

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION
(Trading as VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INC. A0011317E)

Minutes of August 2025 Committee Meeting

Held at 8:10 pm on Monday 4th August 2025

PRESENT:

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

Apologies:

Nil.

Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

1.0 Previous Minutes July 2025

- 1.1 Minutes of July 2025 were read and received on a motion from M.Cavanagh seconded by R.Cauchi Note

2.0 Business arising from July 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. T.Price to follow up further contact. L.Taliana arranging samples. LT
- 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. Approved. T.Price to check potential logo manufacturer. TP
- 2.3 Minute 2.3 - 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. Note

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| 2.4 | Minute 2.4 - 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. J.Davis suggested a Zoom meeting. | JD |
| 2.5 | Minute 2.5 - J.Share requested we follow up that the WPF was picking us up for Tassie. J.Davis advised our responsibility to get our birds to rooms. Various options for truck and driver to be followed up. | JS |
| 2.6 | Minute 2.8 - T.Price advised that at the next VRPB meeting , Property registration with ID code with Department of Agriculture for pigeon flyers would be recommended. Await outcome. T.Price advised that from legal advice received remain as is. Further meeting to be held with VRPB on best policy. | TP |
| 2.7 | Minute 6.1 - T.Price advised that members Benzing clock had a flat battery or “error message” and needed to be exchanged for new or sent away to be fixed. Flyer using alternative clock. Some flyers still have issues and have been warned re not receiving a reading if clocks default and urged to have repaired or replaced. J.Davis to send SMS and notify. | JD |
| 2.8 | Minute 8.2 - Non VRPU rings was raised and it was important to know that members cannot fly with rings that do not have an approved contact number on them and if not VRPU , at least approved by the VRPU as per rules. J.Davis to advise members via SMS and website. | JD |
| 2.9 | Minute 8.3 - L.Taliana recommended that we have some sort of strapping system for units to forklift as a safety precaution. Solution to be resolved. | LT |

Minutes adopted S.Cini seconded J.Ranno

3.0 Correspondence in

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| 3.1 | Email dated 16 th July 2025 from VHA regarding their July meeting minutes. | Note |
| 3.2 | Email/Letter dated the 3rd August 2025 from M.Drago regarding expressing disappointment with releasing with WPF in 3 out of 6 races thus far. | |

4.0 Correspondence out:

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| 4.1 | Nil | Note |
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5.0 Business arising from correspondence

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| 5.1 | Minute 3.1 - Noted. | Note |
| 5.2 | Minute 3.2 – J.Davis to respond with explanation. | JD |

6.0 Clock Chairman report:

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| 6.1 | T.Price advised that many of the new flyer's Benzing Clocks did not have their flyer names entered on the first basketing night. Believe now updated. One still with M3. | Note |
| 6.2 | T.Price advised that colours of pigeons were still missing in some clocks on some birds. Still occurring. Birds will be ineligible if clocked with no colour. | Note |
| 6.3 | T.Price advised that he waited for a new flyer to present his clock for evaluation reminding him of his presentation 2 hours after clocking. Further reminder sent. | All |
| 6.4 | T.Price questioned whether we wanted to set up a third Benzing clocking station. Agreed we should to help with time. Agreed to set up the new Benzing Live station. | Note |
| 6.5 | T.Price advised that a member who could not read ring numbers due to poor vision was getting others to read for him. Unacceptable. Will need to be advised to do other duties. | RG |
| 6.6 | T. Price advised that the full ring details were not being read out , only the number. Unacceptable. Members to be notified. | Note |

7.0 Secretary Report Note

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| 7.1 | J.Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of July 2025. | |
| 7.2 | J.Davis advised that he could not be sure of how many members were going to actually fly as had not received any notifications of not flying. Current Nos. 58. | Note |
| 7.3 | J.Davis advised that insurances had been paid and tossing unit insured. | |
| 7.4 | J.Davis advised that rings were selling well with some 4500 sold to date. | |

Important Dates:

VPU Clock production BBQ night 6th September 2025

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8.0 New Business.

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| 8.1 | It was agreed that basketing would commence from 5:30 pm to assist in timely transport pick up. | All |
| 8.2 | J.Davis advised that weekly VPU tossing had commenced and was going well and thanked Kevin Leighton for his time given in transport. | Note |
| 8.3 | J.Share suggested that next year we should allow trainers which would go up with the main race group to assist in training and further income. Further discuss. | All |
| 8.4 | Further to Subcommittee earlier Disciplinary hearing re member failing to comply with Rule 19(g) – Social Media Code Guidelines, the subcommittee agreed to issue a notice under Rule 22 (b) (i) and reprimand the member with no further action. J.Davis to advise member. | JD |

9.0 Minute Rules 2025:

- 9.1 **Rule 137(3) – Committee agreed to “delete” \$0.50 and add “\$1.00”**

Meeting closed 9:00 pm - Next meeting – 7:30 pm 1st September 2025 at VRPU rooms.