

**CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED
DIRECTORS MEETING**

Wednesday March 7, 2012

CRPU HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

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

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order (via Skype) at 20:03 by President DeVries.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: to approve the agenda.

Moved by: N. Oud

Seconded by: T. Humberstone 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 February 1, 2012 previously circulated by email be approved. (24Feb12).

Moved By: Dan
Seconded By: Paul CARRIED

5. Action Items List

5.1 Beyers Order

President DeVries updated us on his recent trip to Belgium. Andy Pallotta and Oscar attended the Beyers Offices in Belgium on February 21, 2012 and negotiated a shipment of new product for the CRPU. With respect to feed quality, Oscar learned Beyers will reject seed if it does not meet their standard. The seed goes through four stages of cleaning. Three ton is mixed at a time. Samples of each mixing are stored for a year. Oscar addressed "expiry dates" for product in general with Beyers. They assured Oscar only new product would be shipped to Canada. If there is room for more product (nest pads/ plastics) in a container being shipped to the CPRU it is not a problem to add other product, from other suppliers, providing it is not a competing product. Our cost for a dropped skid would be about 40 euro to add it to the container. We have a green light by CFIA for the Beyers product we are considering ordering. It takes Beyers a week to fill an order. If we wire our money on a Monday it will be shipped the following Monday.

Our last Natural order cost \$1.60 per kg. to ship. This order will cost .10 cents per kg. if we include the feed order.

Nick will look into how we are going to finance this order. He suggested those members wanting feed should pay 100% of the cost up front. The feed will be about \$26.00 per bag plus applicable taxes.

Dan asked if we were at the stage of posting the feed on the web site. Nick suggested we should do a one time order to ascertain if there are issues and re-visit the pro's and con's of importing feed after this order is in Tillsonburg.

Dan's concern; if we are truly a National Organization we must have product available for all members. It currently costs his club \$200 to have 2 pallets of feed shipped from Baden to Nova Scotia. Oscar noted that John Stevenson in Calgary is a participant in this order.

Ken expressed concern about the two ladies in the CRPU store. Can they handle the bags of feed?

5.2 Yearbook

Steve reported that our yearbook is nearing completion. We had hoped to have a proof available for tonight's meeting but that did not happen. The difference in cost of ordering 1200 yearbooks compared to 1500 yearbooks is about \$300.

Motion: that we order 1200 yearbooks this year.

Moved By: Steve
Seconded By: Ken CARRIED

5.3 Band Search Feature – CRPU Web Site

Our beloved band search feature on the CRPU web site is hopelessly corrupt and of no further value. The feedback we got from a local company states a total re-build is the only answer. Oscar is going to speak with Dave Tichbourne to see if he has any suggestions. Discussion ensued around the issue; is no information better than wrong information.

Motion: that the present band search feature be removed from the public side of the web site.

Moved By: Nick
Seconded By: Paul CARRIED

Steve will ascertain if the old style PDF files can be added to the web site in the interim until a more permanent solution can be found.

5.4 Ads on the Web Site

Paul led a discussion recommending; when we get our web site updated, that an area be available for advertisements and classified sales. There was no opposition to this suggestion.

5.5 Photocopier

Ken led a discussion on our costs of operating the new photocopier; black and white copies at 0.0095 cents per page vs. colour copies at 7.5 cents per page. He noted that our last financial statement shows we generated only \$435 in advertising revenue in our newsletter last fiscal year down from \$3,665 the year before. Is this an error? Miscellaneous is up over \$3000 from the year before. Is this an error? No one had the answers for those two questions.

Steve is committed to disclosing full photo-copier costs and revenue each quarter as we move forward into our first term together.

Our next Newsletter is due out April 15th. Is there a need to include the minutes of the BOD in each Newsletter? They are available on the web site.

Ken noted we must control the cost of colour production. Paul noted the Newsletter is on the web site in colour. Could the Newsletter be printed in black and white? Dan noted that the cost of promotional material too must be considered / controlled.

Motion: that the CRPU produce 3 Newsletters this year, March – April, September and December – January. The minutes of the BOD meetings will be posted on the web site.

Moved By: Ken
Seconded By: Nick CARRIED

5.6 CU Band Orders 2013

As discussed at our last meeting a letter of complaint has been sent to our current supplier of CU bands. We have asked for a written assurance that we will have our 2013 bands by no later than November 1, 2012.

We discussed a quote we have from another supplier of bands this evening. Four bands were sent to us for our inspection. They look like good bands but there is no reference of a cost to produce a combi band. This company is approved by the FCI for the manufacture of racing pigeon bands.

5.7 Lease Update

Steve and Shannon met with our present landlord this past Friday. They have offered us 5 year renewal with no increase in cost. The only new leasehold improvement negotiated was a ceiling fan for the warehouse area.

One other location is being considered.

Motion: that Terry, Nick and Steve be given the authority to negotiate a new lease on behalf of the CRPU.

Moved By: Nick
Seconded By: Steve CARRIED

6. Financial

6.1 Motion to pay accounts

Motion: that the General Account of the CRPU beginning February 1, 2012 with cheque number 4658 and ending February 29, 2012 with cheque number 4688 totaling in the amount of \$26,523.11 be approved and paid.

Moved By: Nick
Seconded By: Dan CARRIED

7. By-Law Committee

7.1 City of Hamilton – Responsible Animal Ownership By-Law

Motion: to close the CRPU file on the City of Hamilton By-Law 12-031 Responsible Animal Ownership effective February 8, 2012 acknowledging we were successful in this by-law challenge.

Moved By: Steve
Seconded By: Paul CARRIED

9. In Camera Agenda –

Motion: that we move in camera.

Moved By: Paul
Seconded By: Terry

Discussion in camera. No minutes were taken.

Motion: that we rise and report.

Moved By: Dan

Seconded By: Ken CARRIED

Motion: since the current CRPU rules of governance and mandate do not apply to one loft races the CRPU does not / will not endorse one loft races.

Moved By: Nick
Seconded By: Dan CARRIED

10. Other Business

10.1 Next Board Meeting Date – Wednesday April 4, 2012

10.2 Volunteer to Prepare Agenda / Take Minutes – Next Meeting

Nick volunteered to prepare the next agenda and take the next set of minutes. Steve is unable to attend the next meeting.

11. Adjournment

Moved By: Terry
Seconded By: Nick CARRIED 22:18

O. DeVries, President

S. Walsh, Secretary