



## Victorian Racing Pigeon Body Inc. Representatives Meeting Minutes. "One Voice."

Date: 5 December 2021  
Meeting opened: 3.00pm  
Location: VRPU Rooms (28 Freeman Street, Campbellfield VIC 3061)  
Meeting Chaired by: Colin Walker – current Chair.

Present: Colin Walker – Veterinarian (current Chair)  
Charles Hider - Solicitor  
Tony Price – Victorian Racing Pigeon Union Inc. (VRPU)  
Marc Tenaglia – Western Pigeon Federation Inc. (WPF)  
Eddie Szatkowski – Victorian Pigeon Organisation Inc. (VPO)  
Geoff Parker – Greater Valley Pigeon Federation (GVPF) and surrounding area.  
Darren Slade – Gippsland and surrounding area.

Apologies: David Leishman / Jeff Stanley – Greater Melbourne Pigeon Federation Inc. (GMPF)  
Phil Jarvis – Central Highlands Pigeon Federation and surrounding area.  
Paul Sheehan – Western District and surrounding area.  
Marcus Warton – Geelong and surrounding area.  
Gary Raynor – Kyabram  
Jeff Howell – Northern Districts Invitation Combine and surrounding area.  
Wayne Drummond – Bendigo and surrounding area.

Guests: Kevin Clark

### **1. Review minutes from previous meeting – 11 April 2021**

- Minutes from the inaugural VRPB meeting were discussed by the members present.

### **2. Business Arising from previous meeting minutes.**

- As Victoria was under COVID restriction and lockdown. The Representatives continued to communicate via email but unfortunately this has delayed the progress of the committee.



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### **3. General Business**

3.1. Incorporation of the Victorian Racing Pigeon Body Inc. A0113892J was completed on 11 October 2021. Referred to as the "VRPB."

3.2. Election of Interim Executives.

It was agreed that as most organization will be having "AGMs" Annual General Meetings in February/March 2022 that the following representatives will in the interim fill the Executive positions.

President: Tony Price – Victorian Racing Pigeon Union.  
Vice-President: Colin Walker – Victorian Homing Association  
Secretary/Public Officer: Marc Tenaglia – Western Pigeon Federation  
Treasurer: Eddie Szatkowski – Victorian Pigeon Organisation.

Professional Consultants.  
Charles Hider – Solicitor  
Colin Walker – Veterinarian  
to remain as professional consultants to the VRPB.

3.3. Opening a Bank Account.

It was agreed that the "Victorian Racing Pigeon Body Inc. A0113892J (VRPB)" would open a bank account with the following signatories.

President: Tony Price – Victorian Racing Pigeon Union.  
Secretary/Public Officer: Marc Tenaglia – Western Pigeon Federation  
Treasurer: Eddie Szatkowski – Victorian Pigeon Organisation.

It was also agreed that two (2) of the three (3) should be able to sign and that electronic access should also be setup to allow ease of payment with an electronic approval process.



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### 3.4. Review Model Constitution Rules.

The Incorporation was established using the Model Rules for an Incorporated Association.

Charles Hider will review the Model rules with a view of bring them in line with the originally proposed guidelines of Membership and voting rights as well as any other items that may be evident.

The VRPB agreed that there should be a small annual fee payable via the Organisation per individual. A nominal amount of \$10.00 has been suggest which will be put to the organisations for consideration.

Colin Walker to provide a current membership list showing the structure of all representative organisations, clubs and members for review.

### 3.5. Public Relations Officer.

It was agreed that it is important to have a Public Relations Officer consultant position to liaise with the public and media. Tony Price will initiate discussions with people to see if they are interest in the role.

### 3.6. Australian National Racing Pigeon Board (ANRPB).

Marc Tenaglia will fill the role in the interim as the Australian National Racing Pigeon Board Incorporated Representative. Marc will contact the ANRPB to introduce himself.

[www.anrpb.org](http://www.anrpb.org)

### 3.7. Herpes virus

- Colin Walker to further investigate the development of a diagnostic test to evaluate the prevalence of the virus in lofts and help formulate treatment options and cross immunity with other available chicken vaccines. Information to be detailed in the Australian Racing Pigeon Journal. [www.pigeonjournal.com](http://www.pigeonjournal.com) and the VRPB website.

### 3.8. VRPB Latest News.

Members are reminder that the "VRPB" has set up a website for the purpose of communicating. [www.vrpb.org.au](http://www.vrpb.org.au)

VRPB to establish a mailing list by obtaining a contact list from all representative organisations.



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### 3.9. VRPB letterhead.

Colin Walker will speak to Jeff Howell to see if he is able to develop a VRPB lettered.

### 3.10.VRPB COVID Safety plans.

VRPB will re-commence communication with the State Government in the hope of putting in place the COVID Safety Guidelines before the 2022 racing season.

1. COVID Safety Guidelines - "Road Training" during Government "Restriction" and / or "Lockdown" periods.
2. Conducting Racing Pigeon Events during Government "Restrictive" and "Lockdown" periods.
3. COVID-19 Safety Guidelines: Reporting and Response Policy and Procedures.
4. Reporting COVID-19 Cases to the VRPB.

### **Future considerations**

1. New Animal Welfare Act – definition of Animal Cruelty.
2. Sporting Body Recognition Process.
3. Grant Applications
4. Pigeon Racing Sport Promotion & Public Education.
5. Further website development.
6. Beginners Guide (VRPU).
7. Code of Conduct (in unison with all organization).
8. Other items as raised by organisations or representatives.

Meeting closed:	Time:	5:45 pm
Next meeting:	Date:	TBA
	Time:	TBA
	Location:	TBA