

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PIGEON RACE COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 2024 National Committee Meeting

Held at VHA rooms 7:25 pm on Monday 18th November 2024

PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Jim Davis	Secretary
Steve Brown	Secretary of the VHA
Andrew Spiliopoulos	President of the VHA
John Saggars	President of the WPF
Marc Tenaglia	Secretary of the WPF
Rod Churchill	President of the GMPF
Gary Gillard	Race Secretary of the GMPF
Joe Angelino	President of the VPO
Joe Micallef	Board member of VPO

Guests:

Nil

Apologies:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by:

Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

2024 Race – Narromine

- T.Price acknowledged that the system of transport and collection of the 2024 National was a success. All agreed. Well done to all. Note
- M.Tenaglia raised the item of the VRPU rules for the National was vastly different to the other Federation's rules in that it contained Race Rules that could be in conflict with other Federations operations. J.Davis advised this was being addressed. VPU
- M.Tenaglia suggested that in future Nationals, the Liberation persons have effective communication re the liberation and details to all participating groups as soon as possible after release. Note
- Andrew Spiliopoulos issued 2024 Diplomas for signing. It was agreed that in future the Diplomas should be template signed by T.Dark. VPU

2025 Race - Morgan

- In line with previous minutes and agreements, it was agreed that it was the WPF's turn, in the rotation, to transport the birds. WPF

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- Federations or organisations will be responsible to get their birds over to the WPF rooms. All
- Federations or Organisations are to share costs of transport on a birdage pro rata system. Secretary/ Treasurer of transport Federation to invoice each Federation their share of costs for the race. WPF
- Any flyers wishing to participate in the National that are not of the four major Federations are to check and gain approval to basket and produce at their nearest centre. It was agreed that Traralgon and Gippsland and Geelong Clubs could joint transport in the National, however Traralgon and Gippsland could not participate in the National results. Note
- R.Churchill questioned dual flyers from the one property and their allowance to fly two teams in the National. Since the National is flown under VRPU rules, as long as members have paid for their membership and transport fees they are permitted to fly a team for each financial team/member. Note

Other items – Joint Transport Initiative

- J.Davis suggested that since were all on the same track and coming off the back of the success of the last two National's joint transport , that we should consider adopting the same approach/system for the 400's, 500 and 600.Discussions were held and it was agreed that at this stage we concentrate on the National, 500 and 600 races only for joint transport. All
- J.Davis recommended that the transport for the above races were (apart from the National) Federation races and **not** Nationals. Each Federation would run their own races as per normal and under their rules. All
- J.Davis suggested that since we are on the West track, it would be logical to have the WPF transport the above distance joint transport races and also the next year's North West track; with the VHA transporting the North and the North East all under the same arrangements as per the previous successful National's joint transport systems. Note
- It was suggested that we call the races "Combines" with an overall result as well as the normal individual Federation results. Note
- For joint transport, each of the 4 major Federations would have a nominated Liberation person whose responsibility would be to work with all the Federation's Liberators, (as with the National) to decide the day of race release etc. Their combined decision would be final. If it became a 2/2 split on whether the race was to proceed or not, the race would be cancelled for another day or time. All
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- It was agreed that Federations decide their own yearly member's costs for transport which will include an allowance for the joint transport costs. All

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- J.Davis to issue agreed points and dates as follows-
National – Morgan – 11/10/25
500 – Carrieton – 18/10/25
Rest week – Bye – 25/10/25
600 – Blinman – 1/11/25
VPU
- Federations that have to take the above agreed joint transport concept back to their Committees or Delegates are to advise of their acceptance or non-acceptance as soon as possible to the National Secretary.
Note
- **Next year's event – 2025 from Morgan 11/10/25.** Federations to include this date in their 2025 Race Schedule.
- **Meeting closed 9:11 pm - Next Meeting – 7:30 pm date and venue TBA**