

# VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

## Minutes of April 2024 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:32 pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 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
Rod Simmons	Committee
Luke Taliana	Committee

### Apologies:

Nil

### Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

### Distribution:

All Present  
VPU Website

## 1.0 Previous Minutes March 2024

- 1.1 Minutes of March 2024 were read and received on a motion from M.Cavanagh seconded by J.Ranno

## 2.0 Business arising from March 2024 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. Not to be electric. Committee approved the purchase of 2 tonne unit found for \$8,500. To be funded from the old Fawkner Club and additional transport fees. Note
- 2.2 Minute 2.2 - 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 2.3 - J.Denaro reminded all we still need to do the drinker height changes. JD
- 2.4 Minute 2.4 - J.Davis advised that honour boards needed to be updated. N.Gecas to follow up. J.Davis to ring C.Grech. C.Grech has details for update. Note

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- 2.5 Minute 7.2 - J.Davis advised that now we are getting closer to year flyer numbers will be less than predicted so rate for transport will need to be amended. Discuss next meeting. Discussed and agreed that to be increased to \$250. J.Davis to advise members. JD
- 2.6 Minute 7.3 - J.Denaro requested review of 'Annual membership fee. J.Davis to check total running costs. J.Davis tabled annual overheads from 2023 showing clearly that the \$100 membership was way too low. It was agreed to increase to \$150 for 2025 flyers or new members. J.Davis to update members. JD
- 2.7 Minute 8.3 - It was agreed that we required training of volunteers for setting and reading manual clocks. To be arranged. J.Share, Joe Denaro and Barry Dodds to assist. Note
- 2.8 Minute 8.4 - J.Denaro advised that the units wheels were still sticking. Working bee required. All

Minutes adopted R.Cauchi seconded R.Simmons

### 3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 from WKHC of a further 2 members.
- 3.2 SMS 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 from M.Doria advising was standing down from basketing night duties. Note
- 3.3 Email dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 from VRPB re revised code of practice, Annual minutes and Action Plan.

### 4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email response dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to Consumer Affairs with annual statement.
- 4.2 Email response dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to members with revised 2024 rules. Note
- 4.3 Email response dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to members with the latest Vic. Code of Practice now on website and pigeonracenet.

### 5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minutes 3.1 – Noted Note
- 5.2 Minute 3.2 – Opening time and Room steward set up to be reviewed at next meeting.
- 5.3 Minute 3.3 – Emailed to members 2024 Code of Practice placed of VPU website and pigeonracenet. R. Simmons requested T.Price check the wording of Liberations, times of arrival etc and that it does not clash with VPU rules. TP

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### 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 March 2024. Note

#### Important Dates:

**First basketing night 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.** Note

### 8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 R.Simmons advised that medallions were pitting. Numbers in stock and option reviews to be carried out. All
- 8.2 T.Price confirmed that Liberations with joint transport will be the same as previous years. Note
- 8.3 T.Price confirmed that Tassie was a joint release. All.
- 8.4 T.Price reminded members of the obligations under our social media policy and that derogatory remarks towards the committee of fellow members was unacceptable. Note
- 8.5 T.Price advised that K.Clarke would be issuing ordered Benzing inserts or chips and upgrading clocks Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024. J.Davis to request orders from members. It was noted that Benzing clocks **did not need** updating if had the following software codes; M1- 4.32, M2 -1.14 AU 34, M3 - 1.14 AU 34 and G2 - 4.35. JD
- 8.6 After discussions re fund raising or lack of, R.Simmons volunteered to take on that responsibility. Note
- 8.7 J.Denaro requested we check Tassie Transport. TP
- 8.8 J.Share questioned whether P.Anastasi could place units back in line for next basketing night after cleaning. TP
- 8.9 J Davis advised that P.Sawyer was doing the due diligence course on responsible alcohol serving as back up for M.Edwards. Note
- 8.10 L.Taliana questioned when the new 4-year rule was in effect. It was advised that it affected any 2023 flyers that moved to another Federation for the 2024 season. Note
- 8.11 L.Taliana questioned why we have joint releases from Tassie when the distance does not warrant. It was advised that for the past years, when flown, we have had joint releases for example our Nationals from Tassie. Note

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8.12 L.Taliana suggested that the Benzing Live have the App downloaded so as a clocked pigeon can be seen on screen immediately and results could be started. Evaluation would still be required. J.Davis to check with K. Clarke.

JD

### **9.0 Minute Rules 2024:**

9.1 Nil

**Meeting closed 9:02 pm - Next meeting – 7:30 pm 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at VRPU Rooms**