

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of September 2015 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:30 pm on Monday 7th September 2015

PRESENT:

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

Apologies:

John Floros	Committee
George Borg	Committee

Guests: Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

1.0 Previous Minutes August 2015

- 1.1 Minutes of August 2015 were read and received on a motion from P.Sawyer seconded by V.Borg

Note

2.0 Business arising from August 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.

TP

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- 2.2 Minute 2.3 - V.Cannizzo questioned status of relocating rooms. J Davis suggested a subcommittee be formed and that various sites in Cambellfield 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.

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| 2.3 | <p>Minute 2.6 - It was agreed that the Union 2015 Classic Race be held on the 30th August 2015. J. Davis to place on website. Done. Clashes with Melton Race. G. Borg/W. Williams to coordinate clocks and results with Melton. It was agreed that next year's Race will be set early after the 2016 schedule is adopted. Current date 4/9/2016 depending on agreement to proposed Race schedule. It was also noted that a team of six be allocated to the running of the Race and that non-Union flyers had to produce their coordinates on basketing night. All flyers have to produce their bird ring numbers for checking prior to basketing birds including electronic. Form to be made and issued. It was agreed that Classic rings could be sold from now to end of Race season and then again at Sales. Sale dates all with 11:00am - 1:00pm basketing No. 1 – 15/11/15, No. 2 13/12/15 and final No. 3 – 24/01/16. Flyer to be put on website.</p> | Note | Ongoing |
| 2.4 | <p>Minute 6.4 - T. Price to order 2000 different coloured rubbers – Large numbers to be requested. Awaiting delivery.</p> | Note | |
| 2.5 | <p>Minute 6.6 - Ink pads need to be reviewed again. Follow up the source of the last batch. P. Sawyer to follow up T Lett.</p> | PS | Sept'15 |
| 2.6 | <p>Minute 8.1 - 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.</p> | JD | Sept'15 |
| 2.7 | <p>Minute 8.3 - 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</p> | JD | Sept'15 |
| 2.8 | <p>Minute 8.5 - V. Borg advised that P Anastasi was wishing to apply for the room cleaning job 2016. After discussion it was agreed that given the years of service by the current cleaner there would be no change.</p> | Note | |
| 2.9 | <p>Minutes adopted on the motion of G. Church seconded P. Sawyer</p> | Note | |

3.0 Correspondence in:

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| 3.1 | <p>Email from committee member John Floros advising of his standing down due to personal commitments.</p> | Note |
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4.0 Correspondence out:

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| 4.1 | <p>Nil</p> | Note |
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5.0 Business arising from correspondence

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| 5.1 | <p>J. Floros email acknowledged and accepted.</p> | Note |
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6.0 Clock Chairman report

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6.1 T.Price advised that an electronic clock had 31 birds entered into a 30 bird limit race. **It was passed that in these instances, the 31st bird, or in any case any birds more than 30 listed on the produced electronic entry sheet will not be eligible to participate and if clocked as the first bird home will be disqualified as will any other bird basketed higher than 30 on the entry sheet. This will be treated as a Minute Rule.**

6.2 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.

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6.3 T.Price advised that birds need to be checked that they have rubbers on before entering the baskets. The registering of the rubbers versus hidden number on race sheets needs to be more closely monitored. V.Cannizzo to further review.

VC

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6.4 T.Price also noted that alterations to entry sheets are being witnessed by other flyers. This is not acceptable and must be done by the Room Steward.

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7.0 Secretary Report

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

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7.2 J.Davis advised that the Union Classic Prize money would be paid out at the end of this week. Top 20 summary to be published on Website.

JD

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7.3 J.Davis complimented P.Anastasi on his efforts with the 2015/16 ring issue having no complaints and quick response to orders. Note ring issues will cease after the end of the 2015 racing season noting there are not many normal rings left.

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7.4 J.Davis advised that members or Clubs wishing to raise issues need to send in a letter or email to the Secretary clearly stating the issue and reasons so as they can be tabled and discussed. Issues via a Committee member are to be discouraged as they are not detailed and can be interpreted as hearsay as the Committee member most times cannot answer detailed questions raised about the item.

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8.0 New Business

8.1 J.Denaro requested a review of costs for transport for the 300 miles. J Davis to do cost comparison.

JD

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8.2 T.Price advised that "Phoenix" lofts have booked the VRPU rooms for Sale for the 21st October 2015. Promotion flyer to be sent by Barry Devine.

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8.3 Committee approved I. Johnson do works to hinges on sleeper.

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8.4 V.Borg advised that wire baskets could be upgraded for \$20 noting trays 20mm short either end. Agreed not to proceed as rarely used. Note

8.5 P.Sawyer advised that some members were discussing the thought of deleting the West track. J.Davis advised that this was an AGM item and a letter or email should/ has to be sent to the Union by a member or Club noting required change to appropriate Rule and reasons so as can be posted on the notice board for members to review and discuss. Note

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 Sept'15

Meeting closed 10:00pm - Next Meeting – 7:30pm 5th October 2015 at the VRPU rooms