

# VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

## Minutes of February 2024 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:35 pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### PRESENT:

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

### Apologies:

Rod Simmons	Committee
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### Guests:

Nil

**Meeting Chaired by:** Tony Price

### Distribution:

All Present  
VPU Website

## 1.0 Previous Minutes December 2023

- 1.1 Minutes of December 2023 were read and received on a motion from N.Gecas seconded by S.Cini

## 2.0 Business arising from December 2023 minutes

- 2.1 Minute 2.1 - 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. Await review by S.Cini and J.Tinao. SC
- 2.2 Minute 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. JS
- 2.3 Minute 8.5 - J.Denaro reminded all we still need to do the drinker height changes. JD
- Minutes adopted M.Cavanagh seconded J.Share Note

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### 3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from P.Anastasi nominating for ring secretary 2024.
- 3.2 Email dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from R.Tabone advising of his resignation.
- 3.3 Email dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from Thomastown Club nominating R.Simmons and N.Gecas for committee for 2024.
- 3.4 Email dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from Craigieburn Club nominating T.Price for President and J.Davis for Sec/Treas for 2024.
- 3.5 Email dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from Wallan Kilmore Club nominating M.Cavanagh for committee 2024.
- 3.6 Email dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from Wallan Kilmore Club listing flyers for 2024.
- 3.7 Email dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from NSHC nominating J.Share for Asst. Secretary and John Ranno for committee.
- 3.8 Email dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from Thomastown Club listing flyers for 2024.
- 3.9 Email dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 from L.Taliana nominating for committee and Assistant Secretary 2024.
- 3.10 Email dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from VHA advising that they have four (4) tracks. North, North East, North West West, and a North West.
- 3.11 Email dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from C.Hider re progress with VCAT hearing between Darebin Council and VRPB T.Varelas. Due in May 2024.
- 3.12 Email dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from WPF re results of their transport meeting and results of purchasing own prime mover and future combined transport /ownership concept.
- 3.13 Email dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from Innerwest club confirming acceptance of L. Taliana's membership to the Innerwest Club.
- 3.14 Email from Thomastown Club re new member application and acceptance of S Plowman.
- 3.15 Email dated 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from VHA acknowledging missing out on transport tender.
- 3.16 Email dated the 31st January 2024 from Z.Tisma re the complete sale of G.Callegan & Son's birds. (WPF)

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### 4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email response dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to VHA notifying of unsuccessful bid re 2024 transport.

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- 4.2 Email response dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to WPF confirming acceptance of transport tender highlighting items for confirmation – Final Race schedule, Purchase of prime mover, finalisation of driver and convoy, unit Nos.for race one (10 No.)
- 4.3 SMS response dated 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to J.Brislin Transport confirming unsuccessful bid re part transport for 2024.

### 5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minute 3.1 and 3.2 – Accepted.
- 5.2 Minute 3.3 – 3.11 and 3.13- 3.15 - Noted.
- 5.3 Minutes 3.12 – The Concept of the VPU being part of the WPF transport purchase was difficult for the Committee to pass any real comment on when the concept was in such an infant stage. J.Davis to respond to WPF advising we would need further detail before fully discussing. Note
- 5.4 Minute 3.16 – Disposal “flyer” sent to members.

### 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 January 2024.
- 7.2 J.Davis advised that the AGM letters would be sent out mid-February 2024 notifying of AGM 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- 7.3 J.Davis advised that our new Auditor was registered accountant B. Warlow given previous retired. Note
- 7.4 J.Davis advised that now members transport sales were complete, 2024 transport fees would be \$215 for ordinary members and for transport discount members \$120.

### Important Dates:

**AGM – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 8:00pm.**

### 8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 T.Price advised of his appreciation and thanks to M.Cavanagh, R.Cauchi and M.Rifat for their extra efforts at the various Sales we conducted. Note
- 8.2 T.Price forwarded his appreciation to F.Velluto and Haidar Bros for donating birds for the member’s transport Sale. Note

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- 8.3 J.Davis advised that honour boards needed to be updated. N.Gecas to follow up. NG
- 8.4 T.Price advised that Bigornia Lofts had neighbour complaints about birds. T. Price inspected and noted loft does not meet Code of Practice standards. Further onsite review with J.Share and notice to be given on upgrade works required. TP/JS
- 8.5 T Price noted that the VCAT issue with Darebin Council was being funded by the VRPB as the outcome will establish a standard for Councils. Note
- 8.6 N.Gecas questioned why tenders for transport were not just awarded to lowest tender and not have to go through the Committee. T.Price advised that other items needed to be discussed by the committee in the consideration of quotes. e.g., their offer of Race schedule, starting dates , line of flight, No. units proposed, pick up or not, type of transport , etc. Note
- 8.7 N.Gecas questioned why flyers, who live just outside our boundaries, could not be given dispensation and allowed to fly/race. T. Price advised it is not in our Rules and highlighted that if any Club wanted a boundary change, then they go through the correct channels and quote the rule No. and amendment to that rule for the AGM. Note
- 8.8 J.Share requested we ensure that the WPF would be providing (10 ) units for the sprint series as per their scheduled analysis in their offer. TP/JD

### 9.0 Minute Rules 2024:

- 9.1 Nil

**Meeting closed 8:27 pm - Next meeting – 9:00 pm 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at VRPU Rooms**