

# VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

## Minutes of June 2018 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:35 pm on Monday 4th June 2018

### PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Wayne Williams	Vice-President
Jim Davis	Secretary
Peter Sawyer	Assistant Secretary
Charlie Grech	Committee
John Share	Committee
Steve Cini	Committee
Paul Burlak	Committee
Colin Loten	Committee
Rod Simmons	Committee
Gary Church	Committee

### Apologies:

Nil

### Guests:

Nil

**Meeting Chaired by:** Tony Price

### Distribution:

All Present  
VPU Website

## 1.0 Previous Minutes May 2018

- 1.1 Minutes of May 2018 were read and received on a motion from J.Share seconded by R.Simmons Note

## 2.0 Business arising from May 2018 minutes

- 2.1 Minute 2.3 - Transport subcommittee advised reviews continuing. New proposal next month. Submitted various cost of trailer types. Weights to be advised. CG July'18
- 2.2 Minute 2.5 - T.Price suggested, in the interest of having second back up for loading the truck with the forklift that we have our hydraulic lifter reinstalled. Need to review simplest and best location noting for back up only. Review location after meeting. C.Loten to check current regulations and Worksafe requirements. If over 1m in height will need design, computations, Work Safe inspection, etc. Agreed to continue with forklift. Training required of J.Share. Motion moved W.Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> C Grech. Carried. J Share advised was booked in for training in a fortnight. Costs paid. Note

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J Share advised that the lifting of our units via forklift may be an issue and units may have to be altered.

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| 2.3  | Minute 2.6 - 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.  | TP   | July'18 |
| 2.4  | Minute 2.7 -T Price advised that had made application for a State Government sponsored defibrillator to be maintained in rooms. Received letter from Health Department not granting application. T Price to follow up with Council. Now to follow up with Local State Government   | TP   | July'18 |
| 2.5  | Minute 2.8 - J. Davis questioned whether our rooms and units will be cleaned by members this year as per 2017 or a fee charged for such. Further discuss. Members clean via roster. J.Davis to propose roster. Someone is to be responsible for those rostered in the doing works. It was agreed that the "Groups" will be allocated those works   | Note |         |
| 2.6  | Minute 2.16 - C Grech suggested that our year book have added at the back a Breeding and Pedigree section. Agreed .C.Grech to follow up costs. Awaiting format.  | CG   | July'18 |
| 2.7  | Minute 8.2 - Given we are proceeding with the use of the forklift, R.Simmons requested that a protocol be put in place re its use, safety tape , witches hats etc.   | JS   | July'18 |
| 2.8  | Minute 8.4 - T.Price advised that for the first 4 Races we would be able to add "trainers" to the transport. T.Price to check with VHA protocol of liberation, time / separate? A motion was put forward by W.Williams and 2 <sup>nd</sup> R.Simmons that if trainers were sent that they go up ½ hour after the last race release of birds. Vote 6 for 2 against . Carried. It was also noted that flyers who wished to have trainers would need to consider numbers for cover and whether an alternative method should be adopted. | Note |         |
| 2.9  | Minute 8.7 - J.Share to follow up the correct requirements for the first aid box and obtain.   | JS   | June'18 |
| 2.10 | Minute 8.9 - C Grech requested volunteers for the following port folios: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publicity Officer – R.Simmons</li> <li>• New Flyer Officer – G Church</li> <li>• Maintenance Officer – C Grech</li> <li>• Transport Officer – J Share</li> <li>• Cleaning Officer – not required as by Groups.</li> <li>• Room Steward – M.Doria /W.Williams.</li> </ul>   | Note |         |
| 2.11 | Minute 8.12 - J.Davis questioned whether the Kitchen was to be used as food was not to be prepared and stowed in the open factory area. Needs further review. No food external to the kitchen except BBQ (outside) with warmers etc in kitchen.  | Note |         |
| 2.12 | Minutes adopted C Grech seconded S.Cini  |      |         |

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### 3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Minutes dated 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 of Long Distance transport meeting from the VHA.
- 3.2 Letter dated the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 from local MP Fos Spence re application for defibrillator.
- 3.3 Letter dated the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 from local MP Fos Spence re Government grants for sporting bodies. Note
- 3.4 Letter from Fawkner Club notifying of a change in name to Craigieburn Homing Club, change of boundary and same office bearers.
- 3.5 Invoice dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 from Australia Wide Forklift Training Centre Pty Ltd for the training of J.Share.

### 4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Nil Note

### 5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minute 3.1 - J.Share briefed the committee on the reasons for the joint transport for the distance series. Further combined meeting to be held 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Note
- 5.2 Minute 3.2 - T.Price to make application. TP July'18
- 5.3 Minute 3.3 - T Price to make application for kitchen upgrade grant. TP July'18
- 5.4 Minute 3.4 – Committee voted and accepted change of name, revised boundary and office bearers for Craigieburn Club. Note
- 5.5 Minute 3.5 – Forwarded cheque for reimbursement of training costs Note

### 6.0 Clock Chairman report

- 6.1 R.Simmons advised that his Benzing M2 had come up with an alert re maintenance of clock. K.Clarke had advised it would last the season. The committee suggested Rod have Benzing exchange for spare whilst current is updated. RS June'18
- 6.2 W.Williams advised that 5 new members of Thomastown would be flying Club in 2018 but none had clocks. It was agreed that W.Williams follow up with GMPF re their offer of rental. VPU spares not to be used. WW June'18

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- 6.3 J.Davis reconfirmed that the G2 Benzing clocks needed to have their chips registered into their clocks via the PideXX download available online. Note

### 7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J.Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of May 2018. Note
- 7.2 J. Davis requested monthly summary of Social Club funds. Received. No change. Note

### 8.0 New Business

- 8.1 It was confirmed that the Liberation committee would be Wayne Williams, Gary Church and Steve Cini. Note
- 8.2 It was reported that new flyer Omar Khalil had not responded to calls regarding picking up a lost pigeon. Under Rule 134 (2) – stray pigeons a \$50 fine is applicable. W.Williams to advise. WW June'18
- 8.3 C Loten advised that the wheels to the units were being serviced/upgraded prior to the first basketing. CL June'18
- 8.4 R. Simmons advised that any anomalies with rings/flyers for the \$100K race were to be resolved via a form that will be available on the website soon. All Note
- 8.5 J.Share reconfirmed that the \$100K race was to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018. Note
- 8.6 J Share questioned if there was to be a 2019 VRPU Classic as flyers were preparing for rings. CG July'18
- 8.7 S Cini that “Benzing Live” was still be mobilised. J.Davis questioned whether we needed a programme on the Club computer? JD June'18
- 8.8 P.Sawyer advised he was racing with the VPO as well as the VPU. There were no issues raised and hence accepted. Note
- 8.9 T.Price reminded all that the VRPU rules were on the website ([vrpu.com.au](http://vrpu.com.au)) under “Important Documents” and encouraged all to familiarise themselves with them. Note

### 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’

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(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.

### **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 9:48 pm - Next Meeting – 7:30pm 2nd July 2018 at the VRPU rooms.**