

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PIGEON RACE COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 2022 Committee Meeting

Held at WPF Rooms 7:30 pm on Wednesday 11th May 2022

PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Jim Davis	Secretary
Steve Brown	Secretary of the VHA
Andrew Spiliopoulos	President of the VHA
Rod Churchill	President of the GMPF
Gary Gillard	Race Secretary of the GMPF
Ray Russell	President of the WPF
Marc Tenaglia	Secretary of the WPF

Guests:

Nil

Apologies:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by:

Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present

VPU Website

Minutes of previous meeting accepted and adopted. Moved T.Price, 2nd A.Spiliopoulos

• **General:**

- Given that there were some new faces on the committee, T.Price gave a brief history of the National event which commenced in 1984.
- A vote was taken for the future President and Secretary of the National Committee. Unanimous - remain as is.
- After some discussion it was agreed that the National was only open to the main 5 Federations VHA, WPF,VRPU,GMPF and VPO.
- For National racing it was agreed that Federations would not hold another race on the same day except if it was from Tasmania.
- It was agreed that National racing will only be transported by either the WPF or VHA on an alternate year by year basis.
- If flyers were not willing to agree to transport in either of these options then they would not be participating in the National.
- It was reconfirmed that the National was raced under VRPU rules.

• **This year's event from Cobar 08/10/2022**

- Given it is the VHA's turn to transport, A.Spiliopoulos advised of transport costs of \$3414.32 based on \$1.75 cents for Diesel.
- It was agreed that this quote will be firmed up closer to the race (1st week October 2022) and is to include convoyer costs and feed.
- The share of the costs would be pro rata e.g. VPU 200 birds in 2000 total birds – 10% of set fee payable to the Federation that was transporting that year.

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- VHA will issue invoices to the various Federations for payment after numbers known.
 - Pick up points shall be Frankston, Cranbourne, Morning Mist, Nottinghill, Ivanhoe, WPF and last VRPU. Participants are to basket at the centre that best suits them. VHA will issue a “flyer” closer to race that advises Federations of approximate pickup times from their centre.
 - VHA to arrange appropriate units, that suit their trailer, to be dropped off at the appropriate pickup points earlier in the week of the race.
 - There shall be no cleaning costs for units.
 - A.Spiliopoulos advised that it would be the intention that the truck arrives at the race point on the Friday at about 11:30am.
- **Next year’s event – from Cobar 2023 07/10/23.**
 - Transport by WPF.
 - Federations to include this date in their 2023 Race Schedule.

- **Combines**

Other future potential Combines for consideration in following years.

- Discussions were held re joint transport for Tassie, 400’s 500’s and 600’s with bird limits as necessary simply to minimise transport costs for all.
 - It was agreed that it was important that we be on the same or as near to same track for the future successful Combines. Next year three Federations were on the same line.
 - It was agreed that for 2023 we aim at having at least a Combine 600. One or two transport groups only (depending on birdage numbers).
 - To that end we would meet again after this year’s National – 12th October 2022 at the VRPU rooms to discuss lines of flight in particular the 600 race location and date. We could then take this back to the members.
 - Options for Tassie to be discussed at next meeting.
- **Other**
 - T.Price advised that the ANRPB were running a super National from Cobar on the same date as our National. It was to promote our sport and raise funds via sponsorship. The difficulties of the different Liberations for the various States from the same point will be further discussed between T.Price with G.Kakoshke. Outcome to be advised.
 - M. Tenaglia advised that one of the VRPB’s main aims was having our Sport recognised by Federal and State Governments. There is a list of must achieves set out under www.sportsaus.gov.au/recognition of national sporting organisations. For any organisation wishing to be recognised all criteria must be met. Some of these have already been achieved but there is still a long way to go and we have started along way behind.

Meeting closed 9:07pm - Next Meeting – 7:30 pm 12th October 2022 at the VRPU Rooms