

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of November 2015 Committee Meeting

Held at 8:05 pm on Monday 9th November 2015

PRESENT:

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

Apologies:

John Floros	Committee
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Guests:

Brendan Knowles	Senior City Laws Officer for the City of Hume
Ali	New member Fawkner Club

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

Subject - Keeping Pigeons in the City of Hume

- Tony Price introduced Brendan Knowles from the City of Hume who addressed the Committee.
- Council's main focus was information sharing and gaining a better understanding of our hobby/sport compared to just the keeping of pigeons. On visiting the lofts of J. Share, V.Cannizzo & T.Price there would be no concerns if this was the norm.
- BK noted that if a keeper of birds is not a member of a recognised club, then the maximum number of birds that he/she could keep under the bylaws was 6 No. For recognised members of Clubs then 60 No. noting that discretion is always permitted on inspection of a loft.
- BK advised Council was aware of our Code of Practice and was accepting of our duty to maintain and administer the requirements contained within – self regulation.
- TP advised that the pigeon racing fraternity was working on a National Code of Practice as required by the Federal Government.
- BK confirmed that our joint aim was for a Memorandum of Understanding between Council and the VRPU. A draft was to be issued to BK for their comments additions. (TP). TP to be the main contact/liaison with Council.
- BK advised that Ali had worked through the issues with Council but was still holding too many pigeons. It was agreed that T.Price and V.Cannizzo would again visit Ali's revised loft to review numbers.

Note

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1.0 Previous Minutes October 2015

- 1.1 Minutes of October 2015 were read and received on a motion from V.Borg seconded by V.Cannizzo Note

2.0 Business arising from October 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. VC 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 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. No response. V.Cannizzo to follow up Commercial Agent. Offer received. J.Davis to discuss with agent process. JD Nov'15
- 2.3 Minute 2.3 - T.Price to order 2000 different coloured rubbers – Large numbers to be requested. Awaiting delivery. Due Mid October TP Ongoing
- 2.4 Minute 2.4 - 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. T.Price to follow up H.Marscenic (VHA) TP Nov'15
- 2.5 Minute 2.5 - 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. Finalised. To be updated, placed on web and sent to other Federations. JD Nov'15
- 2.6 Minute 2.6 - 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 Ongoing
- 2.7 Minute 2.7 - 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 Ongoing
- 2.8 Minutes adopted on the motion of W.Williams seconded G.Church Note

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3.0 Correspondence in:

- 3.1 Email 13th Oct S Eggleton re National Code of Practice.
- 3.2 Email 13th Oct C Hider re National Code of Practice.
- 3.3 Email 21st Oct and 27th C.Hider re pigeons and airports.
- 3.4 Email 28th October C.Hider/ S Nuske re direct conversation with CASA.
- 3.5 Email 27th October D Cauchi re proposed Race Schedule 2016.
- 3.6 Simmons proposal for Race Schedule 2016.
- 3.7 Email 30th Oct C Grech re further ideas for the Union Classic Sales. Note
- 3.8 Email 30th Oct C Grech re requesting permission to organise and run a VRPU dinner dance for 2016.
- 3.9 Letter 5th Nov. Wallan Club nominating C Grech for President.
- 3.10 Email 5th Nov from Brimbank Club re nominating Grech as committee member.
- 3.11 Email 5th Nov from Thomastown nominating R Simmons as committee member.
- 3.12 Email Coburg Club nominating M.Doria as committee member.
- 3.13 Email Nelson Alexander re offer for Sale of property.

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Nil Note

5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 T.Price read the second email regarding Airports and Pigeons and as advised given the matter had no substance, the matter was closed. Note
- 5.2 Emails regarding National Code of Practice were packaged into the article in the November Australian Racing Pigeon Journal written by Grant Paterson. Working committee underway .No further action from VRPU at this stage. Note
- 5.3 Emails regarding Race Schedules 2016 finalised as per minute 2.5 Note
- 5.4 Emails regarding dinner dance and 2016 Classic ring Sales held over to next year. Note
- 5.5 Committee nominations:
 - President – T.Price and Grech
 - Vice President – W. Williams
 - Sec/Treasurer – J.DavisNote

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- Committee – 1.P.Sawyer. 2. V.Borg.3.C .Cox 4.J.Denaro 5.V.Cannizzo
6.G.Church 7.S Grech 8.R Simmons 9. M Doria.

As a result of above voting will be required at the AGM noting nominations close 31st December 2015.

- 5.6 J.Davis to follow up Nelson Alexander offer and discuss advertising and fees proposed. JD Nov'15

6.0 Clock Chairman report

6.1 T.Price advised that a Thomastown flyer basketed his birds on the Wednesday night but did not turn up to set his clock on the Friday night , rather opting to use a Club spare that was dropped off to his home unknown by the Clock committee. This action is unacceptable and the flyer is to be reminded of his responsibilities at the next Club meeting. Note

6.2 V.Borg advised that M.Anastasi had reported that his clock had been damaged in setting on the Friday night and now needed complete service. J.Davis reminded all that the VRPU is not responsible for clocks under Rule 98b. T.Price to further follow up. TP Nov'15

7.0 Secretary Report

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

7.2 J.Davis advised that Distance series prize money had commenced being sent/issued. Note

7.3 J.Davis advised that trophies and Diplomas had been ordered . Note

7.4 J.Davis advised that as per last year the Union was facing another loss. Various ideas were briefly discussed to cover future losses and these ideas shall be carried over to next year for discussion. Note

7.5 Due the fact that we now have to pay Council rates , it was approved that membership be increased \$20 to \$100 per season. Note

7.6 It was agreed that there would be no increase in birdage rates (prize money) for next season. Note

8.0 New Business

8.1 T.Price advised had the electrical fault to the bathrooms fixed and had purchased new BBQ. Note

8.2 T.Price advised that next National should be from Cobar. Note

8.3 It was noted that the last meeting for the season would be held at the “Highlander Hotel” Craigieburn 7:00pm and the next year’s first meeting would be 1st February 2015. All Note

Meeting closed 10:05pm - Next Meeting – 7:00pm 7th December 2015 at the Highlander Hotel