

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NO. 61

MINUTES HELD ON 2nd MARCH 2020 @ 8:08 PM AT VRPU CLUBROOMS

PRESENT:

President	Tony Price
Secretary Treasurer	Jim Davis
Committee and Members absentee votes)	53 No. (47 Financial, 1 proxy and 5

Apologies: Keith Anderson, Mick Cerchi, Robert Taylor, Strav Beram, Darren Reardon and Benny Borg.

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 2019 were read and moved by W.Williams, 2nd M.Doria and carried.
- 3.0 Business arising – Nil
- 4.0 Minutes adopted – moved B.Dodds, 2nd P.Burlak 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 R.Simmons, 2nd P. Burlak and carried.
- 6.0 Secretary's annual report was delivered by J Davis as per the Annual Report 2019.
- 7.0 President's addendum was delivered by T.Price as per the Annual Report 2019.
- 8.0 Election of office bearers for 2020.
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	John Share
Ring Registrar and the Committee	Pierre Anastasi A.Kalaitzis, M.Doria, G.Church, J.Dismore, S.Cini, N.Gecas and Mick Edwards

- 9.0 Presentation of the 2019 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 **35** votes were required. (Except Motion 7 wherein a majority required)

(1)Rule 91: (Committee)

Add – The ring list for flyers using the EBSS must have the birds accurately ring numbered and coloured into their clocks prior to the first race. Failure to present an accurate ring list may deem the flyer ineligible to compete in that week's race.

Motion from Board – 2nd the motion W.Williams

The President advised that this was basically a procedural matter that avoided any confusion re ring lists and colour of entered bird.

No speakers against. Vote held . 40 votes for 0 against , balance 13 abstained , Motion carried.

(2)Rule 97: (Committee)

Add – new (3) – It is strongly recommended that all members vaccinate for the Rota Virus with an approved vaccine as supplied by Treidlia Biovet Pty Ltd and in accordance with their “ROTAVAX” guidelines dated 13th August 2019.

Motion from the Board – 2nd the motion R.Simmons

The Secretary advised that this was inline with good practice and similar to our pox vaccination rule.

No speakers against. Vote held . 21 votes for 23 against , balance 9 abstained , Motion defeated.

(3)Rule 102: (NHC – John Share)

Delete existing and add new:

Up to four competing individuals or partnerships may compete and fly their birds registered in their own name to the same loft or premises. Each member or partnership must be a VPU member and must be a bona fide flyer. Each member or partnership shall compete under the Rules of the VPU and within the Code of Conduct. Only two of these VPU flyers from the same loft or premises are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Special Meetings. The maximum number of birds that can be entered for Federation events from the same loft or premises cannot exceed the maximum number of birds allowed to be entered by two flyers from the same loft or premises, with the exception of the 10 bird 400 mile national where each member or partnership is entitled to enter the limit of 10 birds each.

Motion from the Northern Homing Club – 2nd the motion C. Grech

J. Share spoke for the motion. Questions and debate held. Vote held.

28 votes for 18 against, balance 7 abstained. Motion defeated.

(4)Rule 142: (Committee)

Add (4) - Entering of pigeons can only commence with the presence and approval of the room steward. The person reading the electronic clock must confirm that the first bird scanned is the first bird entered for any given race. At the completion of entering birds via the scanner the clock is either read or the power is disconnected.

Motion from the Board. - 2nd the motion - J.Dismore

President advised similar to 91 and assists in controlling the legitimate entry of pigeons. No speakers against. Vote taken 37 for 11 against balance 5 abstained. Motion carried.

(4)Rule 154: (Committee)

Add - If a presented bird's ring number does not match what is recorded in the flyers electronic clock then that bird will have its chip removed and disallowed entry into the race or race unit. The chip/s will be held in safe keeping at the VRPU Clubrooms until race day clock production and the reading of the flyers electronic clock, or anytime thereafter, whereupon the chips shall be returned to the flyer.

Motion from the Board. - 2nd the motion - N.Gecas

President advised that again similar to Rule 142 in tightening up our entry procedures. No speakers against. Vote taken 41 for 0 against balance 12 abstained . Motion carried.

(5)New rule 171: (Thomastown - W. Williams)

Performance enhancing drugs/substances

(1) The VRPU Committee shall make rules and regulations prohibiting the use of performance enhancing drugs/ substances. Contravention of these rules and regulations shall entail suspension. Refer Appendix A.

(See Appendix A) Attached.

(6)And Rule 19:

Add (h) - Noncompliance with Rule 171.

Motion from the Board. - 2nd the motion - R.Simmons.

John Share requested that the motion be modified so that the Appendix A contained a rule regarding penalty for the importation of banned substances, performance enhancing drugs, drugs listed in Appendix A or overseas vaccines. Revised motion- 2nd N.Gecas.

Debate, discussions and clarifications were held thereafter a vote taken. Vote taken 41 for 6 against balance 6 abstained . Motion carried.

(7)Motion: (Kilmore Club - Charlie Grech) - Noting this would be decided by a majority of votes

That the Kilmore Invitational Racing Pigeon Club have use of the VPU rooms for the basketing of their proposed mid season Wonthaggi race series.

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Motion from Kilmore Club – 2nd V.Cannizzo.

For and against discussions were held thereafter a ballot vote was taken. Vote taken 29 for 20 against balance 4 abstained having left the meeting . Motion carried.

(8)Motion: Glenroy Club - Peter Sawyer – endorsed by the Committee)

That Wayne Williams and Dennis Brown be both made Life members of the VPU for services rendered over the many years – Room Steward, Committee member, liberators, Convoyer, Ring Secretary etc.

Motion from the Board – 2nd T.Price.

T.Price spoke briefly re the efforts over the years of both members. Vote taken 36 for 7 against balance 10 abstained (4) having left the meeting . Motion carried.

Meeting Closed at 10:06: pm.