

**Canadian Racing Pigeon Union**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday, November 14, 2015**  
**Tillsonburg, Ontario**  
**Hosted by Canadian Racing Pigeon Union**

**Executive Members Present**

Vice President Brad Wogan, Treasurer Al Gauvin, Secretary Sue Wiltshire, BOD: Mike Taylor  
Absent: President Brad Foster absent due to illness.

Office Administrator Denise Luscher

Members: Terry Wintle, Nick Oud, Rodney Morris, Rick Fyfe, Jerry Wegman, Lloyd Flood, David Rogers, Clarence Oosterveld, Rick Dawdry, Stan Rebejko, John Janrod, Joe Malec, Grace Howard, Allen Howard, Pete Priester, Tom , Ron Hastie. Ken Foster, Bruce Mathers, Paul Gauvin, George Scott, Reg Wiltshire, Terry Humberstone

Guests: Mr. Bill Albers, Mr., Jim Mclean, Mr. Jerry Jong and family.

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

- Vice President Brad Wogan called the meeting to order 11:05.
- Welcomed everyone to this year's AGM and thanked everyone for attending.
- Shared with members President Brad Foster unable to attend due to illness.
- Introduced Executive Members at head table
- Asked each member to stand and introduce themselves.
- Vice President Brad Wogan welcomed Mr. Bill Albers, Mr. Jerry Jong, Jim Mclean and their family members.

**2. Moment of Silence-Brad Wogan**

To acknowledge those who died at the Paris attack which occurred the evening before our meeting, those who have lost their life fighting to keep our freedom and for friends who have passed away the past year.

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

**No conflict of issue declared.**

#### **4. Reading of the Minutes**

Secretary Sue Wiltshire read the minutes the 2014 AGM.

**Motion:** To accept the minutes as written for the last AGM Saturday October 18, 2014 and reported to the membership this date.

**Moved by:** Sue Wiltshire

**Seconded by:** Rodney Morris

**Carried**

#### **5. Financial Report**

Treasurer Al Gauvin presented the financial report for the fiscal year September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015 as prepared by our accounting service Graham, Scott Enns-Chartered Accountant.

**Motion to accept the financials as presented.**

**Moved by:** Al Gauvin

**Seconded by:** Stan Rebejko

**Carried**

#### **6. Action Items**

##### **6.1. Vaccine**

Board of Director Mike Taylor explained to the members that President Brad Foster has been working with the CFIA and federal government to try and get a new supplier for our the PMV vaccine. Mike Taylor explained that it will be difficult for the CRPU to obtain the vaccine. The consensus is the PMV vaccine will only be available by veterinarians. The CRPU cannot bring the PMV from pigeon houses in the United States as it does not pass the code set by the CFIA. Brad Foster will continue to work on this issue and hopefully have some news by the spring.

##### **6.2. Life Bands**

Secretary Sue Wiltshire started the discussion with the emails received by members who have concerns about duplicate numbers on the bands. We have issues with the public who report lost birds who are not giving the full letters on the band which leads to CU bands and club bands duplication. Nick Oud suggested that we do not put the club or personalized letters on the band but only use the CU and continue a numbering sequence. Brad Wogan suggested that we place a number in front of all CU bands. The discussion was well received and many members gave their opinion in how we can help to correct this. Sue Wiltshire stated that if we get the lost bird data base up and running this problem should be eliminated. Stan Rebejko suggested we leave the life bands as is and see if the lost bird registry will help to eliminate future issues. Life Band prices will be the same for 2016 at .60 each.

**Motion:** To keep the life band lettering and numbering as it is presently.

**Moved by:** Stan Rubejko

**Seconded by:** Bill Collins

**Carried**

### **6.3. Lost Bird Data Base**

Secretary Sue Wiltshire shared with the members the difficulty it has been the past year trying to get members permission to post to the lost bird data base. We have to make sure that we do not share any information without the consent of the members. The lost bird data base will be implemented in 2016. We will be sending out a form with the 2016 bands. We are asking that band secretaries fill out the form and fax or mail to the CRPU office. This will allow us to post the information to the data base. The consensus was to post each member's information instead of a representative from each club. Sue Wiltshire expressed how important it is for all members to respond to the public when a lost bird has been reported.

### **7. New Business**

No new business was discussed.

### **8. Luncheon**

Luncheon provided by the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union.

### **9. Presentation by Mr. Bill Albers**

Mr. Albers gave a heartfelt presentation about the pigeon in war and the pigeoneers. Mr. Jim Mclean gave a personal testimony dealing with PTSD and Mr. Jerry Jong serenaded us with a song written about him about PTSD. We thanked the gentlemen for sharing this presentation with us.

### **10. President Award**

Board of Director Mike Taylor announced the winner of the 2015 President Award. This award goes to a member or someone who has stood out in the past year promoting our sport in Canada. This year's recipient is Mr. Bill Albers.

Mr. Bill Albers acknowledged Mike Taylor for his kind words and conveyed his thanks for this award.

#### **10.1 Member Presentation**

Board Member Mike Taylor asked Terry Humberstone, Nick Oud and acknowledged Steve Walsh (who was unavailable to attend) for their dedication and hard work as the previous executives. Gift cards were given to each one and the CRPU thanked them for their years of service.

Treasurer Al Gauvin was presented with gift cards for his dedication to the CRPU.

### **11. Motion to Adjourn**

Board of Director Mike Taylor stated the store will be opened after the meeting for anyone wishing to drop by. Members were thanked for their attendance.

**Motion to Adjourn- 14:10**