

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of April 2023 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:35 pm on Monday 3rd April 2023

PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Jim Davis	Secretary
Mark Cavanagh	Committee
Rod Simmons	Committee
Joe Denaro	Committee
Pierre Anastasi	Committee
Robert Cauchi	Committee
Nick Gecas	Committee
John Ranno	Committee

Apologies:

John Share	Assistant Secretary
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Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

Tony Price welcomed new Committee member John Ranno reminding him of his obligations as a Committee person and his responsibility to act on behalf of the membership and not himself.

1.0 Previous Minutes March 2023

- 1.1 Minutes of March 2023 were read and received on a motion from M.Cavanagh seconded by P.Anastasi. Note

2.0 Business arising from March 2023 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 - 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
- 2.3 Minute 2.3 - 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
- 2.4 Minute 2.4 - 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.

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- 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. T.Price advised that awaiting date from WPF re joint meeting. Meeting to be held 17th April 2023 TP/JD
- 2.5 Minute 2.5 - 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
- 2.6 Minute 2.6 - 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. P.Anastasi tabled a set of guidelines for discussion. Further discuss next meeting. J.Davis tabled further draft. Discussions held and revised draft to be issued. It was noted that the Juniors will be going forward in 2023. JD
- 2.7 Minute 2.7 - T.Price to organise a dinner and drinks night at the Melbourne Greyhounds (our major sponsor) for all members and partners for April/May. Agreed a Saturday night in May. T.Price advised the 27th May 2023 details and flyer to be prepared. TP
- 2.8 Minute 2.8 - J.Denaro suggested that we arrange a “beginners” information night. To be next month. Discussed and agreed in 3 weeks 21st/28th April on a Friday night at the clubrooms. To be open to all federations with guest speakers. Agenda to be formulated and flyer prepared for website and face book. JD
- 2.9 Minute 2.9 - 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. J.Share advised would be meeting recognised manufacturer of loading platforms at the rooms. Ongoing. JS
- 2.10 Minute 5.2 - J.Davis to advise Kilmore that Committee is reviewing. Further discussion held re NCPC transporting with the VRPU. M.Cavanagh advised approximately five (5) flyers.Approved at \$1 per bird which includes cleaning/convoyer fees. It was noted that we needed to seek WPF approval for them to transport the NCPC from the 400’s as part of us. TP/JD
- 2.11 Minute 8.1 - R.Simmons advised we needed to check Race point clashes with other Federations and come up with alternatives. Discuss next meeting. All

Minutes adopted J.Denaro seconded R.Cauchi

3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email received 7th March 2023 from VHA confirming approval/acceptance to join the sponsored 500 from Bourke on the WPF truck.
- 3.2 Email received 9th March 2023 from W.Williams confirming his resignation from all positions in the VRPU, Thomastown and VRPB. Note
- 3.3 Email received 9th March 2023 from P.Anastasi, 2nd R.Cauchi nominating J.Denaro for Vice President.

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- 3.4 Email received 9th March 2023 from VHA re draft 2023 race schedule.
- 3.5 Email received 12th March 2023 from Consumer Affairs accepting our statement for year 2022.
- 3.6 Emails 21st March and 23rd March 2023 from the VHA regarding issues with some of their flyers and the Darebin Council over numbers of birds allowed to be kept.
- 3.7 Email 25th March 2023 from the WPF advising of the generous donation by the Yarraville Club to sponsor the Cobar National transport costs on the WPF truck.

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email 7th March 2023 advising all other Federations of our 2023 Committee.
- 4.2 Email 7th March 2023 advising Kilmore Club re Committee reviewing request for transport NCPC. Note
- 4.3 Email 9th March 2023 advising members of revised VRPU 2023 race schedule now posted on website and pigeonracenet.com.
- 4.4 Email 23rd March 2023 to Kevin Clarke ordering life ring for 2024.

3.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 3.1 Minutes 3.1,3.2,3.4,3.5, and 3.7 were noted.
- 3.2 Minute 3.3 – J.Davis advised the Committee on their options under the Rule 62 regarding “Filling Casual Vacancies”. Discussions were held and a vote taken for a replacement Vice President – Joe Denaro. Vote taken 4 for 2 against – Carried. Note
- 3.3 Minute 3.6 - T.Price advised that the matter was being handled by the VHA/VRPB solicitor. Outcome will be advised when known.

6.0 Clock Chairman report:

- 6.1 Nil Note

7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of March 2023.
- 7.2 J.Davis advised that were currently 12 No. 2022 flyers not participating this year , however, there were 11 No. returning or starting for the first time. Note
- 7.3 J.Davis advised that the roles of the Committee needed to be reviewed and allocated including room steward, benzing clock person, Tauris clock person, race production results person, liberator and assistant etc. to be decided next meeting. All

Important Dates:

Major Sponsor night (Meadows Greyhounds) 27th May 2023

First basketing night: 30th June 2023

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8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 T.Price advised that the ANRPB Victorian convention was now to be in November 2023. Awards for National winner , convention, stalls, guest speakers and pigeon sale all to be included. Note
- 8.2 J.Davis advised the Committee rule 62 regarding “Filling Casual Vacancies” for the one short Committee member. S. Cini was discussed as was on the ballot list. A vote was taken for S.Cini to be a member of the Committee. Vote taken - For 6 Against 1 – Carried. T.Price to call S.Cini and confirm acceptance. TP
- 8.3 T.Price advised that the supply of peas for the Union was a good fund raiser. Timing of another to be reviewed. TP
- 8.4 T.Price confirmed that the VRPU rules are on the website and pigeonracenet.com and if Committee members have a question, please check the Rules first the answer may already be there. Also, that the meeting minutes are issued each month via email to Committee members and are also on the website. T.Price requested they be read prior to each meeting and members highlight any issues that are apparent at the next meeting. All
- 8.5 R.Simmons advised that flyers from small Clubs e.g Preston, Regent , Broadmeadows felt that they could not have a membership say through their Clubs and was there something that could be done. Could they be invited to larger clubs meetings so as items could be resolved at Club level and not be required to go to the Committee necessarily? Further discussion. All

9.0 Minute Rules 2023:

- 9.1 Nil

Meeting closed 9:36 pm - Next meeting – 7:30 pm 1st May 2023 at VRPU rooms