

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NO. 57

MINUTES HELD ON 2nd MARCH 2015@ 8:17PM AT VRPU CLUBROOMS

PRESENT:

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| President | Tony Price |
| Secretary Treasurer | Jim Davis |
| Committee and Members | 48 No. |

Apologies: Dennis Brown, J Floros, Steve Veljanovski

Meeting Chaired by Tony Price

- 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 2014 were read and moved by V.Cannizzo, 2nd W.Williams and carried.
- 3.0 Business arising – Nil
- 4.0 Minutes adopted – moved R.Simmons, 2nd P.Anastasi and carried.
- 5.0 J Davis read audited Income, Expenditure statement and balance sheet. J.Davis highlighted the big over expenditure in general spending which the Committee was going to address. J.Share questioned the Council Rates now introduced. J Davis advised that we had been negotiating with Council for 2 years but despite our efforts the Council's adopted policy that sporting clubs now have to pay rates could not be avoided noting that the sum in the statement was for 2 years. Accepted on a motion from M.Cavanagh, 2nd J.Share and carried.
- 6.0 Secretary's annual report delivered by J Davis. Accepted on a motion from V.Borg, 2nd P.Mountney and carried.
- 7.0 T Price delivered the President's addendum.
- 8.0 Election of office bearers for 2015 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 | Peter Sawyer |
| Ring Registrar | Pierre Anastasi |
| And the Committee | J.Floros, G Borg, V Cannizzo, C Cox, J.Denaro, V Borg & G.Church. |
- 9.0 Presentation of the 2014 trophies held.
- 10.0 Presentation of the Bird of the year 2014 prizes for 1st, 2nd and equal 3rd held by Director of the major sponsor Winners1 Mr. Rod Simmons.
- 11.0 Motions:
From the Board:

Rule 114 – Add rule back in to read “South African rings specifically issued within Australia for the South African Million Dollar Pigeon Race are eligible to compete in all VRPU Federation races or those raced under VRPU rules”.

For the motion;

J.Davis confirmed that the Board had approved the suggested Rule as a By Law in the 2014 year.

Against the motion

J Share advised that as worded birds with the South African rings could fly in the Produce for 2 years.

Alteration to the motion moved to read:

Rule 114:

“South African rings specifically issued within Australia for the South African Million Dollar Pigeon Race are eligible to compete in all VPU Federation races or those raced under VPU rules and raced in that year of the ring for the VPU Produce “

Vote: Unanimous - Passed

From John Dismore for the motion;

Rule 71 – Delete first sentence. Add – “Only one member or partnership can compete from any given premises.”

After J.Dismore gave reasons for the motion and others against, J.Share moved that a 2nd motion be addressed seconded C Grech that:

Rule 71 – after the first sentence add – “Each member must be a bona fide flyer in their own right and be a participating member at the VRPU rooms during the racing season. Each member will compete under the Rules of the VRPU and with the Code of Conduct. Each new member will be subject to Rule 5 (b)”. Balance of Rule remains as is.

After J Share gave reasons for the 2nd motion, J Dismore supported the 2nd motion and after further debate the question was raised re defining “Bona Fide” which T.Price advised was that if one of the members of a partnership was never at the VPU rooms or could not be seen as an active member then that member was not Bona Fide and any case any complaints from other member/s regarding the validity of a another member in a partnership then that complaint would be dealt with by the Committee to judge the Bona Fide case.

Vote: 32 for 10 against 4 abstained - Passed

From John Dismore for the motion

Rule 73 – Delete the first sentence. Add – “There shall be a restriction on every member or partnership of the VRPU of 50 birds with the exception of a limit as specified on the Race schedule for a particular Race.”

After J Dismore gave reasons and others against

Vote: 18 for 28 against – Defeated

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From Coburg Homing Club with John Morel speaking for the motion 2nd F
Quagliarella

Rule 87 - Delete "20 Federation positions" and Add " 12 Federation positions"
After J.Morel gave reasons for others against

Vote 2 for 44 against – Defeated

From Coburg Homing Club with John Morel speaking for the motion 2nd P.Anastasi

Rule 96 (d) – First sentence delete "up to 640km" and delete the entire second
sentence.

After J Morel gave reasons with others for and others against

Vote 22 for and 24 against – Defeated.

Meeting Closed at 9:40 pm.