

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of December 2024 Committee Meeting

Held at 8:35 pm on Monday 9th December 2024

PRESENT:

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

Apologies:

Luke Taliana	Committee
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Guests:

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Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

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1.0 Previous Minutes November 2024

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

2.0 Business arising from November 2024 minutes

JD

- 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 when 2024 season ends. 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.
- 2.4 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. JD

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- 2.5 Minute 2.5 - 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. Discussed. J.Share to review. JS
- 2.6 Minute 2.7 - J.Share to follow up steel sleeves to underside of units. JS
- 2.7 Minute 2.8 - J.Davis advised of draft 2025 West track schedule. To be issued to Committee for comment. Await results of National Meeting. J.Davis advised that the current revised draft was in line with the WPF's west track dates and points and that the major Federations were including the National , 500 and 600 as joint transport. Note
- 2.8 Minute 2.9 - Ring sales person to be arranged at WPF for 2025 VRPU Classic. J.Denaro to follow up. J.Denaro to represent VPU at the WPF Sales. T.Price advised that an advertisement was in the latest Fancier magazine. J.Davis to notify all members including other Federation of Sale dates. JD
- 2.10 Minute 8.2 - It was noted that the wheels of the Units needed to be changed over. Steel wheels required. J.Share to follow up. JS

Minutes adopted R.Cauchi seconded J.Ranno

3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email dated 19th November 2024 from the WPF with draft 2025 race schedule.
- 3.2 Email dated 4th December 2024 from the VRPB with latest Victorian Federation's Contact list.
- 3.3 Email dated 9th December 2024 from the Craigieburn Club nominating T.Price for President and J.Davis for treasurer.

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email dated 11th November 2024 to the WKHC regarding advise re basketing at the VRPU rooms for the National , 500 and 600.
- 4.2 Email dated the 12th November 2024 to the WPF re our non interest in a Vet seminar. Note
- 4.3 Email dated 19th November 2024 to all with National Minutes.

5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Nil

6.0 Clock Chairman report:

- 6.1 Nil

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7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of November 2024. Note
- 7.2 J.Davis questioned Committee members if they were standing for re-election 2025.All advised affirmative.
- 7.3 J.Davis advised that he would be checking with members as to whether they were racing the West track so as numbers could be assessed for transport quote. JD
- 7.4 A discussion was held regarding quotes for 2025 transport. It was moved by S.Cini and 2nd J.Denaro that we only go to the WPF as they were the only Federation on our full west track. Vote taken 4 for 2 against – carried. J.Share reminded all that we need to have the WPF include for picking us up in the quote. Note
- 7.5 J.Davis advised that along with P. Sawyer , there would be a tossing programme, open to all, starting early at short distances and using the VRPU’s tossing unit.. Costs to be reviewed. JD

Important Dates:

TP

VRPU Classic 1st squeaker sale – 10th January 2025 – Sale start 7:30pm at the VRPU rooms.

JS

8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 J.Davis advised that the VRPU would be entering flyer/bird to the ANRPB for National Ace Pigeon Awards. JD
- 8.2 J.Share advised that Andre Martins had joined the Northern Suburbs Homing Club and was seeking approval to join the VRPU to race the 2025 season. Committee voted for acceptance. Approved. Note
- 8.3 The outcome of the 2024 presentation night was discussed and agreed it was embarrassing and frustrating for those who attended with some members leaving. It was agreed that if we were to have a presentation night again, that a nominated person will be in charge , nominated in February 2025 and whose duty it will be to organise with ticket sales etc. If a volunteer is not forthcoming , presentation will revert to the AGM. Note
- 8.4 J.Denaro questioned whether we had a windspeed protocol in our Victorian Code. J.Davis to check and advise. JD
- 8.5 M.Cavanagh suggested that for future plaques , in lieu of trophies or medallions, that they be A4 size. Agreed. Note
- 8.7 J.Denaro questioned whether photos were acceptable alternative to a trophy. Yes for Federation race winners. Note
- 8.8 T.Price concluded the year by thanking all the Committee for their efforts during the season acknowledging that there is a lot of work to do in 2025 to better the membership and the VRPU. Have a safe and Merry Xmas. Note

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9.0 Minute Rules 2024:

9.1 Nil.

Meeting closed 9:15 pm - Next meeting – 7:30 pm 3rd February 2025 at VRPU rooms.