

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of October 2023 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:33 pm on Monday 2nd October 2023

PRESENT:

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

Apologies:

Nil

Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

1.0 Previous Minutes September 2023

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

2.0 Business arising from September 2023 minutes

- 2.1 Minute 2.1 - 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. Agreed that if anyone is aware of a person flying ill pigeons or not vaccinated or the birds appear ill on basketing night , then we have to more vigilant in not accepting the birds for the race. All
- 2.2 Minute 2.2 - T.Price to follow up with D.Crosbie re silencing the noisy unit. J.Davis to follow up original installer and advise contact. J.Davis tabled quotation from J & S Airconditioning for adding acoustic ductwork. Further discuss. Check Worksafe on requirements. Can masks be provided made available? JD
- 2.3 Minute 2.3 - J.Davis advised we needed to lock in sale dates for "Members" transport discount.(2) No. room sales, a Friday and a Sunday. TBA. T.Price requested J.Davis check all other Fed sales and advise of non-clash dates. JD

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- 2.4 Minute 2.4 - T.Price advised that the fundraiser for transport had secured J.Brislin with (2) 5 bird online sales. Dates TBA. S Cini suggested prior Xmas. T.Price advised had issued Classic rings so breeder can receive 50% of prize money. Note
- 2.5 Minute 8.1 - T.Price advised that we should look out for a good second-hand forklift so as not reliant on our neighbour. Ongoing. Note
- 2.6 Minute 8.5 - J.Davis to draft 2024 race programme for comment. Discussed and further draft to be issued. T.Price and M.Cavanagh requested on behalf of their clubs a second Tassie be included. J.Davis advised that it had been but a date and whether for Federation points applied were still to be discussed. JD
- 2.7 Minute 8.6 - T.Price/J.Share to arrange transport of National birds to the WPF. Trailer secured. S.Cini to check on worthiness to transport to WPF. SC

Minutes adopted J.Share seconded N.Gecas

3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email 5th September 2023 from VRPB enclosing adopted Code of Practice. 2023 Note

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email dated 5th September 2023 to Kilmore Club confirming acceptance of Thomas Punzalan. Note
- 4.2 Email dated 18th September 2023 to R.Bigornia regarding notification to the City of Hume of his membership in the VRPU and that he follows our Code of Practice.

5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minute 3.1 and 3.2 – Noted Note

6.0 Clock Chairman report:

- 6.1 T.Price advised that Benzing base stations in some cases were being closed off before members had entered all their birds. All to show more attention when basketing . Note
- 6.2 T.Price advised that some base settings on some member's Benzing clocks were still strange. To be addressed next season. Note
- 6.3 J.Davis advised was not given coordinates for Tassie race and assumed the ones already in the system. Note
- 6.4 Discussions were held re numbers of birds per tier on particular nights noting that the agreed numbers were maximums. To ensure we are all doing the same, Kilmore Club to be advised weekly on numbers per tier prior to the basketing night. JS

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7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of September 2023. Note
- 7.2 J.Davis advised would be updating membership renewal form to include members banking details. Note

Important Dates:

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

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

All

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

8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 Discussions were held regarding new 2023 Code of Practice which was a live document. Check clauses on weather conditions for transporting and racing. All
- 8.2 J.Davis to reconfirm Classic 2023 payout figures. JD
- 8.3 The basketing of the 2023 Classic race was found to be poor as little or no help. It was agreed that next year we needed a team of 6 volunteers to be available between 6:00 and 8:00pm. Note
- 8.4 J.Davis questioned whether both the PRV 100k and the VHA 100k would be proceeding next year. Advised both not proceeding in the foreseeable future. Note
- 8.5 Next years 2024 Classic was discussed re promoting and it was agreed that all to be involved in pushing the Sale of rings and all Federations and Interstate Clubs be followed up re donating birds for the auctions. All

9.0 Minute Rules 2023:

9.1 Nil

9.2 Proposed Rule Changes for AGM

Committee:

Rule 16: Ceasing membership

“Add”

Upon the membership resignation of a person or the person does not fly with the VPU which results in that person or any joint membership flying with another Melbourne Federation, then that person or any joint membership shall not be permitted to reapply for membership or fly in the VPU for a period of four (4) years.

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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 9:03 pm - Next meeting – 7:30 pm 6th November 2023 at VRPU rooms