

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

Minutes of April 2025 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:30 pm on Monday 7th April 2025

PRESENT:

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

Apologies:

Luke Taliana	Committee
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Nil

Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

1.0 Previous Minutes March 2025

- 1.1 Minutes of March 2025 were read and received on a motion from M.Cavanagh seconded by J.Share

2.0 Business arising from March 2025 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 when 2024 season ends. Have contacted. Quote too high. J Share offered to find writer. J.Davis to forward details. 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. Sample sent out. Further sample rejected . Continue. 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 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 - J.Share to follow up steel sleeves to underside of units. Will not be happening in near future. Note
- 2.6 Minute 2.6 - It was noted that the wheels of the Units needed to be changed over. Steel wheels required. J.Share to follow up. J.Share advised sample provided. JS
Approved with new bolts to be purchased.
- 2.7 Minute 2.8 - 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. Discussed \$15-\$20 per flyer. JS
Schedule to be advised. It was noted that longer tosses should be south or south west and not north due to clashes and falcons. Awaiting unit to be updated
- 2.8 Minute 2.9 - J.Share requested that the National Committee consider basketing on the Wednesday night and we need to have agreement on minimum and maximum birds per tier for all Federations. T.Price/J.Davis to take to National Committee. Also confirm Liberation protocol for the Combine series when equal vote for and against Liberations. JD
- 2.9 Minute 2.10 - J.Share proposed to prepare the tossing unit for 2025. 1. Bearings to be serviced.2. Power connection and light lens to be fixed. 3.Registration. 4. Jockey wheel repaired. J. Share arranged for works to start. JS
- 2.10 Minute 2.10 - M.Cavanagh suggested that for the Classic Distance races we have all clocks produced at the clubrooms with BBQ and drinks. Agreed to be on the 6th September 2025. Note

Minutes adopted J.Denaro seconded S.Cini

3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email dated 9th March 2025 from VHA re their race schedule 2025.
- 3.2 Email dated 20th March 2025 from the WPF re transport 2025 quotation.
- 3.3 Email dated 25th March 2025 from Legacy signs re honour board update.
- 3.4 Email dated 25th March 2025 from the VRPB confirming sponsorship for the 500 mile Combine for \$1500.
- 3.5 Email dated 1st April 2025 from WKHC re questioning transport advise.
- 3.6 Email dated 1st April 2025 from WKHC re their North Sprint series 2025.
- 3.7 Email dated 1st April 2025 from the WPF re revised transport offer 2025.
- 3.8 Email dated 3rd April 2025 from the WPF confirming finalised quotation for transport.

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email dated 8th March 2025 to Legacy Signs requesting quote for honour boards.

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- 4.2 Completion and submission on 15th March 2025 to Consumer Affairs of Rule changes.
- 4.3 Completion and submission on 15th March 2025 to Consumer Affairs of Annual statement 2025.
- 4.4 Email dated 2nd April 2025 to the WPF re 2025 transport offer and acceptance noting future quotes.
- 4.5 Email dated 2nd April 2025 to all members re finalised 2025 Race schedule and costs

5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Nil Note

6.0 Clock Chairman report:

- 6.1 T.Price advised that he has requested that Benzing have available second-hand electronic clocks for first year VPU flyers. Continuing to discuss with K.Clarke. T.Price advised had arranged 4-5 second hand G2's. It was agreed to sell as a functioning package to new flyers including pad etc. Cost to be sought. TP
- 6.2 J.Share received advise that the manual clocks could no longer be serviced or parts available. It was agreed that manual clocks were to be phased out. From 2026 electronics only. It was agreed that in the case where an electronic clock fails and the unit is not available due to repair, then a manual clock, provided by the Union, would be permitted until electronic clock is repaired. Note
- 6.3 T.Price advised that faulty Benzing station still to be repaired. TP
- 6.4 T.Price that the update of the Benzing clocks and issue of chips will be 30th May. Note

7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J. Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of March 2025.
- 7.2 J.Davis advised that the 2025 racing was now loaded on the pigeonracenet. Note

Important Dates:

Benzing clock updates and chip issue – 30th May 2025

VRPU first basketing night : 27th June 2025

8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 T.Price noted that there will be more sharing of information re weather for releases. It was noted that were no official release protocols except in current the Code of Practice. Note
- 8.2 J.Share requested we follow up that the WPF was picking us up for Tassie. JD

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- 8.3 T.Price read out the winners of the ANRPB for bird of the year 2024 with our Nabil Pethyo winning the Overall any Distance category. Well done. J.Denaro requested we question the system of winners when a bird that takes 5 Federation placings does not win. Note
- 8.4 T.Price advised that we needed to have a succession plan for the Sec/Treas position for 2026. J.Davis to list the activities. JD
- 8.5 Discussion was held re the 600 mile Combine release point for 2025.The Committee unanimously voted for Bookaloo. To be raised at national meeting. Note

9.0 Minute Rules 2025:

- 9.1 Nil.

Meeting closed 8:22pm - Next meeting – 7:30 pm 5th May 2025 at VRPU rooms.