

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of December 2018 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:45 pm on Monday 3rd December 2018

PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Jim Davis	Secretary
Peter Sawyer	Assistant Secretary
Charlie Grech	Committee
Steve Cini	Committee
Paul Burlak	Committee
John Share	Committee
Colin Loten	Committee

Apologies:

Gary Church	Committee
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Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

1.0 Previous Minutes November 2018

1.1	Minutes of November 2018 were read and received on a motion from P.Sawyer seconded by J.Share	Note
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2.0 Business arising from November 2018 minutes

2.1	Minute 2.1 - Transport subcommittee advised reviews continuing. New proposal next month. Submitted various cost of trailer types. Weights to be advised. P.Burlak advised that a generous donation had been secured via P.Sawyer contact specifically to be allocated to transport. Further proposal options next month. R.Simmons stepped down from subcommittee and S.Cini stepped up. C.Grech advised that further quotes were being reviewed. J.Davis tabled further schedule of costs based on own truck. Costs of driver and accommodation not included. Further options to be sought with business plan. Vote to continue alternatives was 5 for 3 against. Continue options. C.Grech advised trailer prototype being produced for the Kilmore Club.	CG	Ongoing
2.2	Minute 2.2 - J Share tabled a sample of a medal for future Federation winners in lieu of trophies. Including box approx. \$20 each. T.Price to follow up quote for medallions similar to VHA. T.Price advised cast dye would cost \$680. G.Church to table sample of VHA's. Tabled at meeting and vote taken 6 for and 2 against to have medallions in lieu of trophies. T.Price awaiting further quote. Quotes received. Proceed to order and produce for AGM.	TP	Note

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| 2.3 | Minute 2.3 - The Committee requested that J. Share report back to LDC requesting that the second 500 and 600 be a week later than scheduled in 2018 and 2019. J Share advised being discussed at VHA delegates meeting. Ongoing re procedures etc. J Share advised that discussions were ongoing re full support for the 2019 season. Further advice in new year. | JS | Ongoing |
| 2.4 | Minute 2.4 - P.Burlak requested urinal door be converted to a sliding door opening east to west. C Grech to follow up. | CG | Jan'19 |
| 2.5 | Minute 2.5 - P.Sawyer suggested we review our membership/racing types with the view to Short series only or Club only etc. All to review and table thoughts at next meeting. J Share and T.Price to prepare draft letters for discussion. | JS/TP | Jan'19 |
| 2.6 | Minute 2.7 – Damaged Unit to be repaired at the end of the season. | GC/CL | TBA |
| 2.7 | Minute 5.5 - J. Davis to respond requesting rewording of Rule 44(2) that to go to AGM noting the Committee did not support change. | JD | Dec'18 |
| 2.8 | Minute 6.2 - Tauris flyers are to be taught how to operate their clocks for basketing and reading so as not relying on one person – J.Dismore, R.Cauchi, K Anderson, M.Cavanagh, D. Reardon, D Cavanagh. Scan procedures and issue. T.Price to follow up. | TP | Dec'18 |
| 2.9 | Minute 8.2 - It was suggested that we add a Rule re Club membership sizes and when they should cease to be a Club. J. Davis to propose. | JD | Dec'18 |
| 2.10 | Minute 8.3 - J. Davis reported there were two roof leaks to the southern side approx. half way in. Need working bee to caulk. | CG | Ongoing |
| 2.11 | Minute 8.6 - T.Price advised that requests for transport fees were issued to both VHA and WPF. Awaiting quotes. Other options also being explored. J.Share did not believe that the LDC would be fully set up to give a quote for the distance series. J. Davis to present all when available for committee review. After meeting with the WPF Executive at their rooms on 25/11/18 and receiving on 3/12/18 a written quote from VHA re transport proposal, line of flight and race points, J. Davis tabled a transport comparison summary of both for discussion and decision. After much discussion and varying scenarios of both offers a vote was taken. In favour of the WPF offer and hence the West track 4 for and 1 against. Carried. T.Price to notify both WPF and VHA of outcome and clarify with WPF birdage numbers for early races and time of having birds to WPF rooms. Transport quote to be sort to take birds from VPU to WPF weekly and return units same. | TP | Dec'18 |
| 2.12 | Minute 8.10 - J. Share advised that the wire floors to the units needed to ½'' as birds with Electronic ring getting feet caught in larger wire floors. Approved to have reworked. C. Grech to request C.Loten if interested. It was also agreed to have frames slimmer so as access to drinkers back to original height. Quote required. | CG | Ongoing |

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2.13 Minutes adopted P.Sawyer seconded P.Burlak

3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Letter dated 12th November 2018 from CUA advising of reinvestment of Term Deposit
- 3.2 Letter dated 14th November 2018 from ANRPB re update on rota vaccine
- 3.3 Letter dated 24th November 2018 re application from Mark Anastasi to join the Broadmeadows Club.
- 3.4 Letter received 26th November 2018 from Kilmore Racing Club (1) nominating C.Grech for President and C. Loten for the committee (2) Requesting their clocking centre is for the whole year for production (3) request to sell pigeon products during the race season.
- 3.5 Email dated 30th November 2018 from Craigieburn Club nominating for 2019 President T.Price, Secretary J. Davis, committee members V.Cannizzo and D.Cavanagh. Also nomination of Yurek Snopkowski for Life membership and request from V.Cannizzo to consider midweek racing.
- 3.6 Email dated 2nd December 2018 from NSHC nominating for 2019 committee J.Share and A.Kalaitzis. Note
- 3.7 Email dated 2nd December 2018 from NSHC requesting a notice of motion for the AGM to change Rule 52 to have only 3 tracks and delete the west track.
- 3.8 Email dated 2nd December 2018 from NSHC endorsing the 2019 Draft 3 race Schedule with minor changes.
- 3.9 Letter received 3rd December 2018 from VHA submitting quotation for 2019 transport.
- 3.10 Email dated the 3rd December 2018 from S.Cini as application to continue to be a Board member.
- 3.11 Hand written quote dated the 3rd December 2018 from W Harper for transporting 12 Races – Wedderburn, Birchip, Mittyack and Mildura.

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Letter to R.Simmons confirming condition required for “AUS” rings to qualify. Note
- 4.2 Email to Committee dated 23rd November 2018 re proposed Rule changes to 99 and 140.

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5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minutes 3.1, 3.2, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.10, 3.11 – All noted.
- 5.2 Minute 3.3 – Approved.
- 5.3 Minute 3.4 – (1) Noted (2) Supported. Moved S.Cini 2nd P. Sawyer Vote Unanimous in favour. Approved. (3) Approved. Note
- 5.4 Minute 3.5 – Y Snopkowski's nomination for Life membership was endorsed by the Committee.
- 5.5 Minute 3.5 – Midweek racing. Let members decide.
- 5.6 Minute 3.9 – Refer minute 2.10.
- 5.7 Minute 4.2 – Alter proposed Rule 99 to have prize money as 25% for Federation and 75% for Sections. JD Dec'18

6.0 Clock Chairman report

- 6.1 Benzing Clocks that were constantly reading fast – R.Simmons, G.Church, and M Scandelerio are to be serviced. JD to advice. Advised factory reset required. 5 satellite connection required for setting and reading. Contact M.Tenagalia for further advice. Note

7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J.Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of November 2018.
- 7.2 J. Davis requested monthly summary of Social Club funds. P.Burlak forwarded full balance sheet up to end November 2018. Note

8.0 New Business

- 8.1 J.Davis advised had received quote from F.Lia for cleaning rooms and units for 2019. Follow up N.Gecas for further quote. JD New Year
- 8.2 P.Burlak noted that the Social Club was reviewing setting up a better area for serving. Principle approved. Sketch design and budget to be sought. PB/JD New Year
- 8.3 Whiteboards and Clubs requires further discussion re their use. All New Year
- 8.4 Squeaker Sale 3rd February 2019 requesting 2 birds from all flyers to raise monies to be advertised. PB/JD Dec'18
- 8.5 It was agreed that a weekly Admin fee of \$10 be charged weekly per flyer to assist in lieu of Convoyer fee. All Note

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| 8.6 | T.Price advised of the VHA's proposal to run a \$100k 360 mile race in 2019 with nominations of birds prior to race date. Further details to be provided. | TP | Ongoing |
| 8.7 | T.Price advised that the water pump used for transport was missing. Check rear area. | All | New Year |

9.0 Minute Rules 2018

- 9.1 "Benzing Live or equivalent" Add to **Rule 145** before the last paragraph:
- (i) The use of an EBS System that allows a competitor to evaluate his clock via the 'Live System' in a manner the same as or similar to 'Benzing Live System' is approved for use in the VPU.
 - (ii) The VPU Clock Chairman must be satisfied with the integrity of any EBS System proposed to be used and its ability to carry out the functions and provide the required level of security. Approval of EBS Systems will be the responsibility of the VPU Clock Chairman. The only approved system at the time of implementation of this rule is 'Benzing Live'
 - (iii) The use of Benzing Live or any other future approved system within each VPU clocking centre will be a decision for the members of each individual Centre.
 - (iv) Any Centre wishing to use an approved 'Live' System must have an email facility at the Centre, the email address encompassing the name of the Centre either wholly or in part.
 - (v) The Centre Clock Chairman or his designate or his designate will be responsible for the receiving and printing of the emailed evaluation sheets.
 - (vi) In the event of a competitors email evaluation sheet not arriving at his designated Centre, the competitor will be required to produce his electronic clock at his designated Centre within the normal time frames as set out in Rules 125-128. No additional time to produce will be allowed. Failure to do so will result in no time being given.
 - (vii) To clarify and avoid confusion, where an email evaluation sheet does not arrive at a competitors designated Centre within the normal time frames set out in Rules 125-128 due to a failure in the email system and the competitors clock is not produced at his designated Centre within the normal time frames as set out in Rules 125-128, then no time will be given.
- 9.2 **27 Appointment of mediator**
- (1) If the parties to a dispute are unable to resolve the dispute between them within the time required by rule 26, the parties must within 10 days—
 - (a) notify the Committee of the dispute; and
 - (b) agree to or request the appointment of a mediator; and
 - (c) attempt in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation.
 - (2) The mediator must be—
 - (a) a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
 - (b) in the absence of agreement—
 - (i) if the dispute is between a member, another member or a Committee member a person appointed by the Committee.
 - (3) A mediator appointed by the Committee may be a member or former member of the VPU but in any case must not be a person who—
 - (a) has a personal interest in the dispute; or
 - (b) is biased in favour of or against any party.

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29 Failure to resolve dispute by mediation

If the mediation process does not resolve the dispute, then the current VPU committee shall determine the dispute after hearing the grievance dispute from both parties and may

- (1) reprimand one or both members; or
- (2) fine one or both members; or
- (3) suspend the membership rights of one or both members for a specified period;
or
- (4) expel one or both members from the VPU.

Meeting closed 10:16 pm - Next Meeting – 7:30pm 5th February 2019 at the VRPU rooms.