



## Minutes

### VPFA Ltd Delegates Meeting

30<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Echuca Poultry Club 10.30 am

- A. Welcome John hunt welcomes every one and give an insight into why and how he got on the board and why these delegates meetings are a good idea. Not all questions will get an answer today.
- B. Present (Good idea to go around the room and get everyone to introduce themselves and which club /s they represent.  
Ian Simpson from the Shepparton Goulburn Valley poultry club, Graeme smith Bendigo poultry club, David Pickle Bendigo Poultry Club, Roger Clarke Wimmera Poultry Club, Peter Hicks Wimmera poultry Club, Roger Hancock Mildura Poultry Club, Graeme Smith Kyneton Poultry club, Robert Hargraves Kyneton Poultry Club, Vince Nicoletti Kyneton Poultry Club, Deb & Lou Sigmund Langshan Club of Victoria, Barry Fitzgerald Border Tall Poultry Club, Graeme Pearce Western Region Poultry Club, Len Wills Echuca & Border Tall Poultry Club, Geoff Nixon Euroa Poultry Club, Chris Nixon Euroa poultry Club, Christine Philips Border Tall & Echuca poultry Club. Directors Rob Moloney Kyneton, Ted Brown Echuca, Michael Holmes Euroa, Wangaratta, VWA, Leghorn, VP&K, Anne Beaty Benalla Poultry Club, VWA, John Hunt VWA, Alexandra Poultry Club.
- C. Apologies Kellie Blades Euroa, Alisha Feltham Rare Breeds Club, Dehne Vinnicomb, Tony Mann
- D. What is the VPFA?  
Put in Tony's description from Dandenong Minutes
- E. Membership  
Asked the meeting delegate's how they think the VPFA can increase membership?  
We need to approach councils and find out what the bylaws are and be able to inform juniors how to approach council so they be better informed so they can breed and show chickens. A few years ago it was estimated that 11,000 people in Melbourne own chickens. VPFA needs to have a different member category as a class 3 member and offer the councils the support of the VPFA as far as health, building of pens, feed, where to source chickens, the VPFA has a good role to play and charged the \$20 a year our organization would have a turnover of 1million dollars.  
A central hub and contactable by phone whom we pay and get our members ship will rise. Ted thinks in the future ducks will be banned from towns, council will not change. Brick wall and government local are just not interested. Clubs need to approach councils and get support.  
Every council in Victoria has different by laws.  
Councils have no idea and you need to educate your council, take them through your room where your ribbons are and try and get along with your neighbours. They don't understand that there are pure breeds and they are shown.  
Under Victorian law if you have had poultry for more than 15years then they can't make you get rid of them.  
If a town is classified as a hamlet you can keep what you want, but you need to have a pic number.  
Hamlet small population, 1 shop.  
Neighbours you need to get along with them, the council will not worry if there are no complaints. Involve your neighbour's free eggs.

How do we attract members get them involved in the local club and then get involved in the VPFA.

Clubs need to be active in trying to help breeders in their area. You do get bad neighbours.

Councils do have a list of poultry owners they are supposed to be register.

Opportunity to involve people who have backyard birds and introduce them to pure bred birds.

Need to get a group together and work on how we can manage. In a few years we won't be able to keep chickens.

Our code of practice where is it.

VPFA needs to put a code of practice into parliament. At state level.

Care and maintenance handout to people.

Green Valley feeds has a very good handout

The way we reach all poultry people in Victoria is advertise on feed bags. We need to approach companies to advertise on their bags.

We need to endorse poultry feed as VPFA, at our local produce stores.

A proposal was put 4 or 5 years ago. The setup is there. Foundation is there to do it.

Go down to the produce store and staple our flyers to every bag.

Large companies rely on small users for their profit.

Large company to get 50, 00 flyers and put in bags, get sponsor ship.

60,000 to 70,000 people in Vic with poultry.

Do other clubs have novice sections and this is a way of getting new people to enter the poultry world.

Local Ag show give them application forms.

When you sell poultry to a non-poultry person, give them an information pack.

Juniors we need to harness social media to get more members.

Modern game promotionally society gives birds away to juniors.

F. Questions from delegates present.

1. Bendigo Poultry Club

Leaflet enlarge laminate to put up every.

Membership cards card board and a holder and a bigger name on it.

Schedules shouldn't have paintings as pictures don't represent the standard.

Pictures in APS need to represent standard description.

Dutch bantam doesn't represent the standard

Andalusian male picture doesn't represent the description.

2. Border Tall Poultry Club Rules and regulations and what you should and shouldn't have in.

What needs to go into the schedule?

In Alexandra schedule rule 10 says a senior found to be over assisting a junior within the confines of the pavilion is liable to have their exhibits disqualified.

Need to have more meetings in the country.

3. Echuca & District Poultry Club

The possibility of using the Tylden hall for AGM as it is central for everyone.

Juniors should be able to show the same breed and colour as a senior residing at the same address.

Paperwork for provisional, one day pass, interstates judges.

4. Euroa Poultry Club, Do need a working with children's check, not compulsory yet, organisations insurance cover will have to be insured against molestation of children. First Aid kit needed at shows who provides.

When people come into the shed to work you should sign in and out.

5. Kyneton & District Poultry Club

Listening and learning.

6. Langshan Club of Victoria

Recommendation that board select members who are non-poultry people and from agriculture and bring different ideas. Approach other prominent people to a position on the board. You have to be a member to nominate current rule.

7. Mildura Poultry & P F C

A lot of km away and hard to get exhibitors.

Sanctions for clubs who don't collect day pass money.

Those words are too harsh, should work with clubs .Insurance covers exhibitors, visitors.

We have to be more positive, the board is not perfect.

8. Shepparton & Goulburn Valley P S

Membership starts from the VPFA and the AGM last year there was at least 30 members less. AGM was disgraceful last year. The behaviour should be addressed.

Independent chair needed, behaviour at AGM are driving members away.

4 chairman in the past 4 years that have tried to control the meetings.

It's not good but we are working on it.

Chair person has to come from our membership, and be strong and control the meeting.

There was a time when people knew how to conduct meetings.

There is a book on rules and regulations on running a meeting.

9. Victorian Rare & New Breeds Poultry Society

10. Wimmera Poultry Club

As some clubs of the clubs have to pay considerable amount of money to hire venues for their shows: has the VPFA Board ever considered making a contribution to help offset the costs of running these VPFA shows?

Raffle gives every club the chance to raise money.

VPFA are there to help and assist can't afford to put \$20,000 out have to put up memberships.

Don't want to see clubs go under, will take back to the board.

Clubs need to get involved with their Ag societies, and then they get an input.

The money the VPFA has has had many suggestions on what to do with it. The money has been sitting there and some people are dead now waiting for a shed, we can't just leave it sit in the bank people will be dead. What is the future? Doesn't matter where you build it someone won't be happy. Whatever you build you need to get a return. A multipurpose building, centre of Victoria or more north.

#### 11. Western Region

Thanks to the board for conducting the meeting the way they have today.

Has been a very positive meeting and people are concerned and have been respectful, you don't have to agree with someone but you should respect their opinions.

#### G. Day Passes

Explanation of why they were introduced.

Some options the board will be discussing day passes at their next meeting.

Day passes will be discussed more at board level.

Shouldn't restrict use. First year should be free for new members.

Clubs are not doing the right thing at the moment.

Incident report form if there is an injury must be noted, exhibitors are covered from the time they leave home, visitors are covered from the time they drive on to the show grounds.

Day pass system as it stands at the moment. You show at one club for there shows only.

If someone wants to show at 5 different shows and pay \$10.00 a show that's their business.

Anne reads out rule 12.1 currently they can show at one club for all there shows.

Supported by all but 2 in the room.

There are other benefits from being a member of the VPFA.

#### H. Councils. Every council in Victoria has different by laws.

Need to get on with neighbours

How can the VPFA best support these members?

#### I. Show Calendar no issues

#### J. Secretaries Folder

Explanation on the need for show report, show results (Journal award points), membership list insurance, Change to Rule 33 in VPFA Rules and Regulations

#### K. Subcommittees we need help so if you think you can help then put your name forward.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book, glass trophy, medallion for all members, having a lunch, ideas please. Late in October 2020, little bit more north than Deer Park, Not on Saturdays because of Ag shows.

Wrapped with today, we are volunteers.

Safe Trip Home. Thankyou

2.40pm

