

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NO. 64

MINUTES HELD ON 6th MARCH 2023 @ 8:16 PM AT VRPU CLUBROOMS

PRESENT:

President Tony Price
Secretary/Treasurer Jim Davis
Committee and Members 40 No. (38 Attendees, 2 proxy votes)
Apologies: R.Taylor, R.Tabone, S.Grech, J.Ranno, Peter Sawyer, G.Cima, P.Huang
A.Cocks.

Meeting Chaired by Tony Price

- 1.0 Minutes Silence was called by the President in remembrance of those members and loved ones who had passed in the previous year.
- 2.0 Minutes of the 2022 were read and moved by M.Cavanagh 2nd P.Anastasi and carried.
- 3.0 Business arising – Nil
- 4.0 Minutes adopted – moved J.Share, 2nd N.Gecas and carried.
- 5.0 J Davis read audited Income, Expenditure statement and balance sheet. J. Davis highlighted that a small profit was made for the season despite transport costs mainly due to good follow up in gaining Sponsors. It was also noted that the VRPU assets need to be updated re their valuations. Accepted on a motion from F.Velluto 2nd N.Gecas and carried.
- 6.0 Secretary's annual report was delivered by J Davis as per the 2022 annual report issued to attending members.
- 7.0 President's addendum was delivered by T.Price as per the 2022 annual report adding a thank you to C.Grech for his attentive work in updating the honour boards in time for the AGM.
- 8.0 Election of office bearers for 2023.
The President advised that the following positions were not contested so would carry over to 2023:
President Tony Price
Vice President Wayne Williams
Secretary/Treasurer Jim Davis
Assistant Secretary John Share
For the Committee:
The Secretary issued slips for attending members to mark off their committee selections. These were collected by the Assistant Secretary together with the Secretary, counted. The results were declared by the President as follows:
The Committee 2023 P.Anastasi, J.Denaro, R.Cauchi,
M.Cavanagh, R.Simmons, J.Ranno and
N.Gecas
Moved in block by G.Church, 2nd C.Grech, voted and passed.

9.0 Presentation of trophies for 2022 were previously awarded at presentation night held in December 2022.

10.0 Motions:

The Secretary confirmed that in accordance with Rule 39(1), for a Rule to be changed two thirds of the members are required to vote in favour. In this instance **27** votes were required.

- 1. Rule 53 (d)** – Proposed by NSHC – Add – “has flown as a member in the VRPU Federation races for the last two (2) consecutive Years.”
Supported by the Committee.
Motion from the NSHC – 2nd J.Share.
J.Share spoke for the motion. Discussions for and against were held with a wording amendment proposed from the floor - Add = “has been a financial member of the VRPU Federation for the last two (2) consecutive years”.
President called for a vote. Vote taken For unanimous. Carried.
- 2. Rule 99** – Proposed by Innerwest Club – 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.
Motion from the Innerwest Club. 2nd P.Anastasi.
L.Taliana outlined the history of this motion and then proposed an amendment to the motion , 2nd by S.Cini. Amended motion – Delete whole Rule . Add - “All Federation races will be raced for mandatory prize money unless a member takes the option to not participate in prize money before they compete in their first race for the season. Prize money will be 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 prize money will be allocated pro rata to the number of birds sent in each current section.”
President called for a vote. Vote taken For 30 Against 8 Carried.
- 3. New Rule 172 Transport Fees** – Proposed by the NSHC – 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.
Motion from NSHC – 2nd J.Share.
J.Share noted that it was self-explanatory and was there to assist in the administration.
President called for a vote. Vote taken For 32 Against 8 Carried.

Meeting Closed at 9:30 pm.