be? Board would decide.

Vote taken – 29 for 24 against. Defeated as not 2/3 majority.

Rule 115 – Alter wording to - The boundaries of the Union shall be “All that area west and south of the junction of Wildwood Road and Wallan Road across to Yea Road, south to Ridge Road until the junction Arthurs Creek Road and then west of Yan Yean Road until Kurrak Road. Where Kurrak Road meets the Plenty River then follows the Plenty River until it meets the Greensborough Highway. Follow the Greensborough Highway to Erskine Road to Ruthven Street then to Kingsbury Drive until the intersection with Plenty Road and then Plenty Road until the junction with Darebin Creek at Kingsbury, then west of Darebin Creek until it meets with Heidelberg Rd. North of Heidelberg Rd until Hoddle St, then west of Hoddle St/Punt Rd and north of Kerford Rd at St Kilda. There are no Western boundaries”

For – R.Simmons displayed a map of the new proposed Eastern boundary noting this new area was growth area for the sport.

- W.Williams – New Estates and therefore potential for more flyers.

Against – E Strzelczyk. Should remain as encroaching into VHA area.

- V.Cannizzo – Disadvantages too many flyers with prevailing winds.

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- C. Grech suggested boundaries should be by postcodes.

Vote taken – 18 for 26 against 9 abstained. Defeated.

**From Broadmeadows Club:**

Rule 68 – Add to the end of the last sentence, “which will comprise of a short section, long section and a section for flyers north of Donnybrook Road.”

C.Grech advised it was simply to encourage more Northern flyers.

Vote taken. Unanimously in favour. Carried.

Rule 102 – Delete “clocks to be produced at the VPU rooms at 8:00pm”.

Add “clocks are to be produced at clocking centres at 8:00pm.”

For – C Grech – so as flyers did not have to travel distances at the varying times to the VPU clubrooms.

Against – J Share – Need clock committee rules to be applied. 4 members to be in attendance.

Vote taken – 14 for 24 against 15 abstained. Defeated.

Presentation of the 2013 trophies held.

10. Presentation of the Bird of the year 2013 prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> held by Director of the major sponsor Winners1 Mr. Rod Simmons.

Meeting Closed at 9:40 pm.