

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NO. 59

MINUTES HELD ON 5th MARCH 2018@ 8:11PM AT VRPU CLUBROOMS

PRESENT:

President	Tony Price
Secretary Treasurer	Jim Davis
Committee and Members	32 No. (29 Financial and 1 proxy vote)

Apologies: F.Quagliarella, Rod Simmons, John Floros, Nabil Pethyo, Cam Murrells, Leanne Share, Barry Dodds, Mick Edwards, Phil Kalaitzis.

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 2017 were read and moved by W.Williams, 2nd C.Grech and carried.
- 3.0 Business arising – Nil
- 4.0 Minutes adopted – moved J. Share, 2nd S.Cini and carried.
- 5.0 J Davis read audited Income, Expenditure statement and balance sheet. J. Davis highlighted a minor increase in Members Equity over the year. Accepted on a motion from C.Cox, 2nd P.Sawyer and carried.
- 6.0 Secretary's annual report was not delivered as such by J Davis as there was no VRPU racing.
- 7.0 There was President's addendum as such by T.Price as there was no VRPU racing.
- 8.0 Election of office bearers for 2018 was confirmed in block with the Executive Board being:

President	Tony Price
Vice President	Wayne Williams
Secretary/Treasurer	Jim Davis
Assistant Secretary	Peter Sawyer
Ring Registrar	Pierre Anastasi
and the Committee	J. Share, C.Grech, P.Burlack, S Cini, R.Simmons, C.Loten & G.Church.

Accepted on a motion from R.Cauchi and 2nd C.Loten
- 9.0 Presentation of the 2017 trophies was not held as there was no VRPU racing.
- 10.0 Motions:

J.Davis confirmed that in accordance with Rule 44, for a Rule to be changed two thirds of the members are required to vote in favour. In this instance **18** votes are required.

Motions from the Board:

In block updated Rules in line with latest Consumer Affairs Victoria's model rules for an incorporated association.

J. Davis advised that the committee agreed that it was time to update our Rules in line with Consumer affairs requirements and therefore adopted the most current standard Consumer Affairs Victoria's model for a non-profit incorporated association and to that added our Rules within, renumbered and included our Race Rules and Electronic timing Rules so as all one. A draft was sent to solicitor Charles Hider who vetted the updated whilst comparing with our previous Rules and advised of a number of minor amendments which were included in the final edition.

President T.Price called for vote of acceptance. Vote taken and unanimously supported. Rules adopted.

Rule 102. (Updated 127.) Change wording to : **"For all races over approximately 600km (known as the 400's), clocks are to be produced at the VPU rooms at 7:00pm on the day following the day of liberation or as otherwise directed by the Committee. The only occasions that this time can be exceeded are when a member is still within 90 minutes of clocking."**

Through discussion 3 amendments were put forward, the final amended motion forwarded by P.Sawyer and 2nd N.Gecas being to add after (known as the 400's) – "except the National where clocks are to be produced at the VRPU rooms at 8:00pm on the day of clocking"

Vote held 15 votes for 12 against or did not vote. Motion defeated

New Rule 118. (Updated 170). **"It is incumbent on all members to follow the Social Media guidelines as set out under "Important Documents" on the VRPU website. Disregard for these guidelines shall invoke Rule 11 (updated Rule 19) of the Rules"**

C.Loten spoke for the motion. No speakers against. Vote taken. 23 in favour 4 against or did not vote. Motion carried.

Electronic Rules – Schedule 1 – Use of ESB Systems. Rules 26a) and b) (updated 163 (1) and (2) delete, thus if a race result print out from an electronic clock cannot be produced at an approved clocking centre, and then the result shall not be given.

J. Davis advised that this motion was presented last year but was misunderstood and explained that it is when a flyers electronic clock is faulty and cannot produce a result sheet that has the detail of time etc. but also that shows the ring chip is shown as OK is important. T.Price added that it also bought us in line with the other Federations.

Vote taken. 22 in favour 5 against or did not vote. Motion Carried.

Rule 113 (Updated 137(3)) – Add to the end of paragraph – “**Any life ring, other than VPU rings or Special Race rings, will attract a surcharge of 50 cents for every ring upon registration of the flyers ring list.**”

T.Price confirmed that our \$1 fee for VRPU rings had a 50 cent surcharge that went to transport. It would be unfair if a flyer had alternative approved rings and did not contribute their share to transport.

Vote taken. Unanimously accepted. Motion Carried.

Motion from Wallan Club:

Rule 68 (Updated 99) – Delete - **50% to open fed and 50% to section.** Add - **“100% to section in the short series and then 50% to open fed and 50% to section in the distance series.”**

No persons spoke for the motion. C Grech spoke against the motion.

Vote taken. 3 in favour 24 against or did not vote. Motion defeated.

Meeting Closed at 8:58 pm.