

Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc.

AGM Minutes

February 23, 2020

Tillsonburg Community Centre

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Present Members: Vice President Ken King, Treasurer Al Gauvin, Secretary Sue Wiltshire, Carl Gauvin, Dan Gauvin, Nick Oud, Guido Madruson, Rodney Morris, Ronson Sandham, Joe Oakley, Stan Rebejko, John Zagrodzki, Roland Paret, Muner Bato , Mohammed Haaznzaded, Jonny Shamo, A. Mir, Lloyd Flood, Rick Dawdry, Reg Wiltshire, Sid Gerryts, Frank Janknegt, Jerry Wegman, Frank Eichorn, Andy Westra, Marion Hossam, Steve Walsh, Paul Gauvin, , Mike VanderJagt ,Tom Foote, Pete Priester, Adrian Timmermans, Justin Kennedy, John Favorito, Joe Coster

Welcome & Call to Order Vice President Ken King welcomed all the members to the 2019 AGM and called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Moment of Silence for those members who have passed away this past year and for those who have died fighting for our freedom.

Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest was declared

Reading of the Minutes December 9, 2018

Minutes of the December 9, 2018 minutes were read out by Vice President Ken King

Motion to accept the minutes as read by Vice President Ken King

Moved by: Nick Oud

Seconded by: Andy Westra Carried

Financials Treasurer Al Gauvin presented the financials August 31, 2018-September 1, 2019 as prepared by Graham Scott and Enns Chartered Accountants. There was a slight loss due to sales being down and the cost of the printing of the CRPU PigeonPost. The store is well stocked and new products from Versa Laga and Beyers is now in stock. The CRPU is in good shape financially. Mike VanderJagt suggested to bring in revenue we list clubs affiliated with the CU with a charge of \$25.00 per magazine. This would give the membership a list of clubs and their contacts. This would be similar to a directory for the clubs. The CU Board will send out a request to clubs asking if they would have an interest in placing their club info in the magazine for a fee. The members thanked Al Gauvin for all his work taking care of the finances.

Motion: to accept the financials presented by Treasurer Al Gauvin

Moved by: Carl Gauvin

Seconded by: Joe Oakley Carried

Motion: To allow Graham, Scott and Enns Chartered Accountant to review books and prepared report for the 2019/202 yearend.

Moved by: Steve Walsh

Seconded by: Stan Rebejko Carried

Lost Bird Concerns:

Secretary Sue Wiltshire began the discussion with the issue of someone who found a lost bird and did not get a response from the owner. The bird had been injured and the founder took the bird to the vet and was charged a large amount to get the bird on recovery. The person also went to the press and local news station as she was upset that the owner did not get back to her by the time it went to press the board did not know about it until it aired although. The CU board would like to update the rule in regards to disciplinary action stated in the rule book. Vice President stated the board is requesting a committee be formed to update some of the CU rules.

Race Software

Awards Software

Vice President brought up the situation with the ewinspeed the AU is now going to be using and will no longer support the winspeed race program. Going forward the AU will require anyone using their program to be AU members, purchase their bands and have clubs charter. This is a hefty expense for the sport and its members. This year any clubs who purchased winspeed can use the program this year as long as it does not give any issues as the AU will not support the software. The CU is working in regards to having a race program developed for the membership. There was a lot of discussion about the race program and Vice President Ken King asked if we could have volunteers to work on a committee to work towards getting a CU software program in place for the 2021 race season. Nick Oud has volunteered to sit on the committee.

Bylaw Updates: Sue Wiltshire stated there have been several bylaw issues this past year. One of the problems is pigeons being raised in backyards for meat use etc.. We had one issue which is ongoing as the council has rejected our bid to put a pigeon bylaw in place and one of our members had to get rid of his birds. Many municipalities are updating the bylaw due to the need for chicken bylaw being drafted. The CU Board will continue to work with the members with their bylaw issues.

Off Shore Bands: Vice President Ken King reminded the membership the importance of using bands from a recognized union or federation. The issue of members purchasing off shore bands

should be policed by clubs to make sure club members are using bands registered to a union or federation.

Rules Update:

The CRPU board has been reviewing the CRPU Rules and would like to form a committee to review the rules and update any rules and present the revised rule book at the 2020 AGM. The rule committee was formed with Joe Oakley taking the job. Sue Wiltshire and Al Gauvin will assist Joe with any help he may need.

Membership Update: Vice President Ken King stated the membership currently sits at 555 with 44 new members, 30 joined who have not joined in years and 205 have not renewed their membership to date. A reminder will be sent out to those who have not joined to ask them to renew their membership. There are some members who wait until race season to join.

No new business.

Motion to Adjourn at 1:40 p.m.

Moved by: Joe Oakley

Seconded by: Dan Gauvin **Carried**