

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

Minutes of October 2025 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:36 pm on Monday 6th October 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 September 2025

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| 1.1 | Minutes of September 2025 were read and received on a motion from R.Cauchi seconded by J.Share | Note |
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2.0 Business arising from September 2025 minutes.

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| 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 - 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. Finalised and quote received and accepted. Sissor lift to be arranged. Quote with scissor lift approved. T.Price to coordinate. | TP |
| 2.3 | Minute 8.4 - R.Cauchi requested we order new drinkers and holders. A quote for 24 of each to be sought. | SC |

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- 2.4 Minute 8.5 - R.Cauchy reminded all that front right hand door's glass needed replacement. It was agreed in lieu of glass we use fire rated board. J.Share requested safe mesh be installed to both doors. All approved. Materials to be bought. JD

Minutes adopted S.Cini seconded M.Cavanagh

3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email dated 21st September 2025 from from C.Mundo inquiring about joining a VPU pigeon Club. Note
- 3.2 Email dated the 24th September 2025 from WPF re draft 2026 Race schedule with 2 options.
- 3.3 Application for membership received 25th September 2025 from Faili Ali.
- 3.4 Email dated 4th October 2025 from VHA accepting draft protocols for joint Liberations.
- 3.5 Revised quotation dated 6th October 2025 from SignFX regarding Union signage over roller door.
- 3.6 Email membership application dated 6th October 2025 from Yonan Kapi

4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email dated 21st September 2025 to C. Mundo suggesting he follow up membership with Craigieburn Club. Note
- 4.2 Email dated 30th September 2025 to all members and Federations advertising VPU 2026 Classic.
- 4.3 Email dated 3rd October 2025 to Federations regarding draft protocol for joint liberations.

5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minute 3.1 and 3.4 - Noted. Note
- 5.2 Minute 3.2 – WPF 2 options briefly discussed. Await VHA schedule and then review our options. All
- 5.3 Minute 3.3 – Membership approval subject to checking with WPF. JD
- 5.4 Minute 3.5 – Signage requote approved. T.Price to follow up draft signage layout. TP
- 5.5 Minute 3.6 – Contact Wallan Kilmore Club and check he is in their boundary. JD

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6.0 Clock Chairman report:

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| 6.1 | T.Price advised that there was a clock setting misunderstanding and a member's clock had been picked up delivered to the flyer not set and subsequently on clocking day found it inoperative. It was agreed that it is the flyer's responsibility to check their own clocks. Also, when there are 2 races on the same day or over the weekend, the flyers must be alert and check their clocks before leaving the room. | Note |
| 6.2 | T.Price advised that in the Classic, Vision clocks were used. Unfortunately, on production there was no body who knew how to evaluate. T.Price thanked J.Share for taking the time to work it out and get the evaluations. | Note |
| 6.3 | It was agreed that next year we will use the Benzing Live Club system. It was agreed that basketing sheets still to be provided. | Note |
| 6.4 | L.Taliana suggested that for next year, faulty electronic clocks should not be permitted to be used until such time they have been repaired to avoid EBS rules being applied if the clock system fails. Agreed. | Note |
| 6.5 | L.Taliana suggested that no Benzing Live user should be permitted to hide their results. Benzing Live is the full operation. If flyers wish that their subsequent birds arriving after their clock bird/s, then it is a matter of simply evaluating which shuts down further birds being viewed. Benzing Live membership conditions to be checked. | LT |
| 6.6 | T.Price advised that clock production time will be from 7:00pm for the distance races. | Note |

7.0 Secretary Report

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| 7.1 | J.Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of September 2025. | Note |
| 7.2 | J.Davis advised that rings were selling well with some 6500 sold to date. | Note |
| 7.3 | J.Davis advised that the fund raiser monies from the Classic had been received. | Note |
| 7.4 | T.Price advised that all Classic winners had been paid. | Note |

Important Dates:

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| VRPU Classic sale dates 14/12/25, 16/01/26 and 6/02/26 | Note |
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8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 T.Price summarised the 2025 Classic as follows:
- Thanked P Sawyer for a faultless transporting and liberation of the birds with returns being excellent.
 - The bird stolen from one of the Sale pens was not entered.
 - Prize monies issued.
 - It was noted that some other Federation flyer's had wrong colours and sex. A reminder to be issued next year to have correct entries.
 - In future, at the Classic Sales, birds not sold have to be taken back by flyer.
 - Thanked N. Lakiotis, winner of the 2025 Classic, for his generous donation back to the VPU bar. To be spent on basketing night for the National. Message to be sent to members.
- JD
- 8.2 A member advised that on contacting Meadows One Loft race organiser to claim sponsorship prize for 2025 Produce, he was advised that the 2024 Produce race had not been claimed. It was agreed to avoid any future confusion, the Produce will be sponsored each year by the Meadow One Loft Race at this stage and winning members need to claim their prize each year.
- Note
- 8.3 It was agreed that the bottom tier of the training unit be upgraded to suit water and feed.
- JS/JR
- 8.4 Since there were only 9 flyers in prize money and given the work involved in recording and issuing, it was agreed to delete and have individuals organise. Update to Rule to be tabled for AGM
- JD
- 8.5 J.Share suggested that we buy a new good standard laptop for entering results. Agreed.
- TP
- 8.6 L.Taliana sought permission for 1000 Generations to use rooms in the first week of December. Approved.
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- 8.7 Further discussions were held regarding Committee duties. It was agreed that the Secretary and Treasurer roles were to be split.
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- 8.8 L.Taliana offered to run the VRPU website next year.
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9.0 Minute Rules 2025:

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

Meeting closed 9:20 pm - Next meeting – 7:30 pm 3rd November 2025 at VRPU rooms.