

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NO. 60

MINUTES HELD ON 4th MARCH 2018@ 8:12 PM AT VRPU CLUBROOMS

PRESENT:

President	Tony Price
Secretary Treasurer	Jim Davis
Committee and Members	56 No. (48 Financial and 8 proxy votes)

Apologies: Phil Kalaitzis, Joe Iurato, Keith Anderson, Engin Gurkan, Dennis Brown, Mark Cavanagh, Mick Cerchi, Becker Halad, Ali Dawas

Meeting Chaired by Tony Price

- 1.0 Minutes Silence was called by the President in remembrance of those members and loved ones who had passed in the previous year.
- 2.0 Minutes of the 2018 were read and moved by R.Simmons, 2nd W.Williams and carried.
- 3.0 Business arising – Nil
- 4.0 Minutes adopted – moved G.Church, 2nd G.Lapworth and carried.
- 5.0 J Davis read audited Income, Expenditure statement and balance sheet. J. Davis highlighted financially rewarding year with healthy asset base. Accepted on a motion from G.Lapworth, 2nd R.Cauchi and carried.
- 6.0 Secretary's annual report was delivered by J Davis as per the Annual Report 2018.
- 7.0 President's addendum was delivered by T.Price as per the Annual Report 2018.
- 8.0 Election of office bearers for 2019.
The Secretary advised that each candidate, for the positions nominated, would have the opportunity to speak before the members and give their reasons for nomination for the Committee prior to the ballot election. This was done. Voting slips were then issued to the members for each of the separate positions and the votes for each of the positions counted by the Secretary and Assistant Secretary. Results by way of a majority of votes and non-contested positions were as follows:

President	Tony Price
Vice President	Wayne Williams
Secretary/Treasurer	Jim Davis
Assistant Secretary	Peter Sawyer
Ring Registrar and the Committee	Pierre Anastasi P.Burlack, B.Dodds , A.Kalaitzis,V.Cannizzo,M.Doria,D.Cavanagh & G.Church.

- 9.0 Presentation of the 2018 trophies was held together with the issue of Diplomas.

10.0 Motions:

The Secretary confirmed that in accordance with Rule 39(1), for a Rule to be changed two thirds of the members are required to vote in favour. In this instance **37** votes were required.

Motions from the Board:

Minute Rules 2018.

Appoint of mediator - Rule 27 (2)(b):

Add to (i) after "another member -" and or the Committee or the VPU" -

Delete (b) (ii).

Motion from Board – 2nd the motion T.Price.

The Secretary advised that this was basically a procedural matter that avoided mediation by parties outside of the VRPU .

No speakers against. Vote held . 38 votes for 0 against , balance 18 abstained , Motion carried.

Failure to resolve dispute by mediation - Rule 29

Delete current wording.

Add: "If the mediation process does not resolve the dispute, then the current VPU committee shall determine the dispute after hearing the grievances dispute from both parties and may:

- (1) reprimand one or both members; and or
- (2) fine one or both members; and 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.

Motion from the Board – 2nd the motion T.Price.

The Secretary advised that this was a similar matter to the first matter.

No speakers against. Vote held . 40 votes for 0 against , balance 16 abstained , Motion carried.

Northern Homing Club

Routes- Rule 84

In the first sentence delete the words " four "and "west". Amened first sentence –

"It shall be the duty of the Committee to provide a series of races on three routes, North West, North and North East."

Motion from the Northern Homing Club – 2nd the motion G.Lapworth.

J. Share spoke for the motion. C.Grech spoke against the motion. Vote held. 7 votes for 28 against, balance 21 abstained. Motion defeated.

Peter Sawyer/Committee

Distribution of Prize money - Rule 99

Change 50% to open fed to 25 % and 50 % to section to 75 %.

Delete : "a short section, long section, and a section for flyers north of Donnybrook Road .

Add : "a North section, South section, Central section, West section and an East section."

Motion from Glenroy /Board. – 2nd the motion – C.Grech

P. Sawyer spoke for the motion. No speakers against. Vote taken 28 for 11 against balance 17 abstained . Motion defeated.

Sections - Rule 140

Delete whole.

Add : "There will be five sections in the VPU namely north section, South section, Central section, West section, and the East section arrived at as follows. The North section to comprise of those members from the Kilmore and Wallan Clubs, South section those members from Pascoe Vale and Glenroy Clubs, Central section those members from Craigieburn, Northern Homing Club and Broadmeadows Club, West section those members who are west of the WPF's original eastern boundary and East section those members from Thomastown, Regent and Preston Clubs."

Motion from Glenroy /Board. – 2nd the motion – C.Grech

T.Price spoke for the motion. No speakers against. Vote taken 38 for 4 against balance 14 abstained . Motion carried.

Pascoe Vale Club.

Clock Production - Rule 126 and Rule 127

Delete "within 90 minutes"

Add "within two hours"

Pascoe Vale Club – 2nd the motion – W.Williams

T.Price advised that this proposed rule change was already used this last season successfully. No speakers against. Vote taken unanimous. Motion carried.

Secretary.

Hire of Rooms – Rule 133.

Delete "fee of \$200"

Add "fee of \$300"

Secretary – 2nd the motion - W.Williams.

J. Davis advised that this fee was already being charged and it was an amendment relating to what was being practised. No speakers against . Vote taken 41 for 0 against 15 abstained. Motion carried.

Minute Rules 2018

Particular EBS system

Before the last paragraph add

"Benzing Live or equivalent"

(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 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 produced at his designated Centre within the normal time frames as set out in Rules 125-128, then no time will be given.

Minute Rule – 2nd the motion – G.Church.

J. Davis advised that the committee had already allowed this Rule and was a minute rule.

T.Price spoke for the motion. None against. Vote taken 39 for 0 against 17 abstained . Motion carried.

11.00 Nomination of Yurek Snopkowski for Life membership.

T.Price spoke for Y.Snopkowski's Life Membership as had been nominated by the Craigieburn Club under Rule 58 and endorsed by the Committee. Vote held. Unanimous. Carried.

Meeting Closed at 10:10: pm.