

# VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

## Minutes of April 2017 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:40 pm on Thursday 6th April 2017

### PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Wayne Williams	Vice-President
Jim Davis	Secretary
Peter Sawyer	Assistant Secretary
John Share	Committee
Rod Simmons	Committee
Charlie Grech	Committee
Steve Cini	Committee
Vince Cannizzo	Committee

### Apologies:

Gary Church	Committee
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### Guests:

**Meeting Chaired by:** Tony Price

### Distribution:

All Present  
VPU Website

### Guest.

P Sawyer introduced Anna Kemp who advised that she wished to carry out a documentary on the VRPU and pigeon racing. The works would extend over some 12 months and include loft visits, basketing night attendance and filming, releases, interviews etc. No works would be published without the Committee's consent. All agreed this was a very good idea and P. Sawyer was nominated as the VRPU contact for coordinating various works.

## 1.0 Previous Minutes March 2017

- 1.1 Minutes of March 2017 were read and received on a motion from S.Cini seconded by W.Williams. Note

## 2.0 Business arising from March minutes

- 2.1 Minute 2.3 - Members were complaining about lack of fresh air around the units and baskets. Exhaust fans to be reviewed ASAP. P.Sawyer tabled quotation form 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. TP Ongoing

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| 2.2 | Minute 2.5 – Basketing night – Unit loader. J Share to meet at the Clubrooms and seek advice from J.Brislin as to it best installation location to cover all future transport methods. Mark out on floor is also required. After, J.Davis to arrange for I. Johnson to reinstall and recommission. Floor marked out to suit all types of trucks. Need to incorporate turn table to our unit. T.Price to follow up quotation from Adrian Johnson. Received a quote. Alternative loading system (up to the loader) to be quoted. Revised concept to be finalised for allowing the truck to back into the rooms and some 5 units be on a steel platform at tray truck height ready for direct pushing onto truck. Existing lifter to be at one end for loading units onto new platform. J.Share to further discuss with transporter. | JS/VC | Ongoing |
| 2.3 | Minute 2.6 – R.Simmons to follow up International Body which classifies or certifies and lists acceptable, authorised electronic clocking systems for next year’s racing. Sent emails and following up responses. It was agreed that the Committee recommend only Benzing or Taurus clocks for future new flyers so as to minimise the number of differing systems and set ups.R.Simmons tabled certificates of approval from international body FCI Security Evaluations for Benzing and Vision however this did not cover chip rings.T.Price to follow up Taurus.   | TP    | May’17  |
| 2.4 | Minute 2.7 - 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   | PS    | May’17  |
| 2.5 | Minute 2.8 - It was reported that the wheels were again sticking on Units. T.Price to follow up Trevor Howard re installing nipples.  | TP    | Ongoing |
| 2.6 | Minute 2.9 - The point was raised re the clocking of 2 birds re when cocking your first bird you have until 8:00pm or within 1/1/2 hours of clocking. The Rule is badly worded and needs review. Further discussion. In the daylight saving period of racing it should be 9:00pm.To be made a minute Rule.  | JD    | May’17  |
| 2.7 | Minute 2.11 - The issues re the Reo/Rota virus were discussed and it was agreed that there was no regulatory advice to hand as to what to do. The ANRPB latest release has made State by State recommendations for members to follow. An invitation has been issued for all flyers to attend the VHA rooms on the 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 7:30pm for a download from Dr.Colin Walker. Further discussions to be held at April meeting with hopefully some actual facts. After discussion the Committee unanimously voted that for the 2017 Racing season , racing will commence as soon as possible after the availability, administration and inoculation of an approved Rota Virus vaccine.  | All   | Note    |
| 2.8 | Minute 2.12 - J.Share advised of new disinfectant spray for the units. Further discuss.   |       | Ongoing |
| 2.9 | Minutes adopted on the motion of P.Sawyer seconded C Grech  |       | Note    |

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### 3.0 Correspondence in:

- 3.1 Email dated 23/03/17 from Footscray Club re F Micallef's application to join.
- 3.2 Email dated 2/04/17 from G. Wark of ANRPB re Epidemiology questionnaire survey.
- 3.3 Email dated 4/04/17 from P. Pace requesting block clearance for 9 flyers. Note
- 3.4 Email dated 4/04/17 from Melbourne Trophies re relocating to Mernda.
- 3.5 Email 5/04/17 from R Williams notifying that W. Williams and Son will be changing name to W. Williams and D. Hunter & Sons
- 3.6 Tabled declarations of conformity for Benzing and Vision clocks.
- 3.7 Tabled email dated 6/04/17 from R. Marshall to C Grech re Rota Virus responding to various questions raised by C Grech and racing in 2017.

### 4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Nil Note

### 5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 3.1 Committee discussed F. Micallef's application for membership and it was unanimously rejected. Note
- 5.2 3.2 . J Davis requested members complete the Rota survey answering those questions they saw appropriate and return to Bronwyn Kerkhoff. Note
- 5.3 3.3 Block clearance was discussed, however , since Clubs need to confirm/advise the VRPU secretary that those members have no financial issues within their Club, then a block clearance was not appropriate. J. Davis to follow up respective Clubs for their notifications. JD April'17
- 5.4 3.4, 3.5 & 3.6 Noted. Note
- 5.5 3.7. Discussion was held re the Dr Marshall's points, however , the decision re Rota virus was decided under minute 2.7 Note

### 6.0 Clock Chairman report

- 6.1 Nil

### 7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of March 2017. Note

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- 7.2 J Davis that 40 members were now paid up for 2017 season. Clubs to follow up membership payments. All members are reminded that in order to purchase 2018 race rings you have to be a financial member of the VRPU. All Note
- 7.3 J.Davis advised that our website had changed to “vrpu.com.au” due to the hacking. All Note
- 7.4 J.Davis suggested that a working bee be held in order to tidy up the rooms and dispose of all unwanted gear etc. Date to be decided. Note
- 7.5 J.Davis reconfirmed that the Electronic Rules have not changed in the VRPU. Therefore if your electronic clock cannot produce a printed result then your electronic clock face with the bird’s ring number and time of arrival can be used for a manual reading. Note Rules 26 a) and b) under the National Rules have been deleted and you will not get a reading in a National if you cannot produce a printed result. All Note

### 8.0 New Business

- 8.1 Due to the Rota virus and the Committee’s decision re racing (minute 2.7), a modified race schedule will be coordinated with the VHA once the vaccine availability is known. Note
- 8.2 C Grech tabled Social club and Classic accounts noting will be put into Term Deposit. Note
- 8.3 Classic race for 2017 needed to be clarified to all flyers. Finalise next meeting. Note May’17
- 8.4 C Grech requested we review the system of Club secretaries, notifications from such and also the running of the Taurus systems and setting manual clocks. Further discuss. Note May’17
- 8.5 Thought to be put into minimal works for updating kitchen so as more user friendly. Note May’17

### 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 **9:00pm** on the day of liberation or on the day following the day of liberation or as otherwise directed by the Committee. The only occasions that these times can be exceeded are when a member is still within 90 minutes of clocking.

**Meeting closed 9:45pm - Next Meeting - 7:30pm 1st May 2017 at the VRPU rooms**