

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of February 2021 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:34 pm on Tuesday 1st February 2021

PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Wayne Williams	Vice President
Jim Davis	Secretary
John Share	Assistant Secretary
Steve Cini	Committee
Nick Gecas	Committee
Alex Kalaitzis	Committee
Vince Cannizzo	Committee
John Dismore	Committee

Apologies:

Gary Church	Committee
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Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

1.0 Previous Minutes December 2020

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| 1.1 | Minutes of December 2020 were read and received on a motion from A. Kalaitzis seconded by N. Gecas | Note | |
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2.0 Business arising from December 2020 minutes

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| 2.1 | Minute 2.1 - Photos for Bird of the Year and 600-mile winner to be arranged. Agreed when closer to start of season. After COVID 19 resolved. | Note | Ongoing |
| 2.2 | Minute 2.2 - J Davis advised a number of members advised that they were interested in the Responsible Serving of Alcohol course. Persons and times to be arranged noting VPU will cover training costs. T. Price advised that had received interest from 2 members. On hold until after COVID-19 resolved. Work on doing course in May 2021 | Note | New Year |
| 2.3 | Minute 2.4 - M. Doria reminded that sponsorship donations needed to be followed up. List and contact numbers required. | TP | March'21 |
| 2.4 | Minute 2.5 - It was noted that the committee had voted to maintain the N/W track for 2021. To be finalised at Feb'20 meeting. Draft to be issued. Issued. To be sent to WPF for final coordination. | JD | Feb'21 |

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- 2.5 Minute 2.6 - Discussions were held re the Yearling Classic and the 2-year-old Classic for 2021, date, same point, same time, separate release etc. Further discuss. Need to find out what members want. Agreed 2 feature races as per draft schedule. Note
- 2.6 Minute 2.7 - With success of the trainers' programme, it was agreed to have same format two weeks prior to the start of the 2021 season. T. Price advised that we should include an Axedale toss in Race schedule. Axedale toss included. Trainers programme dropped as trainers available in short series released separately ½ hour after Federation birds. Initial first 3 races and then review afterwards. All
- 2.7 Minute 2.8 - With such a big loss in drinkers it was agreed to obtain a further quote for SS drinkers with rolled edges. V.Cannizzo to discuss with A. Kalaitzis. A. Kalaitzis advised samples ready. Agreed to order 140. T. Price advised that Craigieburn would sponsor the total costs which was gratefully accepted. Drinkers sizes finalised. Production to proceed. Delivery not until mid-June '21. AK/TP June'21
- 2.8 Minute 8.1 - A stock take was required for number of feeders available. All Note
- 2.9 Minute 8.4 - T. Price advised that he had viewed a further forklift. Needed to have 2 tonne capacity. It was agreed to have a mechanic check and check what costs would be required to have it "road worthy" and certified for use. If within budget, purchase to proceed. TP Ongoing
- 2.10 Minutes adopted N.Gecas seconded S.Cini

3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email dated 17/12/20 from P. Pace applying for position of ring secretary.
- 3.2 Email dated 27/12/20 from P. Anastasi reapplying for position of ring secretary.
- 3.3 Email dated 11/01/21 from WPF regarding transport for 2021.
- 3.4 Email dated the 15/01/21 from E. Strzelczyk requesting approval to fly two teams from the one loft. Note
- 3.5 Email from the VHA advising of a 50 bird limit sprint series beginning 13/03/21. Open to all federations with two basketing centres Ivanhoe and Notting Hill.
- 3.6 Letter dated the 24/01/21 from the NSHC raising points:
- Outer Boundary flyers.
 - 2021 Produce.
 - Compulsory Prize money

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email dated 11/01/21 to the WPF responding to their queries. Note

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5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minutes 3.1 and 3.2. Both applications were discussed and a unanimous vote was carried to maintain current ring secretary. J.Davis to advise both of result. JD Feb'21
- 5.2 Minute 3.3 – Responded. J.Davis to send draft VPU 2021 race programme. JD Feb'21
- 5.3 Minute 3.4 - Application rejected as the request did not comply with Rule 102. J.Davis to advise member. JD Feb'21
- 5.4 Minute 3.5 – Noted.
- 5.5 Minute 3.6 – Outer Boundary flyers – already approved for 2021 as per minute 5.3 of previous meeting noting they only transport with VPU not race.
- 2021 Produce will remain open for 2-year-old for this year only as per minute 8.5 of previous meeting. All
- Compulsory prize money – To be discussed at AGM.

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 December 2020. J. Davis to have books audited and statement signed for AGM. Note
- 7.2 **Important Dates: 1st March 2021 AGM.**

8.0 New Business

- 8.1 M.Rifat was nominated for the position of VRPU Publicity Officer working on Facebook and other media ideas. J.Davis to notify the position for the 2021 season to check whether acceptable. JD Feb'21
- 8.2 J.Share volunteered for 2021 Convoyer for VRPU transport races. Accepted. Note
- 8.3 It was agreed that we needed to seek quotes for transport over to WPF for the distance series. All Apr'21
- 8.4 J.Share advised that a 7-man committee was being proposed made up of various Federation representatives in order organise transport for all the 5 Federations on the one truck for 3/400's, 2/500's and 1/600. The single National as we currently know it would be dropped and these races would be all Nationals. Each federation would still have their own federation race within the Nationals. The concept was supported by the Committee. J.Share to advise as works progress. JS Ongoing

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- 8.5 An 800-mile race was being proposed via R.Simmons and a request to basket at the Union rooms was being sought. Committee requested more details about the race and when. WW Mar'21
- 8.6 V. Cannizzo suggested that R.Simmons be acknowledged at the AGM for his works on promoting pigeon racing through his YouTube series. JD Mar'21

9.0 Minute Rules 2021:

- 9.1 Nil

Meeting closed 9:56 pm - Next Meeting – 9:00 pm 1st March 2021 at the VRPU rooms.