

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of November 2017 Committee Meeting

Held at 8:00 pm on Monday 13th November 2017

PRESENT:

Wayne Williams	Vice-President
Jim Davis	Secretary
Peter Sawyer	Assistant Secretary
Gary Church	Committee
Charlie Grech	Committee
John Share	Committee
Steve Cini	Committee

Apologies:

Tony Price	President
Rod Simmons	Committee

Guests:

Paul Burlak	Social Committee
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Meeting Chaired by: Wayne Williams

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

Paul Burlak gave an account of what the Social Committee was working on summarised as:

- *Work for the dole project involving the construction of a mezzanine floor and general upgrade of the rooms. This would be reliant on a government activity being available in the district and the success of the application yet to be submitted. It was noted that Paul had met the government officials at the rooms to show the extent and general discussion. The Committee agreed that this initiative be followed through.
- *The sale dates for the Classic races was reinforced being the 18th Nov, 8th Dec, 19th Jan and 23rd Feb. It was agreed that members could also offer up loft items for Sale , extra over to the main Classic Sale at each Sale to raise funds.
- * The 80th Anniversary of the VPU was confirmed at 18th March 2018 at 12:30pm to 5:30pm \$55 per head all inclusive at the same venue in Fawkner as last year's presentation night. Tickets available soon.
- *2 No. Bunnings BBQ's confirmed at the Craigieburn store. Dates to be advised.
- *Planning a Pigeon seminar & Expo at the end of next season.
- *To increase the prize money of each race it was requested that members follow up sponsors of say \$500 per race for which the Race will be named.
- *PA system has been installed. Costs were being reimbursed from the old Double Classic account.
- *General works to the clubrooms has continued with honour boards being dusted down and each Club's winners to be updated. Club's to get the information to C.Grech for advising sign writer. It was agreed that the Club boards be hung above the relevant Club results boards (South Wall).
- *The spare room to the front of the Building is to converted into a lockable store with wire meshed wall and gate. Approved.

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1.0 Previous Minutes October 2017

- 1.1 Minutes of October 2017 were read and received on a motion from C Grech seconded by S.Cini Note

2.0 Business arising from October minutes

- 2.1 Minute 2.1 - 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.T.Price to send email. Quote received "Aircon install Guys". Not accepted. T.Price to follow up with D.Crosbie via email. TP Ongoing
- 2.2 Minute 2.3 - 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. Sample follow up C Grech. Tabled SS sample. Request price and request Gal version. Review overseas costs. R.Simmons to follow up. Measure standard unit for quoting purposes. Advised of landed price. Follow up sample. RS Dec'17
- 2.3 Minute 2.4 - J Share questioned whether next season 2018 will be on the North track if 2017 season is missed or partly missed. Further discussion. Review next meeting when flyer numbers known. Further discussion to be held. Hold until end of season. J.Davis tabled Option 1 N/E track. After discussion agreed Sprint series be on North line due to westerlies and closeness of snow fields. Thursday night basketballing from Hay. J.Davis to modify and issue to VHA for discussion. J.Davis tabled Option 3 that was discussed with the VHA. To be issued to members. JD Nov'17
- 2.5 Minute 2.5 - Charlie Grech showed letter formats for Clubs to apply for BBQ days at Bunnings. If accepted by Bunnings, it would require each Club or representatives to work at the various outlets on a Saturday (non-racing season) to raise funds.
Club Contacts are: Broadmeadows – TBA, Coburg – M.Doria, Fawkner – T.Price, Footscray – D. Brown, Glenroy – P Sawyer, Kilmore – C Grech, NSHC – J. Share, Pascoe Vale – S.Cini, Preston – J.Floros, Regent – C.Cox, and Thomastown – W.Williams. C Grech to continue follow up. Needed Presidents and Secretaries, addresses and email contacts. Also note that any funds raised would be for future transport only. Notifications urgent. Those responded were NSHC, Glenroy and Kilmore. All Ongoing
- 2.6 Minute 2.8 - Honour boards now need to be installed with ones still in use at lower level. Working group to install. T.Price to confirm name of lettering company for update of Union board. Quote to be obtained – colour black. C Grech now arranging. CG Ongoing

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| 2.7 | Minute 8.1 - T.Price requested review of where the spare red roller wheels were. CG advised that they were left at rooms as confirmed by current Owner. | | Note |
| 2.8 | Minute 8.2 - R.Simmons questioned whether AUST rings would be acceptable for racing. Refer new Minute Rule. J.Share questioned who was the recognised body/organisation for contacting lost birds. | RS | Dec'17 |
| 2.9 | Minute 8.3 - C.Grech advised that front entry door required adjustment and closer. | JD | Ongoing |
| 2.10 | Minute 8.7 - R.Simmons suggested that many of our Rules are either outdated or not adhered to and therefore our Rules needs a full review. J.Davis to commence review. Commenced and will issue to Charles Hider for approval prior to issue. | JD | Ongoing |
| 2.11 | Minutes adopted on the motion of W.Williams seconded J.Share | | Note |

3.0 Correspondence in:

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| 3.1 | Email dated 3 rd November 2017 from Glenroy Club advising President P Sawyer and Sec/Treasurer P.Burlak | | |
| 3.2 | Email from Glenroy Club nominating P.Burlak for the Committee. | | |
| 3.3 | Advise from Thomastown Club nominating W.Williams for Vice President and committee members G.Church and R.Simmons. | | |
| 3.4 | Advise from Pascoe Vale Club nominating S. Cini as committee member and J.Davis as Sec/Treasurer. | | Note |
| 3.5 | Inspection Notice from NBN dated 27 th October 2017. | | |
| 3.6 | Press release dated 31 st October 2017 from the ANRPB re Rota Virus update. | | |
| 3.7 | Copy of a letter from the City of Moonee Valley to a resident requesting via a survey, information as to whether they had any concerns in a person keeping in excess of 10 pigeons. (City of Moonee Valley local law). | | |

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 | All items noted | | Note |
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6.0 Clock Chairman report

6.1 Nil

7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J.Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of October 2017. Note
- 7.2 J. Davis to have reviewed the current insurance policy covers. Met with Insurance Broker onsite and revised policy will be issued to cover our use and delete cover on Units during transport as covered under VHA policy. Awaiting revised quote. JD Ongoing
- 7.3 J.Davis read out the suggested VPU Code of Conduct which is to be A3 laminated and placed in various locations within the Club rooms for all members to follow. Approved. JD Dec'17
- 7.4 J.Davis reminded that a bank statement from the social club for end December was required in order to finalise year ends accounts. CG Dec'17

8.0 New Business

- 8.1 P Sawyer requested that Rule 102 to be reworded so as production does not have to be on the night of the bird arrival when the majority of birds are the next day. Committee agreed. Moved P Sawyer 2nd J.Share. All Note
- 8.2 P Sawyer advised of a double ring number in his ICON issue of rings. Numbers to be advised. PS Dec'17
- 8.3 C Grech requested copy of all members contacts. Agreed if general notice it is to be issued it is to be through the Sec/Treas. Note
- 8.4 Transport sub committee advised reviews continuing. Note
- 8.5 J Share requested that the old STB clocks be given a 12 month window to change over to either the Quartz clocks or electronic given servicing difficult and becoming unreliable.Further discuss. All Ongoing
- 8.6 J.Share advised requested approval to use the clubrooms in February 2018 for a seminar on separate long distance racing and how normal Federation race schedules maybe be affected. Approved. Date to be advised. JS Feb'18
- 8.7 J.Davis advised that other Federations were reviewing their transport and releases Code of Practice in relation to wind and heat. All Note

9.0 Minute Rules 2017

- 9.1 Rule 102. For all races over approximately 600km (known as the 400's), clocks are to be produced at the VPU rooms at **9:00pm** on the day of liberation or on the day following the day of liberation or as otherwise directed by the Committee. The only occasions that these times can be exceeded are when a member is still within 90 minutes of clocking.

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9.2 Rule 118. It is incumbent on all members to follow the Social Media guidelines as set out under “Important Documents” on the VRPU website. Disregard for these guidelines shall invoke Rule 11 of the Constitution.

9.3 Electronic Rules – Schedule 1 – Use of ESB Systems. Rules 26a) and b) delete, thus if a race result print out from an electronic clock cannot be produced at an approved clocking centre, and then the result shall not be given.

9.4 Rule 113 – Add to the end of paragraph – Any life ring, other than VPU rings or Special Race rings, will attract a surcharge of 50 cents for every ring upon registration of the flyers ring list.

Meeting closed 9:22 pm - Next Meeting - 7:30pm 4th December 2017 at the VRPU rooms