

# VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

## Minutes of February 2018 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:40 pm on Monday 5th February 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
Gary Church	Committee

### Apologies:

Rod Simmons	Committee
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### Guests:

Paul Burlak	Social Committee
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**Meeting Chaired by:** Tony Price

### Distribution:

All Present  
VPU Website

## 1.0 Previous Minutes December 2018

1.1 Minutes of December 2018 were read and received on a motion from S Cini seconded by W. Williams Note

## 2.0 Business arising from December minutes

2.1 Minute 2.1 - Members were complaining about lack of fresh air around the units and baskets. Exhaust fans to be reviewed ASAP. P.Sawyer tabled quotation from Trydant Refrigeration. All believed too high. Another quote is coming. T.Price to follow up with VHA on further guidance on design requirements. T.Price to meet Mechanical contractor on site with the view that the design will be based on similar to VHA rooms. Awaiting quote D Crosbie. J.Davis requested this be put on hold until May 2017.T.Price to send email. Quote received "Aircon install Guys". Not accepted. T.Price to follow up with D.Crosbie via email. Investigate non-motorised 3 No. P Sawyer to check with roofer. PS Ongoing

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| 2.2 | Minute 2.2 - V.Cannizzo advised that drinkers were in a bad state.P Sawyer to follow up cost for having stripped back and regalvanised. P Sawyer advised that C.Loten would provide sample and cost of powdercoated system as other will rust. P.Sawyer advised that C.Loten was going to provide sample of new galvanised and rate. Sample follow up C Grech. Tabled SS sample. Request price and request Gal version. Review overseas costs. R.Simmons to follow up. Measure standard unit for quoting purposes. Advised of landed price. Follow up sample. Sample not correct shape or sizing. Need further review. 80 no required. C Grech to get the galvanised tested.   | CG   | Ongoing |
| 2.3 | Minute 2.4 - Charlie Grech showed letter formats for Clubs to apply for BBQ days at Bunnings. If accepted by Bunnings, it would require each Club or representatives to work at the various outlets on a Saturday (non-racing season) to raise funds. Club Contacts are: Broadmeadows – TBA, Coburg – M.Doria, Fawkner – T.Price, Footscray – D. Brown, Glenroy – P Sawyer, Kilmore – C Grech, NSHC – J. Share, Pascoe Vale – S.Cini, Preston – J.Floros, Regent – C.Cox, and Thomastown – W.Williams. C Grech to continue follow up. Needed Presidents and Secretaries, addresses and email contacts. Also note that any funds raised would be for future transport only. Notifications urgent. Those responded were NSHC, Glenroy and Kilmore. Bunning allocated one for March next year at Craigieburn. No further responses. | Note |         |
| 2.4 | Minute 2.5 - Honour boards now need to be installed with ones still in use at lower level. Working group to install. T.Price to confirm name of lettering company for update of Union board. Quote to be obtained – colour black. C Grech now arranging. Boards now all up. Clubs to issue update information and font and colour of updates to be discussed with sign writer. Still awaiting Club’s advise  | All  | Ongoing |
| 2.5 | Minute 2.9 - R.Simmons suggested that many of our Rules are either outdated or not adhered to and therefore our Rules needs a full review. J.Davis to commence review. Commenced and will issue to Charles Hider for approval prior to issue. Done and checked. To be put on website for voting in block at AGM.   | JD   | Feb’18  |
| 2.6 | Minute 2.10 - P Sawyer advised of a double ring number in his ICON issue of rings. Numbers to be advised. Tabled at meeting. T.Price to advise K. Clarke. T.Price sent an email to K. Clarke. Awaiting response.   | TP   | Ongoing |
| 2.7 | Minute 2.11 - Transport sub committee advised reviews continuing. New proposal next month.   | Note |         |
| 2.8 | Minute 2.12 - J Share requested that the old STB clocks be given a 12 month window to change over to either the Quartz clocks or electronic given servicing difficult and becoming unreliable. Further discuss. Clock meeting to be held in May ’18.   | JD   | May’18  |
| 2.9 | Minute 8.2 - J Share advised that the current drinkers sit too low in brackets and birds struggle to drink. Brackets need a welded piece to raise 20mm. Further review. Inspect after the meeting.   | All  | Feb’18  |
|     |  | TP   | Dec’17  |

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- 2.10 Minute 8.5 - 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 All
- 2.11 Minute 8.7 - The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the VPU was confirmed at 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 12:30pm to 5:30pm \$55 per head all-inclusive at the same venue in Fawkner as last year's presentation night. Tickets available soon. C Grech requested members follow up previous flyers/members. J.Davis to email further reminder. Tables of 10 to be generated. Payments by the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018. All Ongoing
- 2.12 Minutes adopted J Share seconded W.Williams Note

### 3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email 29/1 from R .Simmons seeking approval to use the VPU rooms on the 25th March 2018 for Australian Pigeon Convention.
- 3.2 P Burlak tabled "Annual Questionnaire " for AGM.
- 3.3 Email 25/1 from ANRPB re Rota Virus update. Note
- 3.4 J Share requested the use of the VPU rooms for a seminar re potential for a Long Distance Combine racing. Requested 25th February 2018 11:00am.
- 3.5 Email 31/1 response from Chares Hider re review of revised Rules.

### 4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email 18/1 requesting Charles Hider review updated Rules. Note
- 4.2 Letters sent to members re notice of AGM 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 8:000pm Note

### 5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 R.Simmons given approval to use rooms on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
- 5.2 Annual questionnaire discussed and amended version to be typed and made available at AGM.
- 5.3 Rota virus noted.
- 5.4 J Share given approval to use rooms on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Social Club to run BBQ and drinks.
- 5.5 Revised rules to be placed on Website for view JD Feb'18

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### 6.0 Clock Chairman report

- 6.1 J.Davis to follow up other clocking centres are all on Electronic system. JD Mar'18
- 6.2 A number of flyers wish to use the Benzinger "Live". J Davis advised this was not permitted under our current rules. J .Davis to follow up VHA and what they did. Minute Rule could be applied. JD Mar'15

### 7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J.Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of January 2018. Note
- 7.2 J. Davis advised that the statement had been prepared for the auditor's review of the financial statement and accounts for year end Dec'17. Note
- 7.3 J.Davis advised that at this stage we have 73 flyers registered for 2018 season. Note
- 7.4 J.Davis requested monthly summary of Social Club funds. CG

### 8.0 New Business

- 8.1 J Share tabled a sample of a medal for future Federation winners in lieu of trophies. Including box approx \$20 each. Note
- 8.2 T Price advised that had made application for a State Government sponsored defibrillator to be maintained in rooms. TP Mar'18
- 8.3 T Price noted that the VHA delegates voted in favour of transporting this years 500 race on the Thursday night. J Share requested that we seek VHA agreement that if the truck is delayed in arriving at the release point by 2:00pm on the day before release then the birds be held over. TP
- 8.4 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. All
- 8.5 Due to the fact that AUS rings do not have a contact No. on them , we need to find out how many flyers have such rings. W.Williams to follow up Thomastown. WW Mar'18
- 8.6 The committee agreed to have 5 rings under the VPU allocated to flyers for the \$100K race. Note

### 9.0 Minute Rules 2017

- 9.1 Rule 102. For all races over approximately 600km (known as the 400's), clocks are to be produced at the VPU rooms at **7:00pm** on the day following the day of liberation or as otherwise directed by the Committee. The only occasions that this time can be exceeded is when a member is still within 90 minutes of clocking.

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- 9.2 Rule 118. It is incumbent on all members to follow the Social Media guidelines as set out under “Important Documents” on the VRPU website. Disregard for these guidelines shall invoke Rule 11 of the Constitution.
- 9.3 Electronic Rules – Schedule 1 – Use of ESB Systems. Rules 26a) and b) delete, thus if a race result print out from an electronic clock cannot be produced at an approved clocking centre, and then the result shall not be given.
- 9.4 Rule 113 – Add to the end of paragraph – Any life ring, other than VPU rings or Special Race rings, will attract a surcharge of 50 cents for every ring upon registration of the flyers ring list.

**Meeting closed 10:00 pm - Next Meeting – 8:00pm 5th March2018 at the VRPU rooms.**