

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of October 2015 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:35 pm on Monday 5th October 2015

PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Wayne Williams	Vice-President
Jim Davis	Secretary
Joe Denaro	Committee
Victor Borg	Committee
Gary Church	Committee
Colin Cox	Committee
Vince Cannizzo	Committee
George Borg	Committee

Apologies:

John Floros	Committee
Peter Sawyer	Assistant Secretary

Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by:

Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

1.0 Previous Minutes September 2015

- 1.1 Minutes of September 2015 were read and received on a motion from W.Williams seconded by G.Church

Note

2.0 Business arising from September minutes:

- 2.1 Minute 2.1 - It was agreed that we need to set up a working bee to sort out location of wire baskets and refit a sample unit with new rollers. T.Price to check with I Johnson for prototype. Booked for Friday 13th March 7:00pm. Sample unit rollers still to be done. Check with Len La Sala for works. Agreed to spray CRC, RP7. T.Price to arrange. Need replacing. T.Price to follow up T Howard. Solution found. Working bee next February'16. New nipples to be supplied.

All Feb'16

- 2.2 Minute 2.2 - V.Cannizzo questioned status of relocating rooms. J Davis suggested a subcommittee be formed and that various sites in Campbellfield be reviewed and the best 3 presented to the Committee. Nominations required. T.Price, J.Davis & P.Sawyer. J Davis requested Committee visit Campbellfield likely site opposite Ford factory. Ongoing. T.Price to look at factories. Options for purchase to be reviewed as well as advertising Sale of Rooms. Viewed 2 factories in Campbellfield. Purchase price quoted. Had agent view VPU rooms for second opinion and potential sale price. T.Price to advice of our reserve and advice of agent's response. No response. V.Cannizzo to follow up Commercial Agent

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| 2.3 | Minute 2.4 - T.Price to order 2000 different coloured rubbers – Large numbers to be requested. Awaiting delivery. Due Mid October | TP | Oct'15 |
| 2.4 | Minute 2.5 - Ink pads need to be reviewed again. Follow up the source of the last batch. P.Sawyer to follow up T Lett. It was reported they were commercially available. | Note | |
| 2.5 | Minute 2.6 - P Sawyer questioned on behalf of some members whether we could look at starting the season 3 weeks earlier in order to get good education into the birds over the shorter distances. Agreed a Club should submit a 2016 Race schedule for discussion. P Sawyer tabled proposed schedule which was discussed at length. Draft to be issued prior to sending to other federations for coordination. Done. Removed early races. Further review for next meeting. | All | Oct'15 |
| 2.6 | Minute 2.7 - 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. | JD | Oct'15 |
| 2.7 | Minute 8.6 - 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. | PS | Oct'15 |
| 2.8 | Minutes adopted on the motion of G.Borg seconded J.Denaro | Note | |

3.0 Correspondence in:

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| 3.1 | Proposed North West track from Wallan Club | | |
| 3.2 | Email from Wallan Club re Rule 96d and its inaccurate application and North Boundary extension | Note | |
| 3.3 | Email from M. Doria questioning Rule 96d and its purpose. | | |
| 3.4 | Email R.Tabone regarding not enough paper in clock to register result. | | |

4.0 Correspondence out:

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| 4.1 | Nil | Note | |
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5.0 Business arising from correspondence

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| 5.1 | Wallan Club's Race schedule proposed in the early races alternate week North/South points. After much discussion it was agreed to review noting that early South races would be risky due to in experienced birds. | All | |
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- 5.2 Wallan Club and M.Doria email regarding Rule 96d prompted the committee to forward Rule change for the AGM as follows:

“ 96d) In Federation events up to approximately 600km (known as the 400’s), a competitor may clock Federated birds but only the first competing bird clocked shall under any circumstances be entitled to compete for the Federation event. In Federation events in excess of approximately 600km (known as the 400’s) and where the winning velocity is less than 1000m/min, a competitor may clock Federated birds with two birds being eligible for Federation positions with the second bird ineligible for either aggregate points or prize money which shall be awarded to those birds outside the top 20 positions that would have been in the top 20 save for the clocking of second pigeon/s.”

Note

- 5.3 Wallan Club email regarding North Boundary – Proposed new wording

“115. The boundaries of the Union shall be as follows. All that area west of longitude E145 06’ 54” the North until the junction with Plenty Road and all that area west of Plenty Road until the junction with Darebin creek at Kingsbury, then west of Darebin Creek until it meets with Heidelberg Rd. North of Heidelberg Rd until Hoddle St, then west of Hoddle St/Punt Rd and north of Kerford Rd at St Kilda. The Northern Boundary shall be all that area south of Latitude S137 15’ 23.04 There is no Western boundary”

Note

- 5.4 R.Tabone email re clock roll.

It was noted that it is the responsibility of the Flyer to ensure their clock leaves the rooms correctly set and functioning correctly. If a flyer is not satisfied with their clock. e.g. dolometer out or clock running more than 3 fast or slow or other issue, then the flyer must bring this to the attention of the clock committee representative for ruling and possible resetting.

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6.0 Clock Chairman report

- 6.1 T.Price advised that the computer that was used for the Tauris clocks (now defunct) could be replaced with a Tauris module attached to the Tauris printer so as to avoid the use of a computer. Could be arranged through Tauris rep. It was raised that the computer was also used for entering Benzing chips at the start of the season. J.Davis noted that the Pride X programme was already downloaded on our existing laptop and could be used for that. T.Price to seek quotes for new basic laptop noting must have capacity to handle required programmes. J.Davis following up .

JD

- 6.2 T. Price noted that all manual clocks had to be set on the same night.

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- 6.3 It was noted that further issues with Taurus clocks. It was recommended that due to codes being set in clock that flyers be made aware of these codes if wanting to add birds or change. It was also noted that all flyer’s electronic ring sheets needed to be issued after every update.

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7.0 Secretary Report

7.1 J.Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of August 2015.

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8.0 New Business

8.1 V.Borg noted that for Morgan 2 the top tier was used. It was noted that this practice was to be avoided .

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8.2 V.Borg questioned the code of practice re inclement weather in particular heat. This was raised last year and it was agreed that it be discussed at the next National meeting.

TP/JD

8.3 It was highlighted that members are taking it upon themselves to remove incorrectly allocated hens and cocks. This practice is to cease and only the Room stewards can carry out the changing over. It was noted that electronic clocks have many bird's sexes incorrect and these should be updated by the flyer to avoid incorrect calling of the sex.

All

Meeting closed 9:25pm - Next Meeting – 7:30pm 2nd November 2015 at the VRPU rooms