

# VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

## Minutes of December 2023 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:52 pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 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

### Apologies:

John Ranno	Committee
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### Guests:

Nil

**Meeting Chaired by:** Tony Price

### Distribution:

All Present  
VPU Website

## 1.0 Previous Minutes November 2023

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

## 2.0 Business arising from November 2023 minutes

- 2.1 Minute 2.3 - T.Price advised that we should look out for a good second-hand forklift so as not reliant on our neighbour. Ongoing. M.Cavanagh advised a good 2 tonne gas approximately \$10,000.

All

- 2.2 Minute 2.6 - 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. It was agreed that a second Tassie would be held on the second last weekend of racing in lieu of short comeback race. It was also agreed that the Betty Clarke Tassie not be a distance points race but only combine point. J.Davis to issue. Issued. Further discuss after transport finalised.

Note

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- 2.3 Minute 8.3 - Now that race schedule resolved for 2024 , J.Davis to seek tenders from both WPF and VHA closing 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Requests sent and received VHA quote. Discuss further at special meeting. All

Minutes adopted N.Gecas seconded S.Cini

### 3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from Charles Hider re VCAT hearing with Darebin Council and the potential costs involved.
- 3.2 Email letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from the Kilmore Club advising (1) Name change to the Wallan Kilmore Homing Club (2) Request for investigation as to why the icon rings are less than 0.8mm as very tight. Note
- 3.3 Email dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from WPF with draft 2024 race schedule.
- 3.4 Hand delivered 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 VHA draft 2024 race schedules.
- 3.5 SMS dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from M.Doria seeking permission to store tossing unit in rooms until May'24.

### 4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email 10<sup>th</sup> November to both VHA and WPF requesting tenders for transport 2024. Note
- 4.2 Email response 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 to Kilmore Club advising following up ring sizes with Benzing.

### 5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minute 3.1 – It was agreed that funds be spent re VCAT hearing.
- 5.2 Minute 3.2 – (1) name change accepted (2) Awaiting Benzing advise. Note
- 5.3 Minutes 3.3 and 3.4 – noted
- 5.4 Minute 3.5 – T.Price to follow up reason.

### 6.0 Clock Chairman report:

- 6.1 Nil

### 7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of November 2023. Note
- 7.2 J.Davis advised that the VPU had received a generous donation of \$5267 from the Pascoe Vale Pigeon Club to be spent as determined by the PVPC.

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## Important Dates:

**VRPU Trophy presentation night: Meadows on a Saturday night 9th December.**

**Classic 2024 Sale dates: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and 21st January 2024.**

**Members discount transport Sales – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

All

## 8.0 New Business.

8.1 T.Price, on behalf of the Convention Organising Committee, thanked J.Denaro, J.Share and their families for opening up their back yards for the visitors and S.Cini and B.Halibi for their help during the Convention.

Note

8.2 J.Denaro questioned whether it was worth while having another aggregate winners from each Federation information night. Further discuss.

8.3 T.Price advised that the Convention was well supported by pigeon flyers across Australia but was disappointed with the lack of VPU flyers. Financially the Convention was successful.

All

8.4 J.Share advised that he would arrange for steel channels to be inserted under the units to make them stronger in lifting. Agreed.

Note

JS

8.5 J.Denaro reminded all we still need to do the drinker height changes.

## 9.0 Minute Rules 2023:

JD

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.

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.

## **VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION**

### **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 8:45 pm - Next meeting – 7:30 pm 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at VRPU Rooms**