

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of May 2023 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:33 pm on Tuesday 2nd May 2023

PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Jim Davis	Secretary
John Share	Assistant Secretary

Mark Cavanagh	Committee
Rod Simmons	Committee
Joe Denaro	Committee
Pierre Anastasi	Committee
Robert Cauchi	Committee
John Ranno	Committee

Apologies:

Nick Gecas	Committee
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Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

Tony Price welcomed back to the Committee Steve Cini.

1.0 Previous Minutes April 2023

1.1	Minutes of April 2023 were read and received on a motion from R.Cauchi seconded by M.Cavanagh	Note
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2.0 Business arising from April 2023 minutes

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| 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. Next week | 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. Next week. | JD |

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- 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. 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. Held . In principle agreement made. Awaiting final letter . Note
- 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. Agreed that with ANRPB holding a convention in November this year that would put on hold. Note
- 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. J.Davis read out letter from L.Taliana. Agreed with comments excepting up to 40 birds allowed to be allocated. Note
- 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. Details to be issued to R.Simmons for flyer. 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. Flyer sent . To be held 26th May 2023. Note
- 2.9 Minute 2.9 - J.Share advised that the manufacturer of our units was 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. TP
- 2.10 Minute 2.11 - R.Simmons advised we needed to check Race point clashes with other Federations and come up with alternatives. Discuss next meeting. T.Price requested flyers check the race alternate race points suggested by J.Share and advise next meeting. All
- 2.11 Minute 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. Discussed and draft to be issued. JD

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- 2.12 Minute 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. Discussion held. T Price to contact flyers involved and discuss options. TP

Minutes adopted J.Share seconded J.Denaro

3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email letter received 13th April 2023 from Thomastown Club nominating new board.
- 3.2 Email received 24th April 2023 from L.Taliana re Juniors.
- 3.3 Email received 25th April 2023 from VMRO re application for membership renewal.
- 3.4 Email received 1st May 2023 from WPF re draft 2023 transport offer. Note
- 3.5 Email received 1st May 2023 from VHA re final 2023 race schedule.
- 3.6 Application received 2nd May 2023 for new membership from Jerome Tinao.
- 3.7 Application received 2nd May 2023 from M.Scandolera for membership renewal.
- 3.8 Hand note from Albert Putker of 149 Broadford Kilmore Road Moranding enquiring re north boundary.

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email 5th April 2023 advising Kilmore Club of acceptance to transport NCPC and await response from WPF re permission to be onboard with them from 350 miles.
- 4.2 Email 4th April 2023 to VHA advising clearance for W.Williams Note
- 4.3 Email 17th April 2023 to J.Brislin questioning insurance of VRPU units whilst on truck.
- 4.4 Email 30th April 2023 to members and other Federations re VRPU information night.

5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minutes 3.1,3.4 , and 3.5 were noted. Note
- 5.2 Minute 3.2 – Refer minute 2.6
- 5.3 Minute 3.3, 3.5 and 3.6 - Memberships approved noting J.Tinao's is subject to loft inspection by P.Anastasi. PA
- 5.4 Minute 3.8 - T.Price requested M.Cavanagh obtain the addresses of those flyers that are close but south of our Northern boundary so as we can review. MC

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- 6.0 Clock Chairman report:** Note
- 6.1 T.Price advised that the Benzing update was successful with some clocks needing to go overseas for repair. One VRPU club system and transformer replaced. T.Price thanked M.Doria for his assistance on the day.
- 7.0 Secretary Report** Note
- 7.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of April 2023.
- 7.2 J.Davis advised that were currently 11 No. 2022 flyers not participating this year , All
however, there were 12 No. returning or starting for the first time.
- Important Dates:**
Information night; VPU Rooms 26th May 2023
Major Sponsor night (Meadows Greyhounds) 27th May 2023
First basketing night: 30th June 2023
- 8.0 New Business.**
- 8.1 It was agreed that P.Anastasi and J.Share present to the Committee bird numbers per tier for Friday, Thursday and Wednesday night basketing. T.Price noted that when Southerly winds predicted more units should be allocated to hens. PA/JS
- 8.2 T.Price advised of his election to both the ANRPB and VRPB Note
- 8.3 J.Denaro advised that agreement was made for transporting birds to race point as soon as loaded. Note
- 8.4 T.Price advised that manual clocks were in danger of becoming extinct as there was no longer any servicing available for ink pads or spare parts. Flyers needed to seriously consider going electronic. T.Price also advised trialling home-made silk ink pads. Note
- 8.5 J.Share advised that G.Church would be running a loft nom each week for those flyers interested. S.Cini requested a check on those flyers who would be flying for prize money. JD
- 8.6 J.Share reminded all of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act 1986 , updated 6th April 2020, in particular Section 9 wherein it is illegal to deliberately poison an animal and that any form of this could have the offender seriously fined. Members are All
requested to familiarise themselves with the Act and comply.
- 8.7 T.Price requested R.Simmons discuss/ highlight to the PRV , that the sponsored 500 needed to be resolved with the WPF re transport and numbers so as the combined 500 RS
can be finalised
- 9.0 Minute Rules 2023:**
- 9.1 Nil

Meeting closed 9:56 pm - Next meeting – 7:30 pm 5th June 2023 at VRPU rooms

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