

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of July 2024 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:33 pm on Monday 1st July 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 June 2024

- 1.1 Minutes of June 2024 were read and received on a motion from N.Gecas seconded by M.Cavanagh.

2.0 Business arising from June 2024 minutes

- 2.1 Minute 2.3 - 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. JD
- 2.2 Minute 8.1- It was agreed that the VPU have a logo. All to come up with some suggestions. JD
- 2.3 Minute 8.2 - J.Denaro advised that the existing floor had hollows or ruts. These to be filled. JD
- 2.4 Minute 8.6 - T.Price advised we would apply for sponsorship to "The Meadows" once applications were open from the 1st July. TP

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- 2.5 Minute 8.8 - T.Price advised that the original signage above the roller door was now inaccurate and badly fading. New to be sought. Size to be confirmed. 5m by 1.2m.

Minutes adopted J.Share seconded R.Simmons

3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email dated 13th June from VHA 2024 inviting all Federation flyers to participate in their 600-mile race 16th November 2024.
- 3.2 Email dated 17th June 2024 from VRPB requesting Federation contact details and member Nos.
- 3.3 Email dated 19th June 2024 from the “Meadows’ advertising their varying booking and dining packages.
- 3.4 Email dated 25th June 2024 from WKRPC requesting 50 cents a bird Northern Section prize money. Note
- 3.5 Email letter dated 25th June 2024 from Central Cumberland advising of their revised programme to be in line with the NSW Department of Primary Industries recommendations that they not fly from Victoria into NSW due to Chicken Bird Flu.
- 3.6 Email dated 27th June 2024 from VHA requesting our and WPF’s west route race points.
- 3.7 Email dated 1st July 2024 from WPF advising of Tassie quote.

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email dated 3rd June 2024 to VHA notifying confirming non transport with them for Tassie.
- 4.2 Email dated 18th June 2024 to VRPB giving requested details. Note
- 4.3 Email dated 25th June 2024 to WKRPC advising that the VRPU would not be controlling a separate northern flyers section money.
- 4.4 Email dated 27th June 2024 to VHA advising of our last flown West track points.

5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minute 3.1 – For discussion at National meeting
- 5.2 Minute 3.2 and 3.3 - Noted
- 5.3 Minute 3.4 and 3.6 – Advised.
- 5.4 Minute 3.5 – T. Price advised had spoken to Central Cumberland and NSW Department of Primary Industries. With revised schedule we will need to ensure we do not clash when we are racing from NSW. Note

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5.5 Minute 3.7 – J.Davis advised of WPF quoted costs. J.Davis to confirm further details. JD

6.0 Clock Chairman report:

6.1 J.Share advised that the manual clock ink pads were dry and reading could no longer be taken. T.Price advised that B.Dodds would provide reconditioned pads. Note

6.2 Due to the fact that not many people were familiar with the working of the electronic clocks, L.Taliana to prepare step by step instruction on the various workings of the clocks and publish. LT

6.3 R.Simmons advised that the flyers electronic printed sheets were not being signed by the clock reader. Room stewards to enforce. Note

6.4 R.Simmons advised that various flyers sheets did not have correct ring numbers, no colours of birds. SMS to be sent. JD

6.5 T.Price advised that one of the flyer's electronic clock was running faulty causing a very high slow clock on evaluation. Flyer advised and has taken clock to K.Clarke for update. Note

6.6 R.Simmons advised that basketing members are not reading out the full details of the bird, colour, Fed or year. Members to be advised. Note

6.7 R.Simmons advised that manual clock flyers entry sheets were not satisfactory. Instructions to be issued. Note

6.8 J.Davis advised that two flyers Benzing Live did not work and hence they had to evaluate at the rooms. Note

7.0 Secretary Report

7.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of June 2024. Note

7.2 J.Davis advised that the following cheques were now out of date and needed to be cancelled.

Cheque No. 3942 - \$249.

Cheque No. 4097 - \$43

Cheque No. 4120 - \$87

Cheque No. 4284 - \$508

Cheque No. 4301 - \$59

Cheque No. 4544 - \$628

Committee agreed under a motion from J. Share 2nd M.Cavanagh – passed.

J.Davis to arrange with bank. JD

7.3 J.Davis advised that some flyers were paying fees by Direct debit. This was acceptable provided transfer no later than the following Monday of basketing. Note

7.4 J.Davis reconfirmed that Ring lists are only acceptable on the VRPU ring sheet which is on the website for download. Some flyers still to submit to avoid disqualification. Electronic ring sheets unacceptable. Note

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Important Dates:

TBA

8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 R.Simmons advised that our VRPU Pigeon Sale fundraiser would be in July. Details to be advised. RS
- 8.2 T.Price thanked all the Committee members, in particular organiser J.Denaro, for their efforts, including M.Rifat, on upgrading the Units. Note
- 8.3 R.Simmons believed that we should review our banking and consider changing to a Community friendly bank where sponsorship was better. Note
- 8.4 T.Price to advise all members, at next basketing night, that cooperation with fellow members and remaining in rooms to assist in basketing was required to ensure we basket in a timely manner and share the work. TP
- 8.5 It was noted that the Room stewards were R.Simmons, R.Cauchi, J.Share and J.Ranno. SMS to be issued. JD
- 8.6 J.Davis requested details of the new forklift for insurance purposes. TP
- 8.7 T.Price advised that the roof was still leaking. J.Denaro to contact roof plumber. JD
- 8.8 T.Price advised that VCAT have given a very favourable determination re keeping and racing pigeons as a consequence of T.Varelas situation. Next steps will be to have legislation in place that will see us self-determine our sport including keeping and numbers of birds so as Councill issues will become minimal. VRPB and solicitors following up. Note

9.0 Minute Rules 2024:

9.1 Nil

Meeting closed 9:12 pm - Next meeting – 7:30 pm 5th August 2024 at VRPU Rooms