

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of October 2022 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:40 pm on Monday 3RD October 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 September 2022

- 1.1 Minutes of September 2022 were read and received on a motion from P.Anastasi seconded by V.Cannizzo Note

2.0 Business arising from September 2022 minutes

- 2.1 Minute 2.2 - Vince Cannizzo requested derelict car be removed from carpark. T.Price to check with next door if OK. S. Cini will arrange after OK given. Keys and documentation required. TP
- 2.2 Minute 8.3 - Classic Sales were discussed re value, conscious of previous poor attendance/support. Further discuss. Note rings now available for Sale. Agreed one Sale in the New Year. All
- 2.3 Minute 8.4 - T.Price advised that a bulk order of Dunn peas was being ordered for delivery to VRPU rooms. Those interested to contact T.Price. Sample required first after harvest. TP

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- 2.4 Minute 8.11 - J.Davis requested that the Committee look at race points for the 2023 North track season and submit for discussion. J.Share requested we review North points that will not be the same as other Federations for the Sprint series. J.Davis tabled draft North track 2023 schedule. Endorsed. Proposal to be coordinated with other Federations. JD

Minutes adopted W.Williams seconded S.Cini

3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email 8th September 2022 from The Meadows approving our Community Fund application.
- 3.2 Emails 21st September 2022 from VHA re their 2022 revised race programme.
- 3.3 Email 26th September 2022 from VRPB re State Governments survey re future changes to Animal Welfare. Note
- 3.4 Email 2nd October 2022 from Kilmore Club re 1) North track and starting distance and distances between race points.2) Offer to transport Tassie races.3) Basketting protocols.

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email 5th September 2022 to Kilmore Club re acceptance of new members.
- 4.2 Email 20th September 2022 to members re VRPU revised 2022 revised Race schedule. Note
- 4.3 Email 22nd September 2022 to Grey Hound Melbourne – ‘The Meadows’ thanking them for their generous fund donation.

5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minute 3.1,3.2.,3.3 and 4.3 noted.
- 5.2 Minute 3.4 – J.Davis to respond to Kilmore Club. JD

6.0 Clock Chairman report

- 6.1 T.Price required that names in electronic clocks were to match flyer’s race names. J.Davis to send SMS advising flyers to update. JD
- 6.2 J.Davis advised that now that flyers were topping up their clocks with new birds, they still needed the colour and sex to be entered against the rings. J.Davis to send SMS to flyers. JD
- 6.3 T.Price noted that a flyer had changed his defective electronic clock with another flyer’s electronic clock (not racing) without advising the Clock Committee prior. T.Price to speak to the flyer. TP

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- 6.4 J.Davis advised that there were many errors were made during clock production for the last race and reminded all involved that we must be vigilant in ensuring we check all before sending to Secretary for race entry and also be aware of our Code of Conduct and Clubroom responsibilities. Note

3.0 Secretary Report

- 3.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of September 2022.

Important Dates: 9th October 2022 Frank Velluto Sale Note

8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 T.Price confirmed that the VHA had invited us to join them in their Tassie on 22nd October 2022. They would pick us up. Acceptance moved by W.Williams, 2nd S.Cini - Vote taken and approved. J.Davis to update VRPU race schedule and issue to flyers. T.Price to lock in with VHA. JD/TP
- 8.2 As a result of Tassie approval , this falls on the same day as the Wedderburn comeback race. J.Davis to SMS flyers to seek flyer interest and no. of birds. (10 bird limit) in order to arrange transport. JD
- 8.3 As a result of the kind funds donated by “The Meadows” it was agreed that the final sprint race be called the “Greyhound Cup” together with sponsor highlighted. JD
- 8.4 J.Davis advised of a draft survey that he wished to send to members to get an understanding of how members felt about participating in prize money. After discussion J.Davis to issue survey to members and report on outcome at next meeting. JD
- 8.5 S.Cini advised that he noted the bird were finding it difficult for bird to get to drinkers due to them being too low. Solution is to spot weld knobs on brackets. To be arranged for next year. Welder to be sought. TP
- 8.6 It was agreed that we select the best wire baskets for upgrade and overhaul so as we have available for potential races. All
- 8.7 T.Price advised that he and V.Cannizzo were going to arrange a comeback race at the Mt.Hope stage of the 2023 calendar for all Federation flyers wishing to sharpen up birds or their unflown birds or those recovered from minor injury. TP/VC
- 8.8 P.Anastasi requested that we have open limit on either the first or second race with limit birds only recorded in the clock/race with the balance left just to fly. It was discussed that the non-Federation race birds would have to be let up separately. Note
- 8.9 Given that the Line of flight and race points were agreed , transport costs for sprint series only to be sought. TP
- 8.10 J.Share noted that “liberators” duties or responsibilities did not extend to discussing with other Federations potential changes to race points weeks or days out from a race. If this was to be considered, this is a Committee discussion/decision. Note

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- 8.11 J.Denaro requested that for the final three (3) sprint races , basketing be on the Thursday night with food and water , to be the collected from the rooms and transported to the race point on the Friday night. This would be in an attempt to teach All birds to drink and eat before they get to long distance racing. Further discuss.
- 8.12 P. Anastasi questioned whether there was to be a presentation night or function this year. J.Davis stated he had spoken with the WPF and at this late stage it looked Note unlikely but possibly an organised BBQ lunch may be on the cards. Otherwise, it would just be presentation of medallions at the AGM.
- 8.14 S.Cini raised the issue of members using Social Media to criticise either the board or members of the board in the work they perform. T.Price advised that the members Note involved had been spoken to within the confines of our “Media Rules” and the matter was closed.

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.

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 10:00 pm - Next meeting – 7:30 pm 7th November 2022 at VRPU rooms.