## **Minutes of August 2014 Committee Meeting**

Held at 7:30 pm on Monday 4th August 2014

#### PRESENT:

Tony Price President
Wayne Williams Vice-President
Jim Davis Secretary

Mark Cavanagh Assistant Secretary

Joe Denaro

Vince Cannizzo

George Borg

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Colin Cox

John Floros

Paul Mountney

Victor Borg

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### **Apologies:**

Nil

Guests: Nil

**Meeting Chaired by**: Tony Price

#### **Distribution:**

All Present VPU Website

### 1.0 Previous Minutes July 2014

1.1 Minutes of July 2014 were read and received on a motion from W.Williams seconded by M.Cavanagh

Note

#### 2.0 Business arising from July minutes:

2.1 Minute 2.1 - Sent off application to City of Moreland for exemption from rates.

J.Davis noted that next rates had been sent. Follow up our exemption. Rang Council who advised were processing. Awaiting response. Emailed Moreland City Council re our application. Have now a contact at Council and again awaiting their response.

Note

2.2 Minute 2.2 - T.Price/J.Davis to have meeting re transport WPF. Note WPF West Wyalong to out Rankine Springs. Likely to get on at the 300's.Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> July at WPF rooms. Commence at the first Rankine Springs – now West Wyalong. Costs are pro rata. All birds will be liberated together unless a Federation has a special race in which case that Federation will go second after ½ hour. T.Price to review Transport Company as requires truck with auto tail for safe unloading at WPF rooms.

TP Aug'14

2.3 Minute 2.4 - P.Murphy Sale 22nd August. Room Fees of \$300 to be paid prior.

JD Aug'14

2.4 Minute 6.2 - Ink pad review required as some clocks already faded.VC to change over those silks at no cost. Still problems. Members to check their clocks before leaving basketing night. Further monitor.

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2.5	Minute 8.5 - G.Borg raised the issue of Flyers changing from season to differing Federations. It was agreed that this should be discouraged.	Note					
2.6	Minute 8.9 - Old wire floors were to be stored and if persons wanted, sold. Already 14 missing. J.Davis to follow up. T.Price to follow up F.Lia	TP	Aug'14				
2.7	Minutes adopted on the motion of V.Borg seconded V.Cannizzo and carried.						
Correspondence in:							
3.1	Department of Justice letter re administrative issues for completion of annual statement.						
3.2	Email for B.Devine re hire of rooms for Sale in September 2014.	Note					
3.3	Letter form Rotary Club of Heidelberg inviting a VPU guest speaker for a luncheon where the sport of pigeon racing could be explained.						
Cori	respondence out:						
4.1	Responded to Department of Justice with appropriate signed forms.						
4.2	All correspondence adopted on the motion of V.Borg seconded P Mountney and carried.	Note					
Business arising from correspondence							
5.1	T.Price to follow up B.Devine Sale date	TP	Aug'14				
5.2	T.Price to contact Rotary Club accepting invitation and will be the Guest speaker.	TP	Aug'14				
Clock Chairman report							
6.1	Glenroy flyer had birds return and did not register in Taurus Electronic clock. The reason for this was that the clock had not been cleared from the previous week's race. It was agreed that it is the Flyer's responsibility to ensure his clock is cleared prior to the next weeks racing.		Note				
6.2	T.Price advised that some electronic clocks had all birds as Blue Bars. This is not within the rules and the colour and sex of the birds must be registered/logged correctly. All electronic clocks have one week to amend/correct their birds colour and sex.	Elec	15 <sup>th</sup> Aug				
6.3	T.Price advised that there have been reports of birds coming home from races without rubbers. Training of handlers required and all birds have to be presented to the hens and cocks recorder for verification of rubber.	All	Note				

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	6.4	Fawkner flyers clock was running excessively slow even when leaving the rooms and hence his flying was adjusted in accordance with the rules and was penalised time. Flyer to use spare until proof of clock being fixed.	Note		
	6.5	T.Price advised that production of clocks is not an option. Clocks must be produced unless there is a valid reason. For those clocks, they must be bought in on the next basketing night, intact, for checking/verification.	Note		
	6.6	A Thomastown flyer produced his clock within 2 hours of clocking instead of 1.5 hours. Thinking it was the same as the earlier sprint series held (2 hrs. for production) and other circumstances, a reading was approved. A reminder was given for future races.	Note		
	6.7	A Fawkner flyer queried the initial results for Leeton 1 suggesting his distance was incorrect and hence his coordinates. This was checked and found to be correct. Coordinates were amended and results from the start of the year recalculated.	Note		
	6.8	The current set up of the room for basketing is not working efficiently. A review required to improve.	WW/ VC	Aug'14	
	6.9	It was noted that the checking of Federation winners had slipped behind. Book issued for sign off starting with Thomastown.	WW/ PM	Aug'14	
7.0	Secr	etary Report			
	7.1	J.Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of June 2014.	Note		
	7.2	J Davis reconfirmed that rings would not be sold to persons who were not financial members of the Union.	Note		
8.0 New Business					
	8.1	T.Price advised that Sunbury Pigeon Club were interested in re-joining the Union if they were to be allocated their own section. It was agreed that they submit an application together with their proposed 6+ flyers and Committee.	TP	Aug'14	
	8.2	G Borg advised that had been approached by a Fawkner flyer regarding no water for the birds at the race points and why were we not following the rules. J.Davis confirmed that Rule 56 refers you to the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct confirmed that water should be provided for races <b>less</b> than 350kms and both food and water for races in excess of 350kms. It was agreed that we shall comply with the Code of Practice noting that next year we will require a larger truck for the early races in order to fit the water on.	All	Note	
	8.3	M.Cavangh to propose 4 Sale dates for the 2015 Classic.	MC	Sept'14	
	8.4	T.Price confirmed that the Thursday night basketing reverted to the previous year's Friday nights due to the excessive costs that transport was going to charge. Given the circumstances that bought about this year's transport, T.Price to arrange for commitments and costs for next year before the end of the season including times, size of truck and type of truck re-rear unleading.	TP	Ongoing	

size of truck and type of truck re rear unloading.

Meeting closed 8:45pm - Next Meeting – 7:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 VRPU rooms