

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of August 2024 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:31 pm on Monday 5th August 2024

PRESENT:

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

Apologies:

Mark Cavanagh	Committee
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Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

1.0 Previous Minutes July 2024

- 1.1 Minutes of July 2024 were read and received on a motion from L.Taliana seconded by R.Simmons.

2.0 Business arising from July 2024 minutes

- 2.1 Minute 2.1 - 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. J.Davis to arrange contractor. JD
- 2.2 Minute 2.2 - It was agreed that the VPU have a logo. All to come up with some suggestions. J.Davis advised currently having someone prepare. JD
- 2.3 Minute 2.3 - J.Denaro advised that the existing floor had hollows or ruts. These to be filled. To be done after season complete. JD
- 2.4 Minute 2.4 - T.Price advised we would apply for sponsorship to "The Meadows" once applications were open from the 1st July. Ongoing. TP

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- 2.5 Minute 2.5 - 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. Await finalisation of logo.
- 2.6 Minute 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. J.Davis to check if G2 and M1 instruction sheets already available
- 2.7 Minute 6.4 - R.Simmons advised that basketing members are not reading out the full details of the bird, colour, Fed or year. Members to be advised. It was agreed that with colours, common sense to prevail when checking colours.
- 2.8 Minute 8.1 - R.Simmons advised that our VRPU Pigeon Sale fundraiser would be in July. Details to be advised. T.Price advised that the fundraiser was a financial success and thanked R.Simmons for arranging and S.Cini, J.Denaro, M.Doria J.Share, G.Church. R.Taylor, R.Simmons and Buxton & Snyders for their generous bird donations.

Minutes adopted J.Ranno seconded S.Cini

3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Member application dated 5th July 2024 for Wael Al Zoheri from NSHC.
- 3.2 Member application dated 5th July 2024 for Nadwan Gorges from Craigieburn Club.
- 3.3 Letter received 15th July 2024 from Thomastown Club re their issues with the joint liberation for the race held 13th July 2024.
- 3.4 Membership application dated 16th July 2024 for Les Morris from Wallan Kilmore Club. Note
- 3.5 Membership renewal dated 27th July 2024 from Rennie Vella.
- 3.6 Email dated 30th July 2024 from WPF requesting volunteers for unloading truck at WPF rooms.
- 3.7 Email dated 5th August 2024 from WPF confirming VPU responsibility to get birds to WPF rooms for Tassie.

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email dated 27th July 2024 to members advising of Presentation night. Note

5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minutes 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4 – Membership approved.

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- 5.2 Minute 3.3 – The Committee was not in favour of the letter’s content and accusations. After some discussion R.Simmons advised the Committee of his resignation from the Committee and all other duties within the VRPU. Note
- 5.3 Minute 3.5 – The membership application was discussed. A vote was called for and the vote was 4 in favour and 4 against. President had casting vote and voted in favour. J. Davis to advise applicant of acceptance and conditions. Upon this resolution N.Gecas advised of his resignation from the Committee. JD
- 5.4 Minute 3.6 – Given that the VRPU can barely get volunteers to unload and load the truck on basketing night, it was deemed that for members to go to the WPF on scheduled times was unlikely. J.Davis to advise WPF. JD
- 5.5 Minute 3.7 - The Committee approved transporting with the WPF for Tassie. J.Share to arrange transport to WPF rooms. J.Davis to alter race schedule and reissue showing Yolla now 21st September 2024 and second Yolla cancelled and treated as a rest week. JD

6.0 Clock Chairman report:

- 6.1 T.Price noted that Cauchi Bros had an issue with their Benzing Live evaluation timing. JD
- 6.2 Given there was an issue with the updates of the benzing M2 and M3 clocks wherein Mehmet & Steve’s clock did not respond and hence a new clock was required and all data re-entered, L.Taliana suggested that all benzing clocks have their data held at the rooms on the VRPU computer Pride XX so as a transfer of information can be quickly done if a problem arises. Note
- 6.3 J. Share advised that some ring identification was from foreign or unapproved sources. Need to advise members of our rules. Note

7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of July 2024. Note
- 7.2 J.Davis advised that new Insurance premiums had been paid and policy now included forklift. Note
- 7.3 J.Davis advised that a National meeting was held 30th July 2024 – minutes on website. It was noted that under the National Committee agreement we are to transport with the VHA as it is their turn in the rotation. It was also noted for those interested, that the VHA was holding a 2nd 600 2 weeks after the completion of our season. Awaiting details from VHA Note

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Important Dates:

VRPU Classic Basketting – 20th September 2024

Note

VRPU Presentation night – 7th December 2024

8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 T.Price confirmed that all Federation winners thus far had been checked. Thanked R.Cauchi, J.Share and M.Cavanagh for checking. Note
- 8.2 T.Price advised that the weekly Federation race top places would be read out basketting nights at 7:00pm given very few members are at the rooms after results completed on evaluation day. TP
- 8.3 T.Price advised that one of the wheels to a unit fell off. Agreed further maintenance required. It was also agreed that we upgrade all the wheels with funds raised from the fundraiser sale on a motion from S.Cini 2nd J.Share. Vote all in favour. Metal wheels All to be investigated. All
- 8.4 J.Share advised had spoken with WPF re not racing from Narrandera given the heavy losses and falcon sanctuary nearby. An alternative point was discussed that being Morundah. Committee agreed . J.Davis to advise WPF and await their advice. JD

9.0 Minute Rules 2024:

9.1 Nil

Meeting closed 9:40 pm - Next meeting – 7:30 pm 2nd September 2024 at VRPU Rooms