

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of November 2018 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:42 pm on Monday 12th November 2018

PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Jim Davis	Secretary
Peter Sawyer	Assistant Secretary
Charlie Grech	Committee
Steve Cini	Committee
Paul Burlak	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 October 2018

1.1	Minutes of October 2018 were read and received on a motion from J.Share seconded by G.Church	Note
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2.0 Business arising from October 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. J.Davis tabled further schedule of costs based on own truck. Costs of driver and accommodation not included. Further options to be sought with business plan. Vote to continue alternatives was 5 for 3 against. Continue options. C.Grech advised trailer prototype being produced for the Kilmore Club. | CG | Ongoing |
| 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. Tabled at meeting and vote taken 6 for and 2 against to have medallions in lieu of trophies. T.Price awaiting further quote. | TP | Note |

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| 2.3 | Minute 2.4 - 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. J Share advised being discussed at VHA delegates meeting. Ongoing re procedures etc. J Share advised that discussions were ongoing re full support for the 2019 season. | JS | Dec'18 |
| 2.4 | Minute 2.5 - P.Burlak requested urinal door be converted to a sliding door opening east to west. C Grech to follow up. | CG | Dec'18 |
| 2.5 | Minute 2.8 - 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. J Share and T.Price to prepare draft letters for discussion. | JS/TP | Dec'18 |
| 2.6 | Minute 2.8 - J.Davis suggested we review our current Diplomas which were expensive to produce in current form. Prototype to be tabled. C Grech tabled format. Approved to proceed. | JD | Dec'18 |
| 2.7 | Minute 2.10 – Damaged Unit to be repaired at the end of the season. | GC/CL | TBA |
| 2.8 | Minute 8.2 - Given that AFL grand final has a public holiday on the Friday before, it was voted 5 to 2 for to have race on the Friday and basket on the Wednesday J.Davis to include in draft. To be discussed with transporter. | JD | TBA |
| 2.9 | Minutes adopted P.Sawyer seconded P.Burlak | Note | |

3.0 Correspondence in

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| 3.1 | Letter dated 15th October 2018 and emailed to committee from Nas Adilki re application for membership to Broadmeadows Club and VRPU. | | |
| 3.2 | Letter dated 15th October 2018 and emailed to committee from Frank Micallef re application for membership to Broadmeadows Club and VRPU. | | |
| 3.3 | Letter dated 29 th October 2018 from CUA bank re maturity of investment. | | |
| 3.4 | Letter received 2 nd October 2018 from Ameal Matti re non basketballing 500. | | |
| 3.5 | Email dated 8 th November 2018 from Thomastown nominating for 2019 committee members R.Simmons and G.Church. | Note | |
| 3.6 | Email dated 8 th November 2018 from Thomastown suggesting reducing no. members required for committee. | | |
| 3.7 | Email dated 11 th November 2018 from Peter Sawyer requesting change to Rule 99 making Prize money non-compulsory. | | |
| 3.8 | Email dated 11 th November 2018 from P.Anastasi quoting cleaning units and rooms for 2019. | | |

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- 3.9 Email letter received 11th November 2018 from S.Ballinger listing consideration to changing Rules for Sections, Federation Points, and Clock Production times.
- 3.10 Letter received 12th November 2018 from Kilmore Club regarding adhering to Rules, reinstatement of Clubs, transport issues.

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Letter to Bunnings 15th October 2018 thanking them for their donation. Note

5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minutes 3.1 and 3.2 – Applications approved.
- 5.2 Minute 3.3 - Approved reinvest with CUA term deposit.
- 5.3 Minute 3.4 - Basketing times were discussed including previous exceptions. In this case it was deemed that the flyer was given advance notification of revised basketing night, phoned on the night as reminder. Time of final call back just too late. It was noted that exceptions to after 8:00pm basketing are acceptable provided that a flyer notifies the room steward or President giving reasonable reason of why they will be later than 8:00pm. Note
- 5.4 Minute 3.5 – Noted for AGM.
- 5.5 Minute 3.6 - J.Davis to respond requesting rewording of Rule 44(2) that to go to AGM noting the Committee did not support change. JD Nov'18
- 5.6 Minute 3.7 – Change to Rule 99 in principle agreed however the Produce and Whaley would remain compulsory and Flyers would need to nominate at the start of a season if they were going to participate in prize money. Moved P. Sawyer 2nd J.Share vote in favour 5 to 1.Carried.Reword proposed Rule change for AGM. JD Nov'18
- 5.7 Minute 3.8 - J.Davis to follow up ABN or Insurance cover. JD Nov'18
- 5.8 Minute 3.9 – Proposed sections too difficult to administer. Revised sections based on Club locations including adding west to be drawn up for change to Rule 140. Proposed C.Grech 2nd J.Share .In favour 5 against 1. Carried. Re Federation positions - the committee did not agree with reducing as it did not encourage new flyers. Request revised wording for AGM. Clock production times - the committee did not agree with the change of to the 4:00pm production. Request revised wording for AGM. JD Nov'18

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- 5.9 Minute 3.10 – Item 1 and 5 of letter agreed Clubs should be responsible and have at least one Delegate as contact person/administrator. Item 2 Agreed Fed winners to be checked by Club delegate. Item 3 Add as minute Rule 8:00pm. Item 4 agreed clocks to be cleared or pulled over after all races and at the end of the season. Note

6.0 Clock Chairman report

- 6.1 Benzing Clocks that were constantly reading fast – R.Simmons, G.Church, and M Scandelerio are to be serviced. JD to advice. JD Nov'18
- 6.2 Tauris flyers are to be taught how to operate their clocks for basketing and reading so as not relying on one person – J.Dismore, R.Cauchi, K Anderson, M.Cavanagh, D. Reardon, D Cavanagh. Scan procedures and issue. JD Nov'18

7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J.Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of October 2018.
- 7.2 J. Davis requested monthly summary of Social Club funds. P.Burlak forwarded full balance sheet up to end October 2018. Note one cheque from Classic still to be banked. Note

8.0 New Business

- 8.1 It was noted that T.Price and P Sawyer were the organisers of the 2019 Classic. Sale dates on VRPU website. Note
- 8.2 It was suggested that we add a Rule re Club membership sizes and when they should cease to be a Club. J.Davis to propose. JD Dec'18
- 8.3 J.Davis reported there were two roof leaks to the southern side approx. half way in. Need working bee to caulk. Note
- 8.4 Peter Sawyer believed we should have our AGM earlier than March each year. Rule change proposal required. PS Dec'18
- 8.5 T.Price noted that Union Classic rings are for Sale at \$40 which can be collected from Tony or at any of the four (4) Sales. Note
- 8.6 T.Price advised that requests for transport fees were issued to both VHA and WPF. Awaiting quotes. Other options also being explored. J.Share did not believe that the LDC would be fully set up to give a quote for the distance series. J.Davis to present all when available for committee review. JD TBA
- 8.7 J.Share recommended that when and if flyers choose to fly in a number of Federations in a season that they provide, prior to the start of the season, their team name (First name must be the flyer at whose address the loft is at as per rules) and the ring list of birds that will be flying in the VPU races. Noted. Note

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- 8.8 After discussion re roles for room steward, loading etc it was agreed that in the first instance the number of units and number of birds to go in the tiers of the units will be agreed with the President some days before and this is to be issued to all involved.
- 8.9 J.Share advised that the cleaning of units and drinkers under this year's process was a failure as cleaning was not adequate or to a good standard especially the drinkers. It was agreed that cleaning should be outsourced. Moved J.Share 2nd G.Church . In favour 4 against 2. Carried. JD Dec'18
- 8.10 J.Share advised that the wire floors to the units needed to ½'' as birds with Electronic ring getting feet caught in larger wire floors. Approved to have reworked. C. Grech to request C.Loten if interested. It was also agreed to have frames slimmer so as access to drinkers back to original height. CG Dec'18
- 8.11 It was noted that only birds competing in Federation races can race in the National. Note
- 8.12 J.Davis advised that updated final aggregates were on the notice board and website. Note
- 8.13 J.Davis advised had sent reminder for application/nominations for the 2019 committee. Note closes 31st December 2018. All Dec'18

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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

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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
- (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 10:28 pm - Next Meeting – 7:30pm 3rd December 2018 at the VRPU rooms.