

# VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

## Minutes of July 2022 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:35 pm on Monday 4th July 2022

### PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Wayne Williams	Vice President
Jim Davis	Secretary
John Share	Assistant Secretary
Steve Cini	Committee
Nick Gecas	Committee
Vince Cannizzo	Committee
Gary Church	Committee
Joe Denaro	Committee
Pierre Anastasi	Committee

### Apologies:

Nil

### Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

### Distribution:

All Present  
VPU Website

## 1.0 Previous Minutes June 2022

- 1.1 Minutes of June 2022 were read and received on a motion from S.Cini seconded by W.Williams Note

## 2.0 Business arising from June 2022 minutes

- 2.1 Minute 2.6 - S.Cini questioned whether we were proposing Transport Sales for 2023 season. Suggested early new year and two sales . Further discuss dates. Suggested early December on a Sunday and early February ditto and donations are a minimum of 2 birds any age. Now mid December and early February on a Friday night. (16<sup>th</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) JD
- 2.2 Minute 2.4 - T.Price to further discuss membership of Federations with the VRPB committee. J.Share suggested that the VRPB have in their Constitution that they are the accepted/recognised independent body or the final approval board for any dispute resolutions for any Victorian Federation or flyer. J.Davis requested that review the Constitution re the meaning of membership and adapt so as if a member of a Federation the automatically a member of the VRPB.

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- 2.3 Minute 2.6 -T.Price tabled liquor licence for 2022 season. To be set up over kitchen. TP
- 2.4 Minute 2.7 - J.Davis advised that we were to vote on whether Rule 137 (3) – Foreign rings and 50c surcharge should be policed. Voted unanimously to be enforced for the next issue of seasons rings. SMS to be sent to all flyers. Further discussions held re “ VPU approved rings”. J.Davis to send email advising of appropriate rule and interpretation. JD
- 2.5 Minute 8.3 - It was reinforced that clock production from 400’s onwards and the Classics were at the VRPU rooms and not at other centres. Discussions were held and it was agreed that Rules 125 and 130 apply. Note
- 2.6 Minute 8.5 - A transport group or trucking company to be sought to transport birds to WPF rooms from the 350 onwards. T.Price advised discussing with next door. Truck to be suitable re exhaust location, straps and side edges on tray are suitable. TP
- 2.7 Minute 8.6 - T.Price confirmed he would follow up sponsors such as Bendigo Bank and Greyhounds Victoria. Any other offers would be gratefully accepted TP
- Minutes adopted V.Cannizzo seconded J.Denaro. Note

### 3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Flyer sent by email received 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 from ANRPB re “Cobar Grand National”. Note
- 3.2 Email letter 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022 from Kilmore Club re Northern Clocking Centre.

### 4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Nil. Note

### 5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minute 3.1 – Tony Price to discuss with Marc Tenaglia details of what seems will be a complicated release given the various States involved. TP
- 5.2 Refer Minute 2.5.

### 6.0 Clock Chairman report

- 6.1 T.Price showed the different errors that are occurring on manual clock entry sheets. After discussion it was agreed that education on filling in forms and for what reason was to be held with all manual clock owners prior to commencing basketing next week. VC/WW
- 6.2 T.Price advised that one member did not have his manual clock read as B.Dodds was not present and so left. Production rules to be reinforced so as the flyer can receive a reading. Note

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- 6.3 T.Price advised that there were no spare manual clocks and will seek from Bayside Club. To be followed up. TP
- 6.4 T.Price advised that there was no late entry book available. J.Davis to provide. JD
- 6.5 W.Williams advised that birds were being mishandled when being placed in units. Room stewards to reinforce. WW/SC
- 6.6 V.Cannizzo advised that stamps on back of electronic sheets was not carried out. It was agreed it simply did not work. Note
- 6.7 J.Davis advised that the failure of the WiFi router on Saturday has been resolved with a new unit received from Telstra and up and running. Note

### 7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of June 2022. Note
- 7.2 Ring Registration lists are to be completed, signed and handed in by first basketing night as per Rule 91. Electronic sheets from clock are unacceptable. P.Anastasi advised that 4 members had still not submitted their current ring registration sheets. J.Davis to notify relevant flyers. JD
- 7.3 J.Davis advised that with the cost of Diesel, we would be up for a severe premium over our agreed fee. It reinforces the need for sponsors. Note
- 7.4 T.Price noted that we need to realistically look at next year's transport and how many birds we send, limits and hence units to the early races. We believe under joint transport 8 units. Protocols e.g. water etc to also to be considered for future discussion. Ongoing

### Important Dates: Nil

### 8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 T.Price advised that funds for the Union 2022 Classic were now finalised. J.Davis to issue draft beak up of prize money. 25 prizes and 5 ring prizes were agreed. JD
- 8.2 Further to the Convoyer's report issued for the first Wedderburn, J.Denaro questioned the reasoning behind leaving the birds inside the factory until early morning and then transporting to release point. J.Share explained, as Loading Officer and Convoyer, his reasons. After further discussion it was agreed that in future when it is deemed that the birds remain at the rooms, that they remain in the truck in the carpark unless inclement weather and then, inside with the roller shutter door open. Note
- 8.3 Vince Cannizzo requested derelect car be removed from carpark. T.Price to check with next door if OK. TP
- 8.4 Steve Cini advised that Steve Gazzola was donating 2 free entries for the the 2023 one loft race to the winner of a VRPU race of our selection. Agreed the Whaley. Note
- 8.5 As a result of the faulty Unit at the first Wedderburn, Tony Price is to meet with Colin Loten to inspect all units and ascertain extent of repairs including having all wheels refurbished. TP

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- 8.6 J.Davis reminded all that ring purchases were upon us and that non members of the Union currently could not just pay \$100 membership and then obtain rings. They need to apply for membership, be verified and approved by the Committee at the appropriate meeting. Note
- 8.7 J.Davis advised of an instance where a flyer paid Membership and full Transport fees on the first basketing night and the following week requested all monies back as he could not compete with such small bird numbers. As Secretary and in sympathy, J.Davis honoured the request. Unfortunately the flyer flew the next week with another Federation. It was agreed that in future if a flyer pays his Membership it is not refundable as with most other sporting organisations. Any other requested refunds will need to be decided by the Committee. It also raised the issue of complying with being a Member and reasons for being one. If a previous member /flyer whose membership has expired wishes to rejoin the VRPU then his /her application will be via a Club and application made for the Committees approval.

### 9.0 Minute Rules 2022:

#### 9.1 Rule 53 – Add

(d) has flown as a member in VRPU federation races for the last two (2) consecutive years  
Years.

#### 9.2 New Rule – 172

##### Transport fees

All transport up front yearly fees are to be paid by all race season participating members on the first basketing night of the first race or no later than the second race's basketing night.

**Meeting closed 9:33 pm - Next Meeting – 7:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 at VRPU rooms.**