

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PIGEON RACE COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 2015 Committee Meeting

Held at VHA Rooms 7:50 pm on Wednesday 13th May 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
Michael Portelli	Secretary of the WPF
Charlie Abela	Treasurer of the WPF
Joe Farrugia	Member of the WPF

Guests: Nil

Apologies:

Ray Russell President of the WPF

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

Minutes of previous meeting accepted and adopted .Moved D. Wetering , 2nd M.Portelli

1.0 General:

- Race rules and conditions will follow last year.
- Results of each Federation will be collected and combined generally by the VHA and the top 50 results recorded and published.
- Limit for birdage is 10 birds for the Morgan National
- There will be no costs per bird. Each Federation shall charge their own fee. Cost for transport, conveyer, stationary, etc. will be charged out as per Tassie. (pro rata based on birdage). These costs will be allocated/charged by the successful organisation for the transport to the other Federations/Association.
- Whenever all the Federations are together and released as one , then this will be nominated as a National (without any National prize money) and results collected and top 50 issued by the VRPU together with National Certificates. e.g. Tasmania.
- Transport will alternate each year i.e. 2015 will be from the WPF rooms, 2016 from the VHA rooms etc.
- 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.
- Rules are based on the VRPU system noting hours of darkness are from sunset or within ½ hour to sunrise or within ½ hour reopening for each bird clocked after sunset and open for ½ hour and then closed and so on.

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

- Release is as one and as early as possible in the morning.
- Release to be coordinated with other Federations to ensure no clashes.
- Release would be coordinated with the liberation committee person from each Federation. (Names and numbers given to J. Brislin (Head of the Liberation Group)).
- 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.
- Birds to be transported to WPF rooms for loading. Note no lifter required on trucks. Check truck height etc. for access into WPF rooms/loading etc.
- 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 Cobar 2016.

- It was agreed that we needed to review the date of the next year's National due to the now shortened seasons so as National birds could participate in races later in the season. Last Saturday in September ?

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.

If proceeding as a National then:

- The allocation of units will be determined by the capacity of the WPF truck.
- It was noted that all units will be wire floor due to regulations.
- It was noted that each federation was required to supply their own feeders.
- Would like birds to be at rooms Wednesday night between 9:30pm – 10:00pm
- WPF will organise feed and water.
- No convoyer as Tassie contact takes over when the boat arrives.
- Cost per bird will be pro rata of all costs. Therefore each Federation must advise on number of birds.
- Health Certificate Form P2 for Pigeons must be forwarded from each Federation completed with number of birds and signed on behalf of Federation on the night of basketing (refer attached) to davidcrosbie@optusnet.com.au.
- Release was to be coordinated with the Federation liberators – VRPU – Wayne Williams, GMPF was John Blackney 9547 3497 , WPF was Michael Portelli and VHA was John Brislin.

5.0 Other

- Received a letter dated 30/4/15 from the VPO wishing to join the National Committee. Representatives forwarded were E.Szatkowski & B Vaughan. It was agreed that the nominated representatives attend the 2016 meeting to discuss details such as which Clubs would be flying, current boundaries etc.
- All acknowledged that the Victorian Code of Practice for the keeping and Racing of Pigeons was the principle document used for the sport.
- A review of the Code of practice was deemed not required at this stage as relevant to how we currently race.

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- 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.

Meeting closed 10:10pm - Next Meeting – 8:30pm 8th June 2015 at the WPF rooms.