

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of November 2022 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:40 pm on Monday 7th November 2022

PRESENT:

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

Apologies:

Steve Cini	Committee
Wayne Williams	Vice President

Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

1.0 Previous Minutes October 2022

- 1.1 Minutes of October 2022 were read and received on a motion from G.Church seconded by N.Gecas Note

2.0 Business arising from October 2022 minutes

- 2.1 Minute 2.1 - 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 2.2 - 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. Changed to Mid-January 2023 plus another both on Sundays. All
- 2.3 Minute 2.3 - 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 2.4 - 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. 3 Federations on the North track. Sprint series to be all basketed Friday nights. Update draft schedule. JD
- 2.5 Minute 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. Done but did not happen. T.Price suggested that names could be updated when K.Clarke updates electronic clocks. Note
- 2.6 Minute 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. J.Davis presented the results of the Survey completed by some 87% of flyers over the 5-week period. J.Davis recommended that the majority votes of both the non-compulsory prize money fees and the second majority of having all prize monies to 100% sections in the sprint series and 50% section and 50% Federation for distance series be endorsed by the Committee. After discussion it was moved by J.Share and seconded by V.Cannizzo that the recommendation be adopted. Passed. J.Davis to advise members. JD
- 2.7 Minute 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. JD
- 2.8 Minute 8.6 - It was agreed that we select the best wire baskets for upgrade and overhaul so as we have available for potential races. JD
- 2.9 Minute 8.9 - Given that the Line of flight and race points were agreed , transport costs for sprint series only to be sought. J.Share advised that the only quote we had received was from J.Brislin and explained the details. This offer was moved to be accepted by N.Gecas and seconded V.Cannizzo. Carried. Other quotes can be sought by any Committee member, but must be to the Secretary by next meeting as J.Brislin offer will expire after that time. Note

Minutes adopted V.Cannizzo seconded P.Anastasi

3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email dated 8th October 2022 from the GMPF advising of their draft 2023 race schedule.
- 3.2 Email dated 24th October 2022 from the WPF advising of their draft 2023 race schedule. Note
- 3.3 Email letter from the Kilmore Club advising (1) Applications for 2 new members R Riteveski and M Drago. (2) Advise on Kilmore's new meeting rooms (3) Request for additional Yolla race in mid-August 2023. (4) Tassie Unit alterations and do we need next year in its original condition.

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- 3.4 Letter from Craigieburn Club (1) nominating President T.Price and Sec/Treas J.Davis (2) advising the V.Cannizzo was standing down from the Committee.(3) change to rule 82 to allow that all “Race Condition Rules” be removed from the Constitution and treated as Race by Laws.
- 3.5 Applications for membership from Ahmad Soltani, Rowelito Gresola (Thomastown) and John Arnott as an Associate member.

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email 22nd October 2022 to Federations showing final National 2022 results to 60 places.
- 4.2 Email 26th October 2022 to Federations being the National Meeting minutes.
- 4.3 Email 5th November to members with final distance and combine aggregate results.

Note

5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minute 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 (2), 3.4 (1) (2) noted.
- 5.2 Minute 3.3 – J.Davis to respond to Kilmore Club advising (1) R.Riteveski accepted as member but not M.Drago as out of boundary. (3) Additional Yolla race mid-August 2023 to be further discussed (4). If changed back to original, then unit not required.
- 5.3 Minute 3.4 (3) Proposed Rule change to (82) – That all Race Condition Rules be removed from Constitution and treated as Race by Laws to go to AGM.
- 5.4 Minute 3.5 – Thomastown to confirm that A.Soltani and R Gresola are financial members of Thomastown. J.Arnott approved subject to fees paid and rings ordered through then VRPU.

JD

Note

WW

6.0 Clock Chairman report:

- 6.1 T.Price advised that manual clocks tapes were now almost impossible to read due to ink pads not being available. Together with servicing those clocks being unavailable, those flyers do need to consider changing to electronic clocks. It was agreed if a clock tape could not be read then disqualified.
- 6.2 T.Price advised that the full ring identification including Federation e.g., VRPU or VPO or WPF was not being read out at scanning point. Room stewards to monitor and correct.

Note

WW/SC

7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of October 2022.
- 7.2 J.Davis forwarded distance prize monies to Committee members. Others to be distributed over the coming weeks.

Note

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- 7.3 T.Price expressed disapproval of the Thomastown Club having compulsory club prize money and that they should review this practice in light of the number of new flyers they get each year and those that leave because of it. WW
- 7.4 J.Davis detailed the overall transport cost for 2022 and highlighted members who had advised they would not be racing next year and those returning. After discussions re costs less sponsorships, 50% ring sales, fund raising and estimated participation (Nos.); \$400 was approved as the 2023 upfront transport fee. All

Important Dates: 16th December 2022 Presentation night and 18th December for first Transport Sale.

8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 C.Grech to be reimbursed for Tassie transport. T.Price to confirm. TP
- 8.2 With next years shared transport it was noted that WPF would be picking us up (North track) as per previous agreements. T.Price to confirm. Meeting to be held with WPF to finalise next year including weekly return of units. TP/JD
- 8.3 As part of fund raising , it was agreed to have a separate stock bird Sale in May/June 2023. J.Share to be the main organiser with assistance from P.Anastasi and J.Denaro in getting donors Australia wide. Note
- 8.4 J.Share , as transport officer , wished to thank G.Church, S.Cini, J.Denaro P.Anastasi and C.Grech for all their assistance in making the Tassie race possible. Note
- 8.5 P.Anastasi moved that the ring numbers of birds not be included in weekly race results as believed that birds were not being reported missing having been seen as successful in prior Federation races. 2nd G.Church, carried. J.Davis advised that he will have to devise a weekly report to the ring secretary for checking top 20 Federation positions against owner's ring registration. Bird of the year will also have to be scheduled. Note
- 8.6 V.Cannizzo wanted to extend a warm thank you to the children that participated in the helping of basketing, clock scanning , hens and cocks etc. It was agreed that a medallion would be presented at the presentation night. JD
- 8.7 P.Anastasi requested that we investigate a Juniors competition next year. This was approved. A Committee person is to be nominated as the leader of this competition and the rules are to be developed. All
- 8.8 J.Davis questioned if a flyer wanted to fly in two federations did he/she only need the one ring list? Since there are no VPU rules regarding this and since the birds and rings are in the owner's property he/she would be permitted to race their birds when and where they preferred each week. Note

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.

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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 9:47 pm - Next meeting – 6:30 pm 5th December 2022 at VRPU rooms