

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of July 2016 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:58 pm on Monday 4th July 2016

PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Wayne Williams	Vice-President
Jim Davis	Secretary
Peter Sawyer	Assistant Secretary
Joe Denaro	Committee
John Share	Committee
Vince Cannizzo	Committee
Rod Simmons	Committee
Gary Church	Committee
Vic Borg	Committee

Apologies:

Guests:

C.Grech

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

Guest Charlie Grech raised a number of points resulting in the following:

- All Flyer Electronic ring lists are to be printed and forwarded to the Secretary for record on Friday 8th July 2016 provided can be printed if race active. W.Williams and Pauline Pace to provide.
- Review of procedures when accidents occur and birds are returned to the rooms.
- Review procedures for notifications to flyers.
- Fed winners to be checked. (opportunity for photo for website)

WW/
PP 8/7

Tony Price welcomed Vic Borg back to the Board as a result of M.Doria resignation. Note

1.0 Previous Minutes June 2016

- 1.1 Minutes of June 2016 were read and received on a motion from G Church
J.Denaro seconded by

2.0 Business arising from June minutes:

- 2.1 Minute 2.2 - It was agreed that plastic base covers be introduced to units for ease of cleaning after trial successful. J Denaro to follow up with F.Lia. For New Year. P.Pace obtaining quote. J Davis advised had rung around contacts. Bunnings can supply as well. 200 No. 900* 1200 required. J Denaro to follow up.

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| 2.2 | Minute 2.3 - P.Sawyer questioned whether the VRPU would be interested in caps and stubbie holders with our logo which could be issued with new membership. P.Sawyer to follow up costs with logo and samples. Caps \$13 ea.min 50 and holders \$5ea min 100. Carry over. R.Simmons to follow up alternative quote | RS | July' 16 |
| 2.3 | Minute 2.4 - J. Davis suggested we could raise the price of life rings to \$1.00 , half of which would go to transport and these monies then be deducted from the yearly transport of \$350/member e.g. 10,000 rings would return \$5000 to transport. If say 80 flyers then yearly cost of flying would be \$290/per year in lieu of \$350. /per year. W.Williams moved that this be adopted 2 nd S Grech. J Share requested before we vote we discuss with members. To be first night of basketing. Voted 7 for 1 against. Passed. Will apply for 2016/2017 season. | All | Note |
| 2.4 | Minute 2.5 - J. Share to follow up status of access/roads to Tibooburra. Advised police had noted clear now. J Share to contact trucking Company as double check. | JS | July' 16 |
| 2.5 | Minute 2.6 - Liberator protocols to be reviewed. R.Simmons to reissue to V.Cannizzo, Gary Church & W.Williams for their review. Agreed that those who wished could complete after each Race and then review notes etc. at end of season. | All | Note |
| 2.6 | Minute 2.7 - J. Davis to issue to Simmons details of website for additions of articles and items of interest. Committee approved R.Simmons to tidy up Website. Done. R.Simmons to mail advice on upgrade. Weekly winners to be followed up. | RS | July' 16 |
| 2.7 | Minute 2.11 - J.Davis requested summarised schedule in flyer name group of the Classic Sales noting L. Moore were to be transferred to R.Saggers. | TP | July' 16 |
| 2.8 | Minute 2.12 - J. Share to follow up Hume Council Rates for non-profit sporting clubs. | JS | July' 16 |
| 2.9 | Minutes adopted on the motion of J. Share seconded V.Cannizzo | | Note |

3.0 Correspondence in:

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| 3.1 | Letter of thank you from Terry Caddy re waiver of transport fees. | | |
| 3.2 | Quotation from New Level Construction re Kitchen and Toilet works. | | |
| 3.3 | Quotation from Cutabove Building Services re Kitchen and Toilet works. | | |
| 3.4 | Emails from D.Cauchi, J. Share and S.Grech re bird numbers for Tassie | | Note |
| 3.5 | Email from Dynamic Lofts confirming closure, catalogue and non-continuance of sponsorship | | |
| 3.6 | Email from S.Grech advising of resignation from Board, VRPU and reasons | | |
| 3.7 | Email from R.Vella advising of resignation from VRPU and reasons | | |

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- 3.8 Email S.Grech thanking those members who gave support and condemning others for their negative attitude to him and other Brimbank members.

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Nil Note

5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 T.Caddy letter noted Note
- 5.2 Quotations discussed and deemed too high. P Sawyer advised further quote coming. Agreed should only do toilets and revise existing kitchen access as Stage 1. PS July'16
- 5.3 Emails re Tassie. No action required as 30 bird limit will be achievable. Note
- 5.4 Dynamic Lofts noted. Note
- 5.5 Emails re resignations. The Committee was disappointed that as a result of the accident on the Friday night, the race going ahead, the collection of the birds from the rooms and the release of unclaimed birds from the rooms, led to the two resignations. The accident and the ensuing events have led to a number of reviews to be instigated which is later in the minutes. The Committee accepted the resignations. Note

6.0 Clock Chairman report

- 6.1 T.Price noted that one of the new Benzing Clocks was running 5 secs fast at each clock production. K Clarke has been made aware and contacted Benzing overseas. The Committee believes that the clock should be replaced by Benzing. T.Price to discuss with K.Clarke. TP July'16
- 6.2 T.Price advised that a new flyer came to basketing with a thimble clock and on it being set found it did not work. A spare was given for use. Note
- 6.3 J. Share advised that a number of STB clocks need their pads replaced as the stampings cannot be read. A result will not be given on an unreadable clock roll. T.Price to request Y Snopkowski advises appropriate flyers that it is the flyer's responsibility to have a fully functioning clock. TP July'16
- 6.4 T.Price advised has requested that the manual clock group commence earlier in order to finish earlier. Note
- 6.5 It was noted that the scanner for the Tauris system is locked up and hence early starts cannot be made. T.Price to discuss. TP July'16

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7.0 Secretary Report

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| 7.1 | J.Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of June 2016. | Note | |
| 7.2 | It was agreed that members contact mobiles be placed on a SMS package so as details of a release or incidents can be notified via SMS. | JD | July'16 |
| 7.3 | R.Simmons advised he had also contacted pigeonrace.net regarding glitch in Combined aggregate progress totals with little luck. Agreed would check if clears once first Distance series results commence. | Note | |

8.0 New Business

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| 8.1 | J Share reported that Windamingle was a farm property that allowed us to release our birds from. Now changed hands and unable to release from there, suggested alternative Coombah. Also Mittiyack in lieu of Oyen. Discuss with WPF | TP/JD | July'16 |
| 8.2 | J Share questioned if we could have the entry drive ground down so as trolleys more usable or steel sheet over dip. Need to discuss with Council. | T/P | July'16 |
| 8.3 | V.Cannizzo requested that we have 2 -3 allocated members run the rubbers and recording for the manual clock basketing. More members need to be encouraged to learn and participate and therefore better control. | TP/VC | July'16 |
| 8.4 | T.Price advised had carried out an interview with the Leader Newspaper re pigeon racing as part of promotions. | Note | |
| 8.5 | J. Davis thanked the works of W.Williams, J.Denaro and G.Church for their time in erecting the results boards. Requested same for photos and Club boards on North wall. | WW/JD/
GC | TBA |
| 8.6 | T.Price advised had met our Southern neighbour who welcomed us to the area and share a watch on each other's properties. | Note | |
| 8.7 | J. Davis to follow up cleaning of rooms with F.Lia | JD | Urgent |
| 8.8 | T.Price advised that a complaint of bullying had been registered by a Thomastown flyer about the treatment of him by another Thomastown flyer and as a result he was not flying. V.Cannizzo also complained about abuse towards him re setting up and general running of basketing night. This lead to discussion re the general behaviour of some members who are raising their voices, yelling and swearing and having no respect for Committee members, other members, children or women present in the rooms. All was agreed totally unacceptable. To that end it was agreed the T.Price reinforce/reconfirm Rule 11 re behaviour of members at next basketing night in order to begin to change an unacceptable culture that seems to have developed. | TP | July'16 |
| 8.9 | Members were complaining about lack of fresh air around the units and baskets. Exhaust fans to be reviewed asap. | PS | July'16 |
| 8.10 | T.Price advised that the yearly National Committee meeting should be arranged shortly to discuss the National and Tassie. | TP/JD | July'16 |

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- 8.11 The Committee thanked P.Sawyer in securing a generous donation from “Better Living”. The Mildura Federation race will be named with the donor’s name and photos taken of the release for advertising. Note
- 8.12 The Committee also thanked C Grech for securing the donation from Bunnings for the portable canopy which will be used for outside BBQ’s Note
- 8.13 It was noted that any sponsor/donor banners would be welcomed. All Note
- 8.14 It was agreed that safety would become an issue in moving the units to the truck and then the loading. Flexible safety fencing to be purchased for sectioning off a path and a flashing light to be placed on top of units when moving. T/P July’16
- 8.15 V.Borg questioned whether members were to receive a refund for the non-sent birds from 2/7 race. The Committee discussed and voted against. Note
- 8.16 W.Williams confirmed that birds would not be released after 12:00pm from any race and if circumstances arose where there may be a chance of occurring, then would agree joint release with the earlier birds of the WPF. Note
- 8.17 J Share requested a review of members racing names as some we do not even know who the flyer is. Requested that at least the surname of the flyer be included in the race name. Further discuss. All Ongoing
- 8.18 J. Share advised that now we are in another district that has poker machines, we should follow up their duty to donate to local sporting clubs. T/P Aug’16

9.0 Other

- 9.1 Accident 1/7 at the WPF rooms, the race, collection of birds and release of birds from the rooms - outcomes
- 9.2 The accidental tipping over of a unit whilst unloading for transfer to the WPF truck has resolved that **only the truck driver can control the tail gate** and that the unloading or moving of units is to be carried out by volunteer VRPU members. This is to be at either clubroom.
- 9.3 Unfortunately the time of the accident was late at night and only a few Committee members were notified by phone and hence the decision to race was all but made by the birds leaving the WPF rooms. This has resolved that when major incidents occur contact is to be made with all Committee members so as opinions can be given and an agreed approach be made to resolve. J. Davis to have app installed on phone so as can SMS members of any situations that arise to keep all informed noting all members are not on email.
- 9.4 The collection of the unsent birds firstly needed the birds to be collected from the WPF room which was arranged by T.Price and the unsent birds were at the VPU Clubrooms by approximately 11:00am on race day. Although an email was sent advising members of the incident and notice given to bring a basket for collection of the birds, not all members were aware. SMS calls to members will have to be made in future.

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9.5 The collection of the birds did not go well with many members not knowing their ring Nos for collection, anybody could have claimed a bird and it was all too rushed resulting in release of unclaimed birds from the rooms. If this type of incident reoccurs, the Committee is to take the time to discuss, vote and agree on a given procedure.

Meeting closed 10:45pm - Next Meeting -- 7:30pm 1st August 2016 at the VPU Rooms