



WESTERN
PIGEON FEDERATION

of Victoria Inc. A0008336A

Board of Management (BOM) Meeting Minutes

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Date: 14 October, Tuesday

Meeting opened: 7.20pm

Location: 27B Carrington Drive ALBION VIC 3020

Meeting Chaired by: J. Saggars

Present: M. Tenaglia, C. Cachia, A. Dalli, D. Hunter, M. Ciancio, D. Tenaglia, B. Mizzi, J. Pulis.

Apologies: Nil.

Guests: S. Mifsud

1. Meeting Shane Mifsud.

Shane Mifsud offered an explanation, retraction and apology regarding the social media comment. No further action is to be taken.

2. Review of previous BOM minutes.

Minutes from last month's BOM meeting on 2 September 2025 were taken as read.

 [BOM Meeting Minutes 2 September 2025](#)

All business arising from the previous meeting minutes moved to General Business.

Moved: J. Pulis, second: D. Hunter, carried: all

3. Correspondence.

IC [inbound correspondence].

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11.09.2025, Andrew Papadakis's response letter to his social media comments.

16.09.2025, National Meeting minutes, 600M race point change.

15.09.2025, Letter from the Werribee club requesting a review of the results for the WPF ring race and live evaluation error.

15.09.2025, F. Briffa request to review results due to evaluation error prior to WPF bird being clocked.

10.09.2025, Ilie Ion apology response to "Conduct unbecoming of a member of the Western Pigeon Federation".

26.09.2025, New Member: Ben Weber to fly with Werribee.

09.10.2025, Race schedule consideration requests Altona City, Werribee, draft for VHA and proposed race points for GMPF defer to November meeting.

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13.10.2025, National results. [🔗 2025 National Results](#)

13.10.2025, R. Russell request for letter to be taken to the AGM reconsider Life Member membership fee.

27.09.2025, Letter from the Melton club requesting separate liberations for the 500 & 600 mile on the joint transport initiative if favourable winds are forecast.

01.10.2025, Brimbank Council facility allocation application received, due 09.12.2025

OC [outbound correspondence].

11.09.2024, WPF BOM response to Melton club regarding the release protocols and the P O'Sullivan Memorial joint liberation.

22.09.2025, Request to the Brimbank Council to repair/replace broken drain gill.

23.09.2025, Non-for-Profit self-return due 31.10.2025.

22.09.2025, Request to the Brimbank Council Fair Access to change toilet signage.

21.09.2025, Request for Shane Mifsud to attend BOM meeting.

09.09.2025, Request to Ilie Ion "Conduct unbecoming of a member of the Western Pigeon Federation" re social media.

All correspondence moved to General Business.

Moved: D. Tenaglia, seconded: D. Hunter, carried: all

4. Financial Report

Financial reports for 30 September 2025 presented by treasurer C. Cachia.

1. Account balances as of 30 September 2025

1. Westpac - Operating account \$27,863.45
2. Westpac – Visa debit card \$1,990.91
3. Petty Cash \$8,686.25

2. La Trobe Investment

1. 12 month \$60,000.00
2. Classic \$50,000.69
3. 12-month interest \$2,427.31

3. United Fuel card debit account opened to facilitate easy fueling for racing with additional fuel discounts.

Moved all outstanding accounts be paid.

Moved: J. Pulis, seconded: B. Mizzi, carried: all

5. General Business

3.1. Business arising from previous minutes dated 5 August 2025.

1. Reminder. Registration of a "PIC" Property Identification Code with the Department of Agriculture. [🔗 Online PIC registration Form](#) Organisation name to be "Western Pigeon Federation of Victoria Inc."

2. Prize Money Racing By-law.
Motion M. Tenaglia, second D. Hunter, carried all.
Replace outdated Prize Money Racing By-law 11.2 with the following to bring it inline with the actual process being used.

11.2. **Prize Money** [BOM Mtg, 14.10.2025]

- 11.2.1 All prize money will be paid via direct bank deposit to members no earlier than 28 days (4 weeks) and no later than 42 days (6 weeks) following the conclusion of the final race of the season. This timeframe allows for a thorough accuracy check before payments are processed.
- 11.2.2 For all races up to and including 560 km, prize money will be distributed based on the allocated sections as determined prior to the start of the racing season.
- 11.2.3 For races over 640 km, prize money will be awarded based on the overall Federation results.
- 11.2.4 Prize money positions will be calculated using a 1-in-4 ratio, rounded up or down to the nearest whole number (based on 0.50 rounding).

3. Motion: M. Tenaglia, second C. Cachia, carried all.
Add new Executive Committee definition in Racing by-laws.

1. INTERPRETATIONS, MANAGEMENT & DEFINITIONS

1.9 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE [BOM mting 14-10-2025]

- 1.9.1 *The executive committee is a small group of board members within the organization made up of the President, Secretary & Treasurer that handles urgent, high-level decisions and oversees day-to-day operations, acting as an extension of the full board when it is not convened. The executive committee is to address pressing issues with speed and efficiency, make decisions on behalf of the larger board, and ensure the organization's strategic direction is followed.*

 [Updated Racing By-laws v14.10.2025](#)

3.2. Correspondence [detail].

IC [inbound correspondence].

25.09.2025, Letter of request from the general membership of the WPF to liberate separately on the joint transport initiative.

The BOM acknowledges the member letter request. The joint liberations will proceed as previously discussed and arranged. No formal response to be provided.

18.09.2025, Shane Mifsud requested to meet with the BOM.


Invitation sent to Shane to attend the BOM meeting 14.10.2025

11.09.2025, Andrew Papadakis's response letter to his social media comments.

The BOM acknowledges A. Papadakis response to the request issued to him to explain his behaviour regarding a social media post. The BOM has discussed this further, and a response will be issued from the WPF BOM via the secretary M. Tenaglia.

16.09.2025, National Meeting minutes, 600M race point change.

The 600-mile race point will be moved to provide better security and amenities for the truck driver, Convoyer and birds.

 [Victorian National Pigeon Race committee meeting 15-SEP-2025](#)

15.09.2025, Letter from the Werribee club requesting a review of the results for the WPFC ring race and live evaluation error.

After lengthy discussion M. Tenaglia moved a motion, seconded C. Cachia for 6 against 2.

Motion: "The results for the weekend of 13 September 2025 including the Murray Bridge federation race and the WPFC race remain as they are no change".

15.09.2025, F. Briffa request to review results due to evaluation error prior to WPFC bird being clocked.

Result to remain unchanged as per previous motion. M. Tenaglia to respond to F. Briffa.

10.09.2025, Ilie Ion apology response to "Conduct unbecoming of a member of the Western Pigeon Federation".


No further action to be taken.

26.09.2025, New Member: Ben Weber to fly with Werribee.

Letter to join the WPF via the Werribee club to purchase rings to race in 2026. Ring purchase approved.

09.10.2025, Race schedule consideration requests

1. Altona City
 2. Werribee
 3. draft for VHA and proposed race points for GMPF
- defer to November meeting when race schedule is to be discussed.

13.10.2025, National results. Now on website.  [2025 National Results](#)

13.10.2025, R. Russell request for letter to be taken to the AGM reconsider Life Member membership fee.

1. **Fees.** Motion > To abolish membership fees for new and current Life members.
2. **Life Members.** Motion > that there be no more than 10 living life members at any given time.

The BOM will review the Constitution, Racing By-laws and AGM meeting minutes from 28th February 2025 to determine if the matter is for the AGM or for the BOM to resolve.

27.09.2025, Letter from the Melton club requesting separate liberations for the 500 & 600 mile on the joint transport initiative if favourable winds are forecast.

The BOM acknowledges to Melton club request. The joint liberations will proceed as previously discussed and arranged. No formal response to be provided.

01.10.2025, Brimbank Council facility allocation application received, due 09.12.2025
M. Tenaglia to action and submit by the due date.

OC [outbound correspondence].

11.09.2024, WPF BOM response to Melton club regarding the release protocols and the P O'Sullivan Memorial joint liberation.

Addressed.

22.09.2025, Request to the Brimbank Council to repair/replace broken drain gill.

Pending response.

23.09.2025, Non-for-Profit self-return due 31.10.2025.

C. Cachia, treasurer to action by due date.

22.09.2025, Request to the Brimbank Council Fair Access to change toilet signage.

Brimbank council has approved amenities signage amendments at the WPF costs.

21.09.2025, Request for Shane Mifsud to attend BOM meeting.

Addressed.

09.09.2025, Request to Ilie Ion "Conduct unbecoming of a member of the Western Pigeon Federation" re social media.

Addressed.

3.3. New Business.

1. Social Media Policy – VRPB

 [Social Media Policy v25.08.2025](#)

2. Presentation night.

C. Cachia & J. Pulis to work on presentation dinner options.

3. Truck sign writing, LOGO – C. Cachia – further discussion.

4. Honor Boards C. Cachia – in progress.

5. F. Briffa raise a concern regarding A. Dalli racing one of his birds in the 2025 season.

Investigation completed.

M. Tenaglia to send F. Briffa an investigation outcome letter.

M. Tenaglia to send A. Dalli [as discussed] an investigation outcome letter.

BOM to review RBL's to ensure appropriate wording is in place give the BOM discretion on penalties to apply in future.

6. Brimbank Council, Fair Access – Action Plan & Self-assessment.

M. Tenaglia & Lisa Tarleton-Frost attended the Fair access meeting held on Wed 17th September 2025.

Thank you to Lisa for assisting M. Tenaglia and attend the meeting and assistance in completing the Fair Access Action Plan.

M. Tenaglia provided Brimbank council with a Fair Access self-assessment with the Action Plan to be provided as part of the facility renewal process.

7. Hall of Fame – Pauline Pulis

Clarification of how membership should be acknowledged.

Membership is based on the residential address with a primary member and is to include all family members living at the same address participating in a voluntary manner.

8. Photography and Media Consent.

The WPF BOM to put together a Photography and Media Consent acknowledgment as part of the annual membership along with the introduction of a policy. Details to follow.

9. Access to birds in tiers / units on basketing night.

Only room stewards have the authority to move hens & cocks in to correct tiers/units or physically remove a bird from them for the purpose of removing the bird from the race.

If a bird is removed from a race the chip ring should be removed and handed into the WPF secretary until the closure of the race.

The room stewards can seek assistance from BOM members if and when needed.

The BOM to review all Racing By-laws to confirm if any rules currently exist and if not may introduce them for future reference.

9.1.1. Thank you to Nick Ciancio for the generous donation of the new canteen fridge to the WPF.

9.1.2. Ring prefixes.

Members are reminded to use the correct prefix as visible on the life ring. If you are unsure seek clarification from the BOM.

Yarraville 100 prefix to read "YARR" on the clock in 2026.

Timely reminder that club should be considering and sending into the BOM before the November BOM meeting any 2026 race schedule proposals.

Members are encouraged to register for the United Fuel Card.

 [UNITED Fuel Community Club Discount Card](#)

Meeting closed:	Time:	9.45pm
Next meeting:	Date:	11 November 2025
	Time:	7.00pm
	Location:	WPF rooms

Important Dates:

[Check out the Events Calendar.](#)

1.  [2025/2026 Breeders Plate Sale dates.](#)
 - a.  [Sale 1, SUN, 23 Nov 2025](#)
 - b.  [Sale 2, FRI, 5 Dec 2025](#)
 - c.  [Sale 3, SUN, 11 Jan 2026](#)
 - d.  [Sale 4, SUN 15 Feb 2026](#)
2. [2026 Transport Squeaker Sale date.](#)
 - i. Sale 1, SUN 14 DEC 2025 penning from 10am sale commences 12.30/1pm
 - ii. Sale 2, FRI 6 Feb 2026 penning from 5.30pm sale commences 7.30/8pm
3. [2025/2026 Melton Classic Sale.](#)
 - i. Sale 1, SUN 25 Jan 2026 to be confirmed
 - ii. Sale – TBC