

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PIGEON RACE COMMITTEE

Minutes of June 2015 Committee Meeting

Held at WPF Rooms 8:00 pm on Tuesday 9th June 2015

PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Jim Davis	Secretary
Dave Wetering	President of the VHA
David Crosbie	Secretary of the VHA
Keith Flentjar	President of the GMPF
David Ketteringham	Member of the GMPF
Ray Russell	President of the WPF
Michael Portelli	Secretary of the WPF
Charlie Abela	Treasurer of the WPF

Guests: Nil

Apologies: Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

Minutes of previous meeting accepted and adopted. Moved D. Ketteringham, 2nd C Abela

1.0 General:

Reconfirmed

- Transport cost to the alternate rooms and collection of returned units each year is to be dealt with by the individual Groups and will not be part of the overall National transport costs.
- It was agreed that future yearly Race schedules will be shared/discussed by all Groups prior to finalising.

2.0 This year's event from Morgan 10/10/2015

- Transport Costs are to be tendered. Lump sum allowing from the WPF rooms to Morgan and back. Tenders to be tabled at 8th June 2015 meeting. WPF quotation dated 9/6/15 accepted.
- Birds to be transported to WPF rooms for loading. Note no lifter required on trucks. GMPF and VHA will probably combine and come over on standard tray truck.
- It was agreed that a ply board would go between the straw units and the wire floor units. (Provided by VHA).

3.0 Next year's event – from Cobbar 2016.

- Need to review acceptable date that will allow National birds to participate in other Races later in season.

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4.0 Tasmania

- Due to the WPF, GMPF and VPU having their race on the 5th September 2015, this did not align with the VHA's schedule. Apologies were made for not liaising with the VHA re this and welcomed the VHA to join so as a National could be held. Await next VHA delegates meeting before finalising. D. Crosbie advised that delegates discussed but in summary too late to arrange and therefore would not be flying this year as National.
- Other Federations to arrange their joint transport headed by WPF for the Tassie event noting not a National.

5.0 Other

- Discussions were held regarding an agreed National stance on the interpretation of the common rule for positioning of the EBSS sensor antenna. An agreed interpretation was reached for the various situations based on the rule which states and therefore allows :
 - "wholly within the confines of the competitors loft"
 - "within the entrance of the loft"
 - "an entry into the face wall of the loft as long as it is considered the entrance".A diagrammatic interpretation is to be issued for acceptance before issuing to the members.
- Further to above and diagram issued, M Portelli questioned whether with a flyer set up , a flyer could actually have a pad external provided touching the entrance to the loft. Agreed.
- A further clarification to the location of the pads/antenna was tabled by the VRPU reading:

"The antenna may be installed at the bird entrance where the birds will normally enter the loft. If placed on the outside entrance, the longest dimension of the antenna shall be touching the outer wall of the loft entry. Antennas may be placed on a "sputnik" , as long as it is the normal bird entrance into the loft". This was accepted by all.
- J Davis advised that the Union had adopted an EBSS Certificate/Form for flyers to fill in and submit/ register .This form could have included photo/s of the pad set up as identification of legal location or if not useful , the form witness signed by a VRPU Committee member or his delegate as acceptance. The form must have nominated the number of pads that the flyer is using in his set up. This form would remain on file as the Flyers EBSS approved set up. Note form on VRPU website under Important Documents.

Meeting closed 8:50pm - Next Meeting – 8:00pm 30th November 2015 at the GMPF rooms.