**Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc.**

**Minutes**

**Annual General Meeting**

**December 10, 2017**

**Schomberg Community Centre**

**Schomberg, Ontario**

**Attendees**

Executives: Vice President: Jeff Hall, Treasurer: Al Gauvin, Secretary Sue Wiltshire, Director: Robert Rotiroti Regrets: President Chris Watson, Director: Ken Hutchinson

**Members**

Neil Gonzalez, Bob Stewart, Jerry Wegman, Carl Gauvin, Paul Gauvin, Joe Formosa, Domini Spalvieri, Mario DaSilva, Dosce Galant, Wally Beelik, Jerome Farquhar, Troy Spencer, Rui Da Cunha, Joao Lopes,

Dan Gauvin, J Harry Paul, Marian Hosan, Louis Forget, Ken Foster, Terry Wintle, Rudolfo Santis, Peter Kuo, Durval Medeiros, Galib Merdan, Paul Furlano, Bruce Mathers, Joe Ferreira, Mike VanderJagt, David Rodgers, Reg Wiltshire, Mario Rea, Rinaud Ykema, Joe Torchia, Louis Santoro, Jesse Seguna, Tony Piacente

**Welcome & Call to Order**

* Vice President Jeff Hall called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.
* Welcomed all members to this year’s AGM
* Introduced Executive present
* Thanked President Bruce Mathers and the Up North Combine for hosting AGM today along with the Up North Scholarship auction.

 **Moment of Silence**

* Moment of silence for all those members who died in 2017
* Moment of silence for all those who serve in the armed forces.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

* No conflict of interest declared.

**Reading of the Minutes of the November 5, 2016**

Motion to accept the minutes as read by Secretary Sue Wiltshire

**Moved by:** Sue Wiltshire

**Seconded by:** Mike VanderJagt **Carried**

**Financials:** Treasurer: Al Gauvin

Al Gauvin presented financials as prepared by Graham, Scott, Enns Accounting. Al Gauvin reviewed the financials with the member’s present and stated the CRPU is in good financial standings. Memberships are staying steady at 650 and all bills are paid up to date. The store is well stocked and the new Verse Laga line is moving very well.

Motion to accept the financials for 2015-2016 year

**Moved by:** Al Gauvin

**Seconded by**: Paul Furlano Carried

**Promotional Billboard Presentation**

Mike VanderJagt, Neil Gonzalez, David Rodgers

* Mike VanderJagt stated that billboards were used in the past and had a positive response.
* The committee already has raised enough money to pay for the billboard design but they are looking for monies to erect the billboard along a main highway in Northern Ontario. The cost for three years is $1600.00 Neil Gonzalez was looking for a donation from the CRPU to cover the cost for the billboard erection. Two members of the CRPU Paul Furlano and Clarence Beuving donated the funds.
* Lots of discussion from the members as many felt the billboards may not be the way to spend money.
* The committee had raised enough money to purchase a billboard in the southern area of Ontario but was looking for the CRPU to donate the funds to pay for the billboard to be erected at a cost of $1400.00.
* The CRPU board told the committee more discussions were necessary and this matter would be discussed at the next executive meeting in January 2018.
* The committee stated the Barrie Racing Pigeon Club is overseeing the funds donated and raised by the committee.

**One Loft Race Request**

* Mike VanderJagt shared Rick Fyfe will be hosting the Niagara One Loft Race and it is opened to all CRPU members. Only CRPU members will be allowed to send birds.
* Mike understood there were some glitches in the last year’s race but these have been ironed out and there should be no problems going forward.
* The CRPU will donate a trophy to the OLR winner.
* We will have a representative to be a liaison to make sure all entries are CRPU members.
* The CRPU thanks Rick Fyfe for his donation from his OLR to the CRPU the funds will be used for promotions.

**Lost Bird Issues**

* Director Ken King shared the CRPU is still having issues with members not responding to lost birds and the public needs to know we care for our birds
* This can cause problems especially if dropped off at shelters and the owner does not respond or tells the public they have no interest in the bird. We have some who say if you send it back I will just kill it. This is unacceptable and we need to do something to prevent this from happening.

Members stated these members should be reprimanded for this.

* Mike VanderJagt stated there are rules in place in regards to this matter.
* Ken King stated there is nothing on file at head office. Mike VanderJagt stated he would check his files and see if he can find a copy of the rules.
* Ken King stated this is a small amount of members and thanked the members for responding to all lost birds but the problem it only takes a couple and we need to make sure we respond especially when birds are brought into shelters.

**New Business**

* Members from the Borden RPC requested that we discuss the matter of the suspension of one of their members from the CRPU. The CRPU board told the members this matter could not be discussed at this meeting as it was a legal matter and would need to be dealt with through legal channels and were not in a position to share any matters in regards to this.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Moved by:** Vice President Jeff Hall

**Seconded by:** Neil Gonzalez **Carried**