

Canadian Racing Pigeon Union

Minutes

Thursday March 23, 2017

8:00 p.m.

Pragmatic Conferencing

Attendees:

Brad Foster, Mike Taylor, Al Gauvin, Sue Wiltshire, Ken King, Chris Watson

Welcome

Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda as circulated

Moved by: Sue Wiltshire

Seconded by: Al Gauvin                      Carried

Reading of the Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of February 23, 2017 as read by SueWiltshire

Moved by: Sue Wiltshire

Seconded by: Chris Watson                      Carried

No conflict of interest

Action Items

Financials

Al Gauvin stated the financials are in order. The publication profit and loss statement was sent out via email to the board. The publication for March was at a loss because of advertising income but hopefully going forward this will get better. Store product is moving well. CU life bands are still moving. The band orders for 2018 are coming in.

Motion to accept financials as presented

Moved: by Al Gauvin

Seconded: by Brad Foster                      Carried

## Magazine Publication

Mike Taylor stated the June magazine is almost complete and the September issue has been started. Brad Foster has acquired many articles from pigeon scribes for the CU publication. We have many scribes who would us to publish their articles but one concern the board had was size of the publication. Increasing the publication will lead to increase printing costs. Mike Taylor suggested we increase the advertising cost. Al Gauvin was opposed to increasing prices as this publication is to give back to our members. The majority of the board would like to stay with the 56-64 pages for the June publication and would like to make sure the front cover is only used for the CRPU. Mike Taylor has sent out a spreadsheet to all the board and wants the board to send him feedback. Brad Foster and Mike Taylor want the board to add international memberships to the CRPU. The problem with this is the voting rights and distinguishing between voting members and non- voting members. This will have to be checked into by Sue Wiltshire and will be discussed at the April board meeting. Al Gauvin's concern was the exchange rates and new members paying by PayPal. This will add extra work to the treasurer.

## Web Site

Sue Wiltshire has been maintaining the website. Mike Taylor is asking the board if we would add online memberships to the website. Sue Wiltshire will check with TecRealm to see the cost and how we can do this without having problems. There will be more updates to the website. We will not be adding the membership list to the website as we cannot get 100% permission from the membership.

## Social Media Discussions

Mike Taylor stated there has been some posting on social media and reminding the board of the importance of being very careful when posting on social media as it can misunderstood or argumentative by others. All board members agreed to make sure they are not representing the CRPU board when posting on Facebook or any other social media.

## Bylaws

There was a bylaw problem in Regina Saskatchewan and the peace officer contacted the CRPU in this matter. A fancier was allowing wild pigeons to fly in and out of his lofts and was feeding them. This caused hundreds of wild pigeons hanging around the neighbourhood. The peace officer was told he was a member of the CRPU. This matter was handed over to Chris Watson and he will contact the peace officer and get back to the board.

## New Board Member Acceptance

The Canadian Racing Pigeon received a board member application and is happy to accept Jeff Hall of Nova Scotia as our eastern director. The board is now at full capacity. We thank Jeff Hall for joining the board and look forward to working with him as we promote pigeon racing all across Canada.

## Election Year

This being an election year nomination forms will be sent out with the June publication. Terry Humberstone has agreed to be on the nominating committee. The nomination committee requires three members but will work with what we have right now and will continue to reach out for volunteers.

Motion to Adjourn 10:15 p.m.

Moved by: Mike Taylor

Seconded by: Sue Wiltshire      Carried