

# VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

## Minutes of August 2018 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:35 pm on Monday 6th August 2018

### PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Wayne Williams	Vice-President
Jim Davis	Secretary
Peter Sawyer	Assistant Secretary
Charlie Grech	Committee
Steve Cini	Committee
Paul Burlak	Committee
Rod Simmons	Committee
Gary Church	Committee
John Share	Committee

### Apologies:

Colin Loten	Committee
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### Guests:

Nil

**Meeting Chaired by:** Tony Price

### Distribution:

All Present  
VPU Website

## 1.0 Previous Minutes July 2018

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| 1.1 | Minutes of July 2018 were read and received on a motion from G Church seconded by C. Grech | Note |
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## 2.0 Business arising from July 2018 minutes

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| 2.1 | Minute 2.1 - Transport subcommittee advised reviews continuing. New proposal next month. Submitted various cost of trailer types. Weights to be advised. P.Burlak advised that a generous donation had been secured via P.Sawyer contact specifically to be allocated to transport. Further proposal options next month. R.Simmons stepped down from subcommittee and S.Cini stepped up. C.Grech advised that further quotes were being reviewed. | CG | Sept'18 |
| 2.2 | Minute 2.2 - J Share tabled a sample of a medal for future Federation winners in lieu of trophies. Including box approx. \$20 each. T.Price to follow up quote for medallions similar to VHA. T.Price advised cast dye would cost \$680. G.Church to table sample of VHA's.   | GC | Sept'18 |
| 2.3 | Minute 2.3 -T Price advised that had made application for a State Government sponsored defibrillator to be maintained in rooms. Received letter from Health Department not granting application. T Price to follow up with Council. Now to follow up with Local State Government. Further   | TP | Sept'18 |

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application made.

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| 2.4 | Minute 2.5 - C Grech suggested that our year book have added at the back a Breeding and Pedigree section. Agreed .C.Grech to follow up costs. Awaiting format. Also discussed Rule book and Code of conduct be printed and issued separately.                                      | CG/JD | Sept'18 |
| 2.5 | Minute 2.7 - J.Share to follow up the correct requirements for the first aid box and obtain. Urgent.   | JS    | Urgent  |
| 2.6 | Minute 2.10 - J Share questioned if there was to be a 2019 VRPU Classic as flyers were preparing for rings. Confirmed. Dates to be issued based on last years or as near to with alternate Friday/Sunday. Rings 1-300 to be set aside. Done. Flyer to be issued re Sale dates etc. | PB    | Sept'18 |
| 2.7 | Minute 8.5 -P.Burlak questioned whether we could overlay some of the existing whiteboards not used and add our bird of the year bird photos to. Originally allocated to GC and JS. Approved to be done. Check final location.  | All   | Sept'18 |
| 2.8 | Minutes adopted S.Cini seconded J.Share  | Note  |         |

### 3.0 Correspondence in

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| 3.1 | Email from LDC dated 1st July notifying of proposed 2018 and 2019 race points and dates. |      |  |
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| 3.2 | Email letter ANRPB dated the 20th July 2018 re update of Rota Virus                      |      |  |

### 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 | Minute 3.1 – The Committee requested that J. Share report back to LDC requesting that the second 500 and 600 be a week later than scheduled in 2018 and 2019.   | JS   | Sept'18 |
| 5.2 | Minute 3.2 – Noted. R Simmons advised that there was a lengthy report on the history on the production of the Rota virus thus far dated the 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 on Melbourne Veterinary Clinic website. | Note |         |

### 6.0 Clock Chairman report

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| 6.1 | T.Price advised that the ring sheets submitted by the new flyers were missing the colours of the birds and not in numbered order. Still not correct. | WW | Aug'18 |
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- 6.2 It was noted that Benzing Live trials had commenced. Very good. Will continue. J.Davis requested that all “live” flyers include his email address as well as the VRPU club. Note
- 6.3 It was agreed that if a “live” flyer was experiencing website communication issues then they were obliged to produce their clocks within one and half hours at an approved centre. Note

### 7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J.Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of July 2018. Note
- 7.2 J. Davis requested monthly summary of Social Club funds. P.Burlak forwarded full balance sheet up to end July 2018. Note

### 8.0 New Business

- 8.1 It was agreed that if items affecting basketing etc become evident then they are to be highlighted to the Room stewards for action. All Aug’18
- 8.2 P. Burlak requested a tap be provided at the rear area of the rooms. C.Grech to follow up. CG Aug’18
- 8.3 P.Burlak requested urinal door be converted to a sliding door opening east to west. C Grech to follow up. CG Aug’18
- 8.4 Table with slots for forms to be moved under notice board. CG Aug’18
- 8.5 Approval was given to provide “conveyor” rollers for baskets. Review location after meeting. All Aug’18
- 8.6 It was agreed to make weekly presentations at 8:00pm on basketing nights. TP Note
- 8.7 It was confirmed that if someone was to be nominated for Life Membership that it had to be from a Club to the Committee. Rule 58. A resume of the flyer and his/her contributions to the Union was recommended to assist the Committee in their review. Note
- 8.8 It was confirmed that if there was to be a change in sections, then a submission from a Club with the proposed rewording to Rule 99 was required which would go to the AGM. Note
- 8.9 P.Sawyer suggested we review our membership/racing types with the view to Short series only or Club only etc. All to review and table thoughts at next meeting. All Sept’18
- 8.10 It was noted that the basketing for the PRV race was to be at the VRPU rooms. Note
- 8.11 J.Davis suggested we review our current Diplomas which were expensive to produce in current form. Prototype to be tabled. JD Sept’18

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- 8.12 P.Burlak advised that the 2018 presentation night would be on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018. It would include the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and therefore open all previous flyers. History to be prepared by T.Price. Format of night and a flyer to be finalised. PB/TP Sept'18
- 8.13 It was reconfirmed that the VRPU Code of Conduct and Social Media rules, both on the VRPU website, were to be complied with at all times. Note

### 9.0 Minute Rules 2018

- 9.1 “Benzing Live or equivalent” Add to **Rule 145** before the last paragraph:
- (i) The use of an EBS System that allows a competitor to evaluate his clock via the ‘Live System’ in a manner the same as or similar to ‘Benzing Live System’ is approved for use in the VPU.
  - (ii) The VPU Clock Chairman must be satisfied with the integrity of any EBS System proposed to be used and its ability to carry out the functions and provide the required level of security. Approval of EBS Systems will be the responsibility of the VPU Clock Chairman. The only approved system at the time of implementation of this rule is ‘Benzing Live’
  - (iii) The use of Benzing Live or any other future approved system within each VPU clocking centre will be a decision for the members of each individual Centre.
  - (iv) Any Centre wishing to use an approved ‘Live’ System must have an email facility at the Centre, the email address encompassing the name of the Centre either wholly or in part.
  - (v) The Centre Clock Chairman or his designate or his designate will be responsible for the receiving and printing of the emailed evaluation sheets.
  - (vi) In the event of a competitors email evaluation sheet not arriving at his designated Centre, the competitor will be required to produce his electronic clock at his designated Centre within the normal time frames as set out in Rules 125-128. No additional time to produce will be allowed. Failure to do so will result in no time being given.
  - (vii) To clarify and avoid confusion, where an email evaluation sheet does not arrive at a competitors designated Centre within the normal time frames set out in Rules 125-128 due to a failure in the email system and the competitors clock is not produced at his designated Centre within the normal time frames as set out in Rules 125-128, then no time will be given.

### 9.2 27 Appointment of mediator

- (1) If the parties to a dispute are unable to resolve the dispute between them within the time required by rule 26, the parties must within 10 days—
- (a) notify the Committee of the dispute; and
  - (b) agree to or request the appointment of a mediator; and
  - (c) attempt in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation.
- (2) The mediator must be—
- (a) a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
  - (b) in the absence of agreement—
    - (i) if the dispute is between a member, another member or a Committee member a person appointed by the Committee.
- (3) A mediator appointed by the Committee may be a member or former member of the VPU but in any case must not be a person who—
- (a) has a personal interest in the dispute; or

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(b) is biased in favour of or against any party.

### **29 Failure to resolve dispute by mediation**

If the mediation process does not resolve the dispute, then the current VPU committee shall determine the dispute after hearing the grievance dispute from both parties and may

- (1) reprimand one or both members; or
- (2) fine one or both members; or
- (3) suspend the membership rights of one or both members for a specified period;  
or
- (4) expel one or both members from the VPU.

**Meeting closed 10:01 pm - Next Meeting – 7:30pm 3rd September 2018 at the VRPU rooms**