

# VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

## Minutes of March 2017 Committee Meeting

Held at 10:05pm pm on Monday 13th March 2017

### PRESENT:

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

### Apologies:

Peter Sawyer	Assistant Secretary
Vince Cannizzo	Committee

### Guests:

Nil

**Meeting Chaired by:** Tony Price

### Distribution:

All Present  
VPU Website

### Introduction.

Tony Price welcomed C.Grech and S.Cini to the Committee and looked forward to their contributions and ideas in helping advance the Union and its members. Tony highlighted there are no individuals and we work as team and look forward to various Club feedback and contributions.

### 1.0 Previous Minutes February 2017

- 1.1 Minutes of February 2017 were read and received on a motion from G Church seconded by W.Williams. Note

### 2.0 Business arising from February minutes:

- 2.1 Minute 2.1 - 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. Caps \$13 ea.min 50 and holders \$5ea min 100. Carry over. R.Simmons to follow up alternative quote RS Ongoing
- 2.2 Minute 2.2 - J. Share to follow up Hume Council Rates for non-profit sporting clubs. Agreed for New Year JS Ongoing

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- 2.3 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
- 2.4 Minute 2.5 - J. Share advised that now we are in another district that has poker machines, we should follow up their duty to donate to local sporting clubs. T.Price advised that discussions had commenced. Ongoing with the Craigieburn Sportsman Club. JS/TP Ongoing
- 2.5 Minute 2.6 – 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. TP Apr'17
- 2.6 Minute 2.7 – 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. Note
- 2.7 Minute 2.9 - 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 Apr'17
- 2.8 Minute 2.10 - It was reported that the wheels were again sticking on Units. T.Price to follow up Trevor Howard re installing nipples. TP Ongoing
- 2.9 Minute 2.11 - 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. All Ongoing
- 2.10 Minute 2.13 - It was agreed that some Club member sizes were ridiculously low to the point that they could not advise of a President, Secretary and Clock Chairman. To be rationalised and Rules reviewed. Rules 4 and Rule 5. Ongoing
- 2.11 Minute 8.1 - The issues re the Reo/Rota virus were discussed and it was agreed that there was no regulatory advise 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. All Ongoing

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- 2.12 Minute 8.3 - J.Share advised of new disinfectant spray for the units. Further discuss. Ongoing
- 2.13 Minutes adopted on the motion of J. Share seconded R.Simmons Note

### 3.0 Correspondence in:

- 3.1 Email dated 26/02/17 from Thomastown noting CCF minutes re a Boards decision to Race and any legal ramifications.
- 3.2 Quote from Website Wise dated 02/03/17 for new website.
- 3.3 Email dated 03/03/17 from ANRPB thanking us for our \$2000 donation for the Disease Management fund. Note
- 3.4 Hand written letter dated 13/03/17 re application from Frank Micallef to be a flying member noting having made application to be a member of the Footscray Club.
- 3.5 Quote from Clearsky I.T Services dated 10/03/17 for new website.

### 4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Notice letters to members re AGM together with all forms. Note

### 5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 3.1 Noted. Further discuss at April meeting.
- 5.2 3.2 & 3.5 hold until May. Note
- 5.3 3.3 Noted. It was also noted that personal donations can be made to the Disease Management fund by individuals ( S.Cini advised had done so).Refer their website for details.
- 5.4 3.4 – Await Footscray’s advice prior to further discussion noting will need a clearance from the VPO.

### 6.0 Clock Chairman report

- 6.1 Nil Note

### 7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J.Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of February 2017. Note
- 7.2 J Davis that 38 members were now paid up for 2017 season. Clubs to follow up membership payments. Further discuss. All Note

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### 8.0 New Business

- 8.1 Discussion re the racing season , format , Rota virus, membership etc carried over until All Note  
next meeting.

**Meeting closed 10:55pm - Next Meeting - 7:30pm 3rd April 2017 at the VRPU rooms**