

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NO. 62

MINUTES HELD ON 1st MARCH 2021 @ 8:12 PM AT VRPU CLUBROOMS

PRESENT:

President	Tony Price
Secretary/Treasurer	Jim Davis
Committee and Members	51 No. (48 Financial, 3 proxy votes)

Apologies: Keith Anderson, Mick Cerchi, , Darren Reardon, Len La Sala, John Floros, Majeed Dagagile, Gabriel Digiambattista, Vince Cannizzo and Joe Iurato

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 2020 were read and moved by M.Cavanagh, 2nd W.Williams and carried.
- 3.0 Business arising – Nil
- 4.0 Minutes adopted – moved R.Simmons, 2nd B.Dodds and carried.
- 5.0 J Davis read audited Income, Expenditure statement and balance sheet. J. Davis highlighted that although we did not race, it was still a 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 not delivered by J Davis as there was no racing.
- 7.0 President's addendum was not delivered by T.Price as there was no racing, however, thanks and appreciation were passed on to a number of members who had contributed extra during the year.
- 8.0 Election of office bearers for 2021.
The President advised that since there were no contested positions, that the following positions be passed in block as follows:

President	Tony Price
Vice President	Wayne Williams
Secretary/Treasurer	Jim Davis
Assistant Secretary	John Share
The Committee	A.Kalaitzis, J.Denaro, G.Church, V.Cannizzo, S.Cini and N.Gecas

Moved in Block by B.Dodds, 2nd J.Forti, voted and passed.

- 9.0 There was no presentation of trophies for 2020 as there was no racing.

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 **34** votes were required.

1. Rule 99: (Kilmore Club). (Not endorsed by the Committee).

Delete – “All Federation races will race for prize money as follows”

Add – “It will not be compulsory to race for prize money in all Federation Races. For those flyers competing for prize money then they will race for prize as follows -". At the end of the paragraph add – “Flyers competing for prize money must nominate that they are competing for prize money at the start of the season for the season to be eligible.

Motion from Kilmore Club – 2nd C.Grech

C. Grech and spoke for the motion. An amendment was put forward by W.Williams - 2nd J.Share that compulsory prize money be only for the Classic federation races. Discussions for and against were held. The President called for a vote. Vote taken . For 13 – motion defeated. President then called a vote on the original motion. For 13 and 1 proxy – motion defeated.

2. Rule 108: (Kilmore Club)

Add – “For those flyers competing for prize money then....”
Not applicable as Rule 99 amendment motion defeated.

3. Rule 102: (NHC – John Share). (Endorsed by the Committee.)

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 flier. 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. 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 flyer is entitled to enter the limit of 10 birds each. "

Motion from NHC – 2nd J. Share.

J. Share spoke for the motion. Various questions were then asked to explain the concept with some members against the motion. J.Share replied. President called for a vote – For 38 and 3 proxy. Motion carried.

4. Rule 140: (Thomastown Club).

Delete complete Rule and add

"There will be **five** sections in the VPU namely North section, South section, Central section, West section, **North East** section and the **South 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 **North East** section for those members from Thomastown, Regent and Preston who are North of the M80 Ring Road and the **South East** section for those members from Thomastown, Regent and Preston who are South of the M80 Ring Road."

Motion from Thomastown Club – 2nd W.Williams.

W.Williams explained the reason for the motion noting that it only affected the original Eastern section.

J.Share put forward an amendment to the motion deleting the west section and adding those flyers in the west would compete in their Club's section.

2nd J.Forti. Discussions were held.

President called for a vote on the amended motion. For – 36 . Motion carried.

5. Motion: Craigieburn Club - Tony Price – (Endorsed by the Committee.)

That Jim Davis be made a Life member of the VPU for services rendered over the many years – Assistant Secretary and Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion from Craigieburn Club – 2nd T.Price.

T.Price gave a brief summary of J.Davis's contributions to the VRPU over the years.

President called for a vote. For – unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting Closed at 9:10 pm.