

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED
DIRECTORS MEETING
Sunday, October 3, 2010
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: N. Oud, S. Beadow, D. Ferracuti

Conference: M. van der Jagt, V. Radoman, R. Hastie, O. DeVries, J. Stevenson, J. Vanderlaan

M. van der Jagt added the following items to be discussed to the agenda:

Subject: By-Laws - Saskatoon

Subject: New Business – Ratification process for the revised Constitution, No-Cost Benefits and Royal Winter Fair

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes from August 22, 2010 were reviewed. N. Oud motioned they be accepted as amended and J. Stevenson seconded the motion.

CARRIED

FINANCE

Liability Insurance Coverage: CU Director liability insurance coverage can be increased to \$2M with a premium increase of \$200.00 per year with our current carrier. Co-operator Insurance is looking over current policy and will provide a quote to S. Beadow for the current coverage and an increase to 2M. The quote is expected to be available for the next meeting.

ACTION:

1. S. Beadow to put together recommendations in an agenda item for the next meeting.

Report: N. Oud reported Auditor's Report will be finalized the week of October 4, 2010. The band revenue has increased and the cost of sales and expenses have gone down as a result of the low EURO. There appears to be a positive gain of approximately \$20,000 of revenue over expenses from the last fiscal year.

Membership: Total membership for 2010 is 1,360 which includes all members and family members. The membership numbers of last year did not include all family members and there was some duplication in the membership list last year so there is no accurate year to year comparison.

ACTION:

1. S. Beadow to have a more accurate breakdown of membership available for the next meeting.

Inventory: N. Oud and S. Beadow are currently reviewing the cost and mark-up of products. N. Oud suggested members receive a 5% discount when members purchase products through on-line shopping. This will keep the processing costs down. We need to look into our current pricing – some articles are priced too high and some articles are priced too low. The Accountant will have a report for the inventory breakdown available for the Annual General Meeting. The membership fees were not accurately reflected in the draft financial statement as they were divided between dues and yearbook revenue,

Action Item: Nick and Shannon are to work with the accountant to ensure that the total membership dues are reflected in the one account.

BYLAWS

R. Hastie reported problems with the City By-law officials with a non-member in Saskatoon. There have been a number of complaints regarding this non-member and this has resulted in 2 new recommendations to the current by-law: People who keep pigeons will have to get a license and have different colour bands put on the bird (decided by the City). If this by-law is passed this will mean the bird would have to have two bands on one leg. This non-member has a court hearing the week of October 4, 2010 and R. Hastie will report on the findings when available.

AWARDS

O. DeVries and N. Oud continue to work with Jason to refine the award portion of the database. O. DeVries reported that the data base is still not correct and some of the awards have been sent manually to the office.

Dave Tichbourne has been given access to review the programming on the data base to help speed up the process in getting the database up and running properly. As of today's date there are many clubs still not posting their results directly to the database, and we need to encourage our members to follow this process.

National Championships will be calculated and the winners published as soon as the database becomes adequately operational.

RULES

There was a discussion about the process available to a member to transfer the ownership of a bird to a non-CU member. There is a need to develop a new program to keep it simple and easier to track changes. An electronic form that can be used by everyone might solve this problem.

MOTION: R. Hastie motioned, J. Vanderlaan, seconded.

A member may transfer the ownership of a bird to a non-member at a cost of \$1.50 per band, the same cost as registering a foreign band. Clubs/Combines transferring a large number of birds in a large block may apply for a special rate.

Carried

ACTION

A complete review of the band registration and transfer process and costs is needed and was set aside for the new year.

PROMOTIONS

International Plowing Match: Was a huge success. Lots of attention at the booth, gave out flyers, tattoos etc. and a potential of 20-30 new members. Teachers were also interested in the sport, and wanted to implement a bird program in their curriculum.

RACE PROGRAM

R. Hastie reported he has had no complaints, feedback or requests for help. Perhaps conduct an audit from last year's results.

Action Item: Office staff to compare last year's yearbook result submissions against this year's submissions and follow-up with any club that has not submitted results for 2010.

WEBSITE/DATABASE

M. van der Jagt announced a new group has been created to oversee structure, new look, new model etc., and they will have a proposal to present to the Board of Directors shortly. D. Baker is currently working on the web site and the on-line store.

HEALTH

N. Oud reported that Wyeth is no longer the supplier for Newcastle Disease Vaccine. Our supplier for the PMV vaccine has no contact for this particular product. We are in the process of searching for a new supplier.

2010 CONVENTION

To date 60 – 70 meal tickets have been sold, which represents less than 30 members attending.

2011 CONVENTION

Two speakers have been confirmed to attend. We are still waiting to hear about a possible third speaker.

NEW BUSINESS

Constitution: The third draft was recently presented to the BOD by Steve Walsh. As the third draft still has to be reviewed and the final version approved by the lawyer, it will not be available to present the AGM meeting in Stratford. It has been recommended, a letter should be distributed to the general members outlining the changes that are being made to the Constitution.

Recommendation: M. van der Jagt

The approved draft will be circulated to the general membership in time for a ratification vote at a special meeting the first weekend in April, 2011 in Hamilton, Ontario.

No-Cost Benefits: An upgrade of \$3,500.00 to any member who signs up. Mail out included in their package will result in a discount in our mailing costs.

Royal Winter Fair: M. van der Jagt has been contacted regarding CU presence at this year's Royal Winter Fair November 9 – 10, 2010. We will be provided with tables, passes etc.

Action Item: S. Beadow to co-ordinate with V. Radoman to staff the booth and to co-ordinate time slots for staff and volunteers.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 9, 2010 immediately following the AGM.

J. Stevenson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:30 p.m. R. Hastie seconded.

CARRIED

M. van der Jagt, President

J. Stevenson, Secretary