

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PIGEON RACE COMMITTEE

Minutes of October 2022 Committee Meeting

Held at VHA Rooms 7:30 pm on Monday 24th October 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:

J. Angelino of the VPO

Meeting Chaired by:

Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

It was agreed that we would just discuss the 2022 National and the outcomes.

Points for discussion:

- Review how the pickup system went.
- What happened that we had another race on our National truck
- Could the pickup system be applied to 500, 600 for 2023
- Can agreement be reached on same race points for 500 and 600.
- Was there anything we could have done better.

Review how the pickup system went.

The pickup system originally discussed and minuted in the May 2022 meeting did not happen. It became redundant when (1) the GMPF advised that they would not be participating in the National and (2) at a very late stage in coordinating other pickups, it was found that due to the logistics of not being able to have the VHA truck and trailer get into the WPF rooms and manoeuvre within in their carpark, this was abandoned.

The final outcome was that the VRPU picked up the WPF units via their return trip of picking up empty units from the week before's race and the VHA then picked up both Federations from the VRPU rooms. The VPO flyers basketed at either the VRPU rooms or WPF rooms.

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- **What happened that we had another race on our National Truck?**

It was agreed that this was unusual and came about because of the constant changes to race dates caused by the weather and the VHA sought permission to have their Dubbo race onboard and that this race was to be released the following day after moving on up to Dubbo after the National race birds were released. This did not happen as weather did not permit and so permission was further sought and granted to allow the VHA Dubbo race birds be released some 45mins after the National birds from Coombah. It was agreed that other races should not be transported on the National track again.

- **Could the pickup system be applied to the 500 and 600 for 2023**

Given that the initial system did not work it was agreed that much more homework was required to be carried out prior and many other matters needed to be resolved prior.

- **Was there anything we could have done better?**

M.Tenaglia highlighted the WPF's disappointment in how the National and the VHA additional race was arranged and its approval process.

It was agreed that in future if there are to be approval/s for any changes in prior National committee agreements, that a National committee member from each of the 4 Federations VHA, GMPF, WPF and VRPU is to be contacted by the National President , approval for the change sought and if the decision is even split between the 4 Federations then the President will have a casting vote. We must have transparency and any changes must be done in a timely manner.

- **Other issues.**

A.Spiliopoulos reinforced the objective of the National transport was to have combined transport to minimize the cost of transport for all organisations involved.

The GMPF advised that they did not participate in full since their members voted that they needed to use their basketing and transport system and hence not be onboard the National truck. To that end the Committee endorsed that the GMPF be permitted to transport their birds and the VPO's birds to National races in the future. The GMPF would be totally responsible for organising the basketing and pick up of the VPO birds thus giving the National a maximum of two (2) only trucks for National transport. The GMPF has to ensure that any pickups of the VPO's baskets, there are at least two (2) VPO members present at any pickup point to assist in loading.

Details of seals on baskets etc to be further discussed and finalised. GMPF to advise of their future participation after their next committee meeting.

The WPF advised that their members were disappointed in the handling of the National and to that end were considering their position re further participation. It was noted that next year the National was scheduled to be arranged and transported by the WPF. Provided this was to eventuate, then the VHA would arrange to have their units dropped off at the VRPU rooms and the WPF pick up both VRPU and VHA from there. WPF to advise of their future participation after

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their next committee meeting.

The allowed participation of both the Geelong Pigeon Racing Association Inc and the Geelong City Homing Club in future Nationals was discussed and on a motion from S. Brown and seconded from A.Spiliopoulos that they be permitted. A vote was taken - 7 for and 1 against . Motion passed. The Geelong Groups would basket at the WPF as per previous years.

G.Gillard questioned what other outer Metropolitan Pigeon Racing organisations would be permitted to race. J.Davis suggested that if there were any other applications to the Committee to contest the National , then the Committee would vote and decide on the application.

S.Brown suggested we investigate adding \$1 extra per bird for the National and allocate those monies to prize money, say first 3 places only. To be further discussed.

J.Davis advised that three (3) of the Federations were on the same track next year and that we should all endeavor to at least have our 500 and 600 from the same race points and on the same dates . Further coordinate. All Federations to issue their draft 2023 race schedules. T.Price reminded all that the PRV had offered to transport next year's 500. Keep in consideration.

A.Spiliopoulos distributed a cost comparison spreadsheet for the 2022 National transport with the Dubbo birds in and without. Costs allocations to be reviewed by the Federations and commented.

- **Next year's event – from Cobar 2023 14/10/23.**

Federations to include this date in their 2023 Race Schedule.

Meeting closed 9:10pm - Next Meeting – 7:30 pm date TBA at the VHA Rooms.