

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of August 2023 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:30 pm on Monday 7th August 2023

PRESENT:

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

Apologies:

Nil

Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

1.0 Previous Minutes July 2023

- 1.1 Minutes of July 2023 were read and received on a motion from M.Cavanagh seconded by R.Simmons Note

2.0 Business arising from July 2023 minutes

- 2.1 Minute 2.4 - T.Price confirmed that we needed a transporter and convoyer for the 2023 Classic. SMS to be sent out to members. Done. Awaiting quote. Finalised. Note
- 2.2 Minute 2.5 - T.Price was not aware that our information was not being added to VRPU Facebook. M.Rifat to be contacted. Required resetting. Note
- 2.3 Minute 8.3 - P.Anastasi raised concerns about flyers being able to race some pigeons from their loft even when still recovering from PMV and or Rota and questioned what can be done to stop this. Agreed to review Rule 97. All
- 2.4 Minute 8.5 - J.Ranno questioned whether we could have a 10-bird limit race at \$10 per bird at the last 240 and first 300 noting separate release after main race birds. Agreed those who wish to participate nominate 10 birds from their race team that week. This could be organised through G.Church. J.Ranno advised

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of support in the Produce , Whaley , National, Five and the Six. J.Ranno to JR
organise on the nights.

- 2.5 Minute 8.6 - J.Davis to follow up the split of prize money for the Union 2023 Note
Classic. Finalised

Minutes adopted J.Share seconded N.Gecas

3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email letter dated 7th July 2023 from HWA Insurance re renewal.
- 3.2 Email dated 11th July 2023 from B.Devine re Sale of birds on “Hop Auctions” on the 12th August 2023.
- 3.3 Email letter dated 11th July 2023 from C.Grech giving an apology to P.Anastasi and Family for his actions at the clubrooms.
- 3.4 Email dated 17th July 2023 from C.Grech confirming acceptance of Disciplinary Committees’ determination.
- 3.5 Email 21st July 2023 from VRPB with draft Code of Practice 2023 for Victorian Pigeon Racing organisations all for review. Note
- 3.6 Letter application dated 28th July 2023 from M.Savari re application to become a member via Thomastown.
- 3.7 Letter application dated the 31st July 2023 from C. Payuyeo re application to become a member via Regent.
- 3.8 Email dated 6th August 2023 with Convoyers’ reports for all races to date.
- 3.9 Email dated 7th August 2023 from D.Cauchy regarding operating exhaust fan during basketing.

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email letter dated 13th July 2023 to C.Grech re notice of incident in rooms.
- 4.2 Email letter dated 16th July 2023 to C.Grech re disciplinary determination. Note
- 4.3 Email dated 27th July 2023 returning updated amended VRPB Code of practice.

5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minutes 3.1 – Finalised and paid.
- 5.2 Minute 3.2 – Placed on website Note
- 5.3 Minute 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 – Out correspondence.

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- 5.4 Minute 3.6 and 3.7 - Accepted subject to appropriate applications
- 5.5 Minute 3.8 – Sent to Committee members.
- 5.6 Minute 3.9 – T.Price to follow up with D.Crosbie re silencing the noisy unit. J.Davis to follow up original installer and advise contact. TP/JD

6.0 Clock Chairman report:

- 6.1 T.Price advised that some flyers were entering more than 50 birds on their entry sheet. It is noted that a line will be drawn under the 50th pigeon and the balance ineligible for a position. Note
- 6.2 T.Price advised that some electronic clocks do not have the flyers name e.g. A.Soltani. To be up dated on the basketing night. Note
- 6.3 T.Price advised that K.Clarke had set up a “swap and go” with the Benzing clocks i.e., if yours is faulty , changeover whist original sent for repair. Note
- 6.4 T.Price advised that some manual clock flyers were interested in converting to second hand electronic clocks. Anyone who knows of anyone wishing to sell to contact T.Price. Note
- 6.5 T.Price requested assistance in checking the manual tapes so as can assist in entering results. All
- 6.6 J.Denaro queried why only one person enters the results. T.Price advised since no one volunteered to assist when the “flyer” was sent out preseason. T.Price to approach flyers who attend clock production for training and assistance. TP
- 6.7 T.Price confirmed that all Federation winners had been checked and signed off. Note

7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of July 2023. Note
- 7.2 J.Davis questioned whether we wished to reduce Federation prize positions given so few participants. Agreed to reduce to top 5 only. Note
- 7.3 J.Davis reminded that after this week’s race , Federation prize money will revert to 50% Fed and 50% section. Note
- 7.4 J.Davis advised that the WPF held a Special General meeting on the 15th July 2023 wherein one of the motions put forward was “Do not race long distance Combines as part of the WPF race schedule”. This was approved by the majority of their members and hence passed. This decision will have an effect on future transport/racing. Note
- 7.5 J.Davis advised that the VRPU was approached by a group considering racing with the VRPU next year on the proviso that they be able to send a photograph of the clocking time from their clock and have verified at the following basketing. Discussed and disapproved. Note

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- 7.6 S.Cini confirmed that S.Gazzola would sponsor, as this year, the VRPU Produce with 2 free birds entries into the 2024 Meadows One loft race. Note

Important Dates:

Union Classic : 17th September 2023

Victorian National Pigeon Convention: 24th November 2023 – 26th November 2023

VRPU Trophy presentation night: Meadows on a Saturday night in December.

Classic 2024 Sale dates: 10th December 2023 and 21 January 2024

8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 J.Davis advised we needed to lock in 2024 Classic sale dates. Agreed 10th December 2023 and 21st January 2024. Note
- 8.2 J.Davis advised we needed to lock in sale dates for “Members” transport discount.(2) All
No. room sales, a Friday and a Sunday. TBA.
- 8.3 T.Price advised that the fundraiser for transport had secured J.Brislin with (2) 5 bird All
online sales. Dates TBA.
- 8.4 J.Denaro advised that the PVC bases to the units needed to be replaced. L. Cardemone JD
arranged last time. Size to be checked and sheets ordered.
- 8.5 J.Denaro advised that previous flyer, Jose Rebanal, wished to return to racing. Fees JD
and paperwork required.
- 8.6 T.Price advised roof leak over Benzing station one. To be fixed. JD
- 8.7 R.Simmons questioned whether anything was needed to assist room stewards. 3rd Note
benzing set up and assistance in rallying people to work.
- 8.8 R.Simmons questioned smoking at the rooms. It was confirmed that this included JD
Vaping under the law and neither was permitted within 6 meters of the front roller
door. Marker to be sprayed on kerb outside at 6m point and signage installed.
- 8.9 P.Anastasi questioned the meaning of a bone fide flyer and that if you weren't then Note
you could not race. J.Davis advised that this was more related to more than one
member from a loft, however, meant the member actually flew pigeons of his/her own
via him/her or representative and not some bogus name.
- 8.10 P.Anastasi advised that he had received an insulting text from C.Grech. T.Price to TP
contact C.Grech.
- 8.11 M.Cavanagh requested that 3 spare tiers be available in units on LH side of room for Note
Kilmore birds. To be provided.

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9.0 Minute Rules 2023:

9.1 Nil

Proposed Rule Changes for AGM

9.2 Kilmore Club:

Rule 114: Aggregate

Delete

“The VPU shall award a trophy to the winner of the Short Distance, Long Distance and combined Old bird aggregates”

Add

“The VPU shall award a trophy to the winner of the Short Distance, Long Distance and combined Old bird aggregates, and a trophy/ Certificate be awarded to the aggregate winner of each section.”

Not supported by the Committee.

Rule 139: Boundaries

Delete Latitude S37 15' 23.04” and add S37 14' 31.2”. This means moving the Northern boundary approximately 1.6 km North.

Supported by Committee.

Meeting closed 9:15 pm - Next meeting – 7:30 pm 4th September 2023 at VRPU rooms