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General Meeting 21st February 2021 at the Willow Grove/Hill End Football Club Rooms.

Meeting Open 12.15pm

Thanks to Members who have taken up positions for the coming year, and many thanks to retiring sitting members.

David said a special thanks to Jean and Dru for their many years of service and who have now stepped down from Committee. A plant was presented to both in acknowledgement of our appreciation.

Present: David Renshaw, Jenny Dawson, Graham and June Edyvane, Neville Kleinitz, Tony Grima, David and Dru Ketchion, Jean Rowlands, John and Liz Cryer, Bruce Dennett, Laurie McCulloch, John and Sharyn VanDenMeiracker, Rob and Marietta Herni, Kevin Batchelor, Gabriele and Jeff Ward.

Apologies: Gordan Cook, Glenn Dawson, Rob and Judy Quirk, Jeff McLennan, Mandy Kleinitz, Greg Sims, Dennis Knight, Alfons Melenhorst, Ray Chapman, Joy Batchelor.

Minutes of previous meeting March 2020 were read and moved by John VandenMeiracker, 2nd by Jeff Ward.

Treasurers Report from previous meeting March 2020 were read and moved by Tony Grima 2nd by John VandenMeiracker.

Thanks to John and Sharyn who had offered their place for the last 2 meetings which were cancelled (January) and moved (February) meetings.

Welcome to New Members Rob and Marietta Herni who were able to attend their first meeting today. Plus new members that have join since last we had a meeting in March 2020. Jeremy Tscharke, Ray Chapman, Michael Morgan, Helen Walsh, and our newest member Ken Height. Also a welcome back to Greg Simms.

Raffles for today are our Hamper carried over from Christmas. 6 Bags of Seed donated by Green Valley Grains. We also have free samples of the Green Valley Budgie Mix.

Business Cards were discussed, and a plan put in place so that Members can show their membership when accessing our sponsors discount rates.

Debate was held on the benefits of direct debit, and will be discussed further at a committee meeting.

Applying for Grants will also be discussed at committee meeting.

Bird Sales April 18th and July 18th. Discussion was had on Covid Rules and whether we are able to go ahead with the sales. It was suggested we nominate another date in case we cannot proceed with the original dates. This is to be September 5th. To be discussed further at committee meeting. Mornington Club are planning to go ahead with their sale and have been granted permission to proceed. They have a Covid Plan in place.

David Renshaw will forward to Jenny the VAC's covid plan, which will then be forwarded to Committee Members to read over before our first Committee Meeting.

Expenses to be Paid:

Tony Grima – Subway for Lunch today. \$205.95

Hire of Willow Grove Football Club Rooms \$50.00

Jenny Dawson – Postage for last 12 months \$231.00

David Renshaw – Presentation \$20.00

Neville Kleinitz – Lost cheque from 2019 to be redrawn.

Affiliation fees for both clubs \$60.00 each

Moved by Bruce Dennett, 2nd by Gabriele Ward.

Correspondence: Australia Post Box Fee. Member subscription payments, Bird Booklets/Magazines.

Moved by Neville Kleinitz, 2nd by David Ketchion.

David Ketchion has rings if anyone needs some.

Exchange – nothing to report, but discussion had about how we log our birds for sale on the website.

Committee Meetings.

To be confirmed, early March, April, July and October to be held at the Moe Library if able, or Neville Kleinitz has offered his home.

Other bird clubs have submitted dates for their sales, and the VAC is waiting to be signed off by DELWP. They expect to be notified by end February.

The hire of the Exhibition Hall Warragul. Baw Baw shire has increased the hire rates to \$300.00. Bond increased to \$627.00

Public Liability Insurance. It was agreed that we take out a new policy so that we are totally covered for bird sales, which we are not with the previous CCBFA who have changed some of the criteria. New Insurance ABA cost is \$80.00. Vote: All in favour to pay for new insurance and seek a refund from CCBFA for unused portion.

Club Sponsors:

Green Valley Grains

YGP

Warragul Pet Emporium – 20% for members.

Mineral Energy

DNA Solutions

Jumbo Animal Supplies

All Creatures Warehouse.

Money from sponsors Total \$900.00

We receive approximately \$1,000.00 in seed for raffles.

McRoberts Voucher \$25.00 per month = \$300.00 per year.

VAC Zoom Meeting 16th February 2021. David R and Graham to zoom.

VAC Report:

Affiliation fees to be paid.

Amendment to VAC Constitution: Now 2 members of one club can hold an executive positions.

VAC now a member of the ABA, CCBFA and are joining the National Finch and Softball assoc.

Local by laws changes. Be aware what is happening in our council.

VAC looking at their web/face book provider.

NSW proposed code on practice for bird sales: CCBFA

Proposal to not allow all wire cages except show cages.

Wildlife Act Review. DELWP are doing a media release for major independent review of Wild Animal Act.

ASA meeting at Moonlit Sanctuary, Baxter –Tooradin Road, Pearcedale. Sunday 14th March \$16.00 bookings on line. BBQ supplied. Any members can go. See David Renshaw he will co-ordinate if you are wishing to attend.

Bruce Dennett asked if a list of club members names and phone numbers be handed out so that contact can be made between club members. Vote – All in favour. The membership list will be forwarded with next newsletter.

John VandenMeiracker stated that meat left from last March which has been frozen, will need to be disposed of. It is now beyond its used by date.

David Ketchion talked about difficulties in renewing license. Appartently computer gliches are a problem. And to remind everyone you must submit your license bird numbers as at 31st March by April 14th.

Dru asked about the Consumer Affairs submission. We have been granted a 3 month extension and now that we have had our AGM it now can be submitted.

Raffle Winners

Hamper: Bruce Dennett.

Bags of Seed: Bruce Dennett x 2. John Cryer, David Ketchion, Liz Cryer, Dru Ketchion. Congratulations to Bruce he did very well with raffle.

Meeting Closed 1.38pm.