

**CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED  
DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Wednesday February 1, 2012**

**CRPU HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO**

**Present:** Terry Humberstone, Steve Walsh  
**Conference:** Dan Archibald, Oscar DeVries, Paul Finch, Ken King  
**Regrets:** Nick Oud

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 20:10 by President DeVries. The late start was due to problems getting everyone on line with Skype.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** to approve the agenda.

**Moved by:** T. Humberstone  
**Seconded by:** S. Walsh CARRIED

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No one declared a conflict of interest.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** to accept the minutes passed electronically since our last meeting (listed below).

4.1 **Motion:** That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting dated January 4, 2012 previously circulated by email be approved. (14Jan12).

**Moved By:** Dan  
**Seconded By:** Ken CARRIED

4.2 **Motion:** that Steve acquires a quote from Pragmatic to address the teleconferencing needs of the CRPU commencing March 7, 2012.

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Paul CARRIED

## 5. Action Items List

### 5.1 Pragmatic

**Motion:** that we cancel our Skype call (20:18) due to ongoing problems this evening and try Pragmatic teleconferencing as part of our discussion this evening.

**Moved By:** Paul  
**Seconded By:** Terry CARRIED

Our meeting resumed at 20:25 after everyone had called into our Pragmatic teleconferencing site.

S. Walsh advised he had just set up this site today for discussion this evening not anticipating our Skype call would end as it did. Our current cost for the use of Skype is 1.2 cents per minute per person connected by telephone. Our last meeting utilized 5 telephones because Terry, Nick and Steve met at the CRPU office for the call. The last meeting via Skype cost \$2.53.

To use Pragmatic is more expensive but a computer is not required for the telephone call. This is strictly a teleconferencing network. Our cost is \$ 0.07 cents per minute per telephone connected. Tonight's call involves 5 telephones so it will cost \$ 0.35 per minute to use this service or \$ 21.00 per hour.

We have no other alternative tonight but to continue with Pragmatic. We will report at the conclusion of the meeting any troubles we experience. We agreed we should try Skype again after our IT problems at the CU office are resolved.

### 5.2 Convention 2012 – S. Walsh

To date no club has volunteered to host our 2012 AGM. We have time to continue to search for a venue for this necessary meeting later this year.

### 5.3 Loft Awards 2012 – O. DeVries

We are getting better at checking the awards. We are almost through the list. There are still small IT issues to address. It is hoped all awards will be verified by next week.

### 5.4 New CRPU Store Hours – S. Walsh

Saturday is the first day to test our need to open the CU office on weekends. A poster has been added to the CU web site announcing this, a Forum post has been made and an email has been sent across the Country advertising this 3 month trial.

### 5.5 IT – S. Walsh

Execulink is scheduled to attend the CU office on February 7<sup>th</sup> to see if they can locate the problem why our telephone service keeps crashing and our computers continue to work way too slowly.

Shannon is looking for a new program to manage our inventory and finances.

#### 5.6 Yearbook – O. DeVries

The proofs for the clubs have just gone out to them to confirm their results. Hopefully we will have their responses back within the week so we can start to pull the yearbook together.

#### 5.7 Yearbook invoicing for clubs – K. King

K. King advises that there is 101 clubs in the CU but only 71 clubs have submitted their results. Discussion followed as to why the clubs are not submitting their results. It was agreed we can only encourage our clubs to submit their results. If the will is not there to do so there is nothing we can do.

The club invoices have not been sent out. These will be mailed as soon as we have a YB near completion.

#### 5.8 Awards 2012 – N. Oud

N. Oud could not join us this evening but he did forward us his notes. Dave Tichbourne has worked on the code and the main bugs have been worked out, although there is still one or two minor issues to be resolved. N. Oud is confident the awards will be in the YB this year.

Discussion ensued around our CU awards. The computer program can only handle 1 race per day per category. Example: if a club hosts 2 short races on the same day the computer program can only recognize the lowest co-efficient for one race.

Our President will write an article for the April Newsletter explaining in detail how the CU Awards System works.

**Motion:** that the loft awards program for 2012 continues, recognizing that we can only acknowledge 1 race per day per category with the lowest co-efficient being used to calculate these awards.

**Moved By:** Ken

**Seconded By:** Dan CARRIED

#### 5.9 CRPU Calendar – S. Walsh

S. Walsh explained there is no way we can produce a 2012 calendar this year. The YB has caused way too many issues for the new executive, our request for photographs for events from the membership for CU activities has gone unanswered and we do not have good racing pigeon's photographs on file to produce this calendar.

While everyone was in agreement we wanted a calendar no one had any solution to produce a calendar cost effectively so late into the New Year.

**Motion:** We suspend production of the 2012 calendar for this year.

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Paul CARRIED

5.10 Web Site to include all Clubs / Executive / Members – D. Archibald

D. Archibald expressed his desire that the CU web site contain a listing of all Clubs, Executives and Members. He knows this is a low priority item at this time but nevertheless he wants it done.

5.11 Our Lease is up April 30, 2012

S. Walsh was just advised on Monday that our 5 year lease expires April 30, 2012.

**Motion:** that T. Humberstone and S. Walsh try to negotiate a 2 year lease with the present landlord or a new landlord if that is not possible.

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Terry CARRIED

5.12 F.C.I Membership – S. Walsh

Our membership fee for F.C.I. has now been paid for 2011 and 2012. We are now members in good standing.

## 6. Financial

6.1 Motion to pay accounts – N. Oud

N. Oud had sent two motions for discussion this evening with respect to finances.

This motion is being made to correct the cheque number at the end of the original motion. In the minutes (Dec 15, 2011) the ending cheque number is 4606 and it should be 4605.

**Motion:** that the motion to pay accounts made at the December 15, 2011 Directors meeting be amended read “ that the General Account of the CRPU beginning September 1, 2011 with cheque number 4530 and ending November 30, 2011 with cheque number 4605 totaling in the amount of \$35, 299.49 be approved and paid”.

**Moved By:** Dan  
**Seconded By:** Terry CARRIED

**Motion:** that the General Account of the CRPU beginning December 1, 2011 with cheque number 4606 and ending January 31, 2012 with cheque number 4657 totalling in the amount of \$70,584.21 be approved and paid.

**Moved By:** Dan  
**Seconded By:** Terry

President DeVries asked if these motions indicated that we have not paid our outstanding accounts since December 1, 2011. No one had any direct knowledge to answer the question.

President DeVries will speak to the Treasurer to ascertain if more financial information can be available for our Director meetings.

## 7. By-Law Committee

7.1 City of Hamilton \*(new)\*

**Motion:** to accept the by-law committee report as circulated/recorded by email / Forum / City of Hamilton web site – City of Hamilton

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Paul                      CARRIED

## 8. Presidents Report

President DeVries stated he wished to go directly to the in-camera agenda items which he would like addressed in open discussion.

**9. In Camera Agenda -** designated as being open discussion items by President DeVries

9.1 Beyers Feeding System

President DeVries has had some general discussions with Beyers in Holland with respect to their feed products. He will be visiting that location later this month while on business in Holland. If the BOD were to consider moving forward with a feed order there would be substantial savings to the CRPU Store overall. We can bring a 20 ton container into Canada for 1,500 euro's whereas our last Natural order of 3 skids cost 1,700 euro's

The BOD gave support in principle to this project. President DeVries will move forward to acquire an ingredient list for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

9.2 Bands – where do we order our 2013 bands?

For the second year in a row the CRPU has had great difficulty in acquiring the CU bands in time for distribution for the next year. This year the bands were ordered the first week in July. The company promised we would have our bands by no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>. The bands arrived December 19<sup>th</sup>. Any profit the CU can make on the bands is lost in staff hours to ship the bands to the club secretaries for January 1<sup>st</sup>.

After discussion, it was decided the Secretary would write a Letter of Complaint for the Presidents signature voicing our concern this past two years.

## 10. Other Business

10.1 Next Board Meeting Date – Wednesday March 7, 2012

## 11. Adjournment

**Moved By:**

Paul

**Seconded By:**

Terry

CARRIED 22:15

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O. DeVries, President

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S. Walsh, Secretary