

# VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

## Minutes of February 2023 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:40 pm on Monday 6th February 2023

### PRESENT:

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

### Apologies:

Nick Gecas	Committee
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### Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

### Distribution:

All Present  
VPU Website

## 1.0 Previous Minutes December 2022

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

## 2.0 Business arising from December 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 2.3 - 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. J.Share and J.Brislin have offered to collect. TP
- 2.3 Minute 2.4 - 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
- 2.4 Minute 2.5 - It was agreed that we select the best wire baskets for upgrade and overhaul so as we have available for potential races. Assessment required. JD

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- 2.5 Minute 2.7 - 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. J.Davis advised had spoken with WPF and requested the review of pro rata costs since there are now three major Feds involved on truck. Need to discuss weekly pick up/drop off weekly rotation of units. TP/JD
- 2.6 Minute 2.8 - 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. JS
- 2.7 Minute 2.9 - 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. J.Davis to download typical Junior Rules for review and SMS request from members as to who will participate. JD  
Note
- Minutes adopted J.Share seconded V.Cannizzo.

### 3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email received 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 from NSHC nominating J.Share for Assistant Secretary and J.Ranno for Committee..
- 3.2 Email received 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 from Thomastown Club nominating W.Williams for Vice President and N.Gecas and R.Simmons for Committee.
- 3.3 Email received 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 from Thomastown Club requesting the Produce and Whaley be compulsory prize money events.
- 3.4 Email received 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 from Innerwest Club requesting the Produce, Whaley,500 and 600 be compulsory prize money events and that optional prize money should be committed at the start of the season not optional weekly.
- 3.5 Email received 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 from Innerwest Club nominating P.Anastasi as ring secretary and Committee member.
- 3.6 Email received 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 from Innerwest Club nominating J.Forti for Committee. Note
- 3.7 Email received 28<sup>th</sup> December from Kilmore Invitation nominating M.Cavanagh for Committee.
- 3.8 SMS received 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 from Craigieburn Club withdrawing their request to have Race Rules become By Laws.
- 3.9 Email received 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 from C.Grech advising of VPO's decision to not allow C.Grech to participate in their special race despite advertising open to all Federations including the VRPU.
- 3.10 Email received 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 from the VRPB re Victoria organising a Pigeon Convention in February/March 2024. The ANRPB is requesting a team be put together for the organising.

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3.11 Email received 24th January 2023 from the VRPB requesting interest in a VRPB member joining the ANRPB as the Victorian representative for 2023.

### 4.0 Correspondence out:

4.1 Email dated 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 sent to all members and other Federations re the VRPU 2023 Race Schedule.

4.2 Various emails to members and other Federations re Sales and Auctions.

Note

4.3 SMS to members advising those who participated in the two members transport discount Sale (not the online auctions) would receive a discount of \$147 off their \$400 yearly transport fee.

### 5.0 Business arising from correspondence

5.1 Minutes 3.1,2,5,6,7,8 and 11 noted.

5.2 Minute 3.3 and 3.4 – J.Davis noted that both these motions had been previously dealt with and resolved by the Committee in accordance with standard Constitution protocols and therefore would not be raised again. After further discussion it was agreed to make both the Produce and the Whaley compulsory prize money events. J.Davis to notify members.

Note

5.3 Minute 3.9 – J.Davis to advise C.Grech that the Committee could not assist in this item as it was a personal matter.

5.4 Minute 3.10 – J.Davis to send a SMS to VPU members inviting members to participate in a Victorian organised team.

### 6.0 Clock Chairman report:

Note

6.1 Nil

### 7.0 Secretary Report

7.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of January 2023.

7.2 J.Davis advised that all paperwork for the AGM had been posted to members (85 No.)

7.3 J.Davis advised that the Annual reports were in for production and Annual Financial Statement finalised to end of 2022.

Note

7.4 J.Davis advised that the Diplomas were in for production.

**Important Dates: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Classic Sale.**

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 AGM**

### 8.0 New Business.

8.1 The Committee endorsed a very big thank you to J.Brislin for his very generous donation of 10 birds for our transport fundraiser.

Note

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- 8.2 It was noted that those persons who generously donated two birds for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Transport Fundraiser on the GMPF Auction site were not entitled to the members transport discount. Note
- 8.3 T.Price advised that the Classic sales were proceeding well and full prize monies will be able to be met as advertised. Note
- 8.4 T.Price requested that all members inoculate their pigeons for PMV when they move them across to the race loft. Note
- 8.5 T.Price to organise a dinner and drinks night at the Melbourne Greyhounds (our major sponsor) for all members and partners for April/May. TP
- 8.6 J.Denaro suggested that we arrange a “beginners” information night. JD
- 8.7 S.Cini suggested that we discuss the possibilities of having “Combine races” for the 400’s, 500 and 600 given there are three major Feds on the one truck. J.Davis to follow up. Results would be done as per last year’s National. JD
- 8.8 P.Anastasi requested that not only do we check the Federation winner each week but “drawn out of a hat” a top 10 position be also checked weekly. 2<sup>nd</sup> S.Cini and passed. Note
- 8.9 J.Share advised that the manufacturer of our units were not designed to be lifted by a forklift. Qualified Engineer to be sought to advise of corrections required. TP
- 8.10 Rule to be checked as to consequences of flyers who do not produce, without a valid reason, on clock day. JD
- 8.11 Contact number for Pigeon Rescue Victoria to be sought. JD

### 9.0 Proposed Rules 2023 now for AGM:

- 9.1 **Rule 53 – Add**  
(d) has flown as a member in VRPU federation races for the last two (2) consecutive Years. Supported by Committee.
- 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. Supported by Committee
- 9.3 **Rule 99 –**  
**Distribution of Prize money.**  
Delete whole Rule. Add – “All Federations races will race for prize money as follows. For Federation events in the Short series 100% to Sections. For Federation events in the Distance series 50% to open fed and 50 % to sections. Section money will be allocated pro rata to the number of birds sent in each current section. Supported by Committee.

**Meeting closed 9:27 pm - Next meeting – 9:30 pm 6th March 2023 at VRPU rooms**

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