

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of September 2024 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:32 pm on Monday 2nd September 2024

PRESENT:

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

Apologies:

Nil

Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present

VPU Website

1.0 Previous Minutes August 2024

- 1.1 Minutes of August 2024 were read and received on a motion from J.Denaro seconded by J.Share

2.0 Business arising from August 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
- 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.

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- 2.6 Minute 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. Agreed to do next year on laptop second basketing night.

Minutes adopted R.Cauchy seconded L.Taliana

3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Letter received dated 6th August 2024 from R.Simmons advising of resignation from board and other duties.
- 3.2 Letter of complaint received 17th August 2024 from A.Jabrani re Pigeon Race entry VRPU 23 8542.
- 3.3 Email dated 17th August 2024 from VHA with details of special 600-mile race on the 16th November 2024.
- 3.4 Membership application dated 28th August 2024 from P.Polidano of NSHC. Note
- 3.5 Letter received 30th August 2024 from VRPB re Liberation protocols.
- 3.6 Email dated 1st September 2024 from WPF giving clearance for P.Polidano
- 3.7 Email dated 2nd September 2024 from member B.Halabi commending the VRPU liberation Committee.
- 3.8 Letter dated 2nd September 2024 from 1000 Generations re possibility of using rooms from first week of December 2024 for distributing packaged food to disadvantaged families.

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email dated 5th August 2024 to members WPF confirming acceptance of offer to transport Tassie birds.
- 4.2 Email dated 8th August 2024 to WPF declining assistance, as no volunteers, in loading/unloading truck at WPF rooms.
- 4.3 Email dated 8th August 2024 to members re revised race Schedule (Tassie) Note
- 4.4 Email dated the 17th August 2024 advising members of VHA offer of 600-mile special race 2 weeks after end of season.
- 4.5 Email dated the 21st August 2024 outlining the results of the Mediation meeting held on the 19th August 2024 at the VRPU rooms.

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5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minutes 3.1 – Noted
- 5.2 Minute 3.2 and 4.5 – J.Share advised that the decision handed down in the Mediation meeting was not in accordance with Rule 86. J.Davis explained that the hearing was aware of Rule 86 and in fact Rule 135 and that the evidence given at the hearing led to the decision made. The matter was discussed and agreed to be left as per the Mediation meeting without prejudice to either of the Rules. Note
- 5.3 Minute 3.3 and 4.4 – Members to advise if interested. All
- 5.4 Minute 3.4 and 3.6 – Application approved. J.Davis to notify new member. JD
- 5.5 Minute 3.5 - L.Taliana advised having read a number of the draft Liberation protocols, that many were way to onerous. It was agreed to review and advise the VRPB in due course. JD/LT
- 5.6 Minute 3.7 – J.Davis to respond to B.Halabi thanking him, on behalf of the Liberation committee, for his supportive words. JD
- 5.7 Minute 3.8 – L.Taliana explained the background of this Community Group. It was agreed to support and allow their request. L.Taliana to arrange for copies of the insurance etc. and coordinate the works. LT

6.0 Clock Chairman report:

- 6.1 T.Price advised that V.Guiliano had a power problem with his Benzing clock which was swapped and new power supply given through K.Clarke. Note
- 6.2 T.Price advised that one of the club systems was faulty. Repairs to be arranged. TP
- 6.3 T.Price advised the J.Ranno's clock did not register when first birds arrived home. It was found that a power surge in the area affected the antennae power. Suggested getting a battery supply converter. Note
- 6.4 T.Price advised that now we were getting into the distance races , he may need back up for clock production if he is absent. Volunteers to be sought. TP
- 6.5 T.Price advised that a manual clock had been read incorrectly read and that the time first entered had to be adjusted. It was agreed that since only three manual clocks, all clocking rolls and sheets to be double checked. Note
- 6.6 The item of results (Benzing Live) being hidden until clock production in the rooms, was discussed and agreed that they would be shown if only a few members had clocked on the day. JD
- 6.7 J.Share believed that daylight saving should have us producing at 9:00pm in lieu of 8:00pm. All agreed. All
- 6.8 T.Price thanked the manual clock readers J.Denaro, P.Pace, J.Share and B.Dodds for efforts. Note

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- 6.9 J.Share requested a close off time when a race maybe in question as to whether proceeding or not. It was agreed midday of the basketing day. Note

7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of August 2024. Note
- 7.2 J.Davis advised that the first two instalments on the transport costs had been paid to the WPF. Note
- 7.3 J.Davis advised that ring sales were proceeding well with some 6000 rings ordered to date.
- 7.4 J.Davis advised that in view of the mediation held, members ring lists would now be strenuously followed up prior to the first race of the season. All

Important Dates:

VRPU Classic Basketting – 20th September 2024

VRPU Presentation night – 7th December 2024

8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 T.Price confirmed that all Federation winners thus far had been checked. Note
- 8.2 T.Price thanked J.Denaro, M.Rifat and P.Pace for their works in cleaning the feeders. Note
- 8.3 T.Price advised that we required Classic transport and convoyer. T.Price and J.Share to follow up. TP/JS
- 8.4 J.Share advised Rule 96 – unfit pigeon to race – should be exercised more often as too many injured or sick birds are going to races. It was agreed that a second person should always confirm a rejected pigeon. Note
- 8.5 J.Denaro advised that procedures for filling the water and feed on the truck were unsafe with a single plank. Discussions to be held with WPF. JD
- 8.6 J.Share transport to WPF rooms for Tassie was organised. Note
- 8.7 M.Cavanagh requested that the whole Committee assist in basketing night for the Classic race and not leave to T.Price. All
- 8.8 Race rules in the constitution was raised again and discussions held noting that the Constitution is about the running of the VRPU and its membership in accordance with Consumer Affairs and irrelevant to the detail of the sport we are involved in. The Race rules cover what sport we are involved in. Further discuss. All

9.0 Minute Rules 2024:

- 9.1 Nil

Meeting closed 9:42 pm - Next meeting – 7:30 pm 7th October 2024 at VRPU Rooms

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