

Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc.

Minutes

Tuesday November 13, 2018

Pragmatic Conferencing

Attendees:

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

Call to Order

Motion: To accept agenda as circulated

Moved by Jeff Hall

Seconded by: Ken King

Carried

Reading of the Minutes

No Conflict of Interest in regards to Agenda

Financials: Treasurer Al Gauvin stated all bills are paid to date. Memberships are coming in for 2019. Bands are in and ready to be mailed the last day before Christmas break. Store is stocked.

Website: Sue Wiltshire stated the website still needs some updates. Currently the lost bird data base hosts last five years. In order to keep all birds over five years we will need to add more data to the website. Tec Realm will supply a quote to add more data space otherwise we may consider to only have lost bird data for four years back and any lost birds prior to four years would have to call office to find owner. Sue Wiltshire also would like to update website as it has not been updated since 2014 and needs some improvements. Will get quote from Tec Realm for cost to update site and online store.

Annual General Meeting:

The 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held in Tillsonburg Ontario in December 9, 2019 at the Tillsonbury Community Centre in the Lion Den Room. Lunch will be provided by the CRPU. The store will be open after the meeting for any members wishing to check it out. Door prizes and giveaways will also be included.

Bylaw Issue update: Sue Wiltshire is currently working on two bylaw issues. Kitchener and Sarnia. The issue in Kitchener is due to a change in their bylaw not allowing racing pigeons in the city. Sue Wiltshire has contact the mayor and he has agreed to table this in the new year. A member had an issue in the area and was fined but the CRPU asked the bylaw officer to check to see if there was a grandfather clause for any member who had racing pigeons prior to the bylaw change. The bylaw officer contacted Sue Wiltshire and checked into this and found this member had been grandfathered but was not aware at the time the fine was given. The bylaw officer assured us the fine would be withdrawn and there would be no further issues going forward with this member. The CRPU will continue to work with the Kitchener members to get a bylaw in place. The City of Sarnia already has a good bylaw in place for pigeon fanciers but one issue was the size of loft in backyards and distance from loft lines. . We are working with member to get this matter sorted out and will continue to be in touch with the bylaw officer in Sarnia until matter is resolved.

Magazine: Sue Wiltshire stated the next publication of the CRPU Pigeon Post will be ready for mailing December 21/2018. Band order forms for 2020 will be inserted. The CRPU PigeonPost is currently published 4 times a year and the discussion to cut back the publication to 3 times a year was considered. Right now approximately \$14.00 from each membership dues is used to cover the cost to publish in addition to the advertising income. Al Gauvin stated he would like to consider to keep publishing the magazine four times a year as this has been received with positive comments from the members. Sue Wiltshire stated we will have to make sure the advertisers keep supporting the magazine as this income helps us to offset the publishing costs.

Motion: To send winter issue of the CRPU PigeonPost to all members of the CRPU.

Moved by: Sue Wiltshire

Seconded by: Al Gauvin

Carried

Membership Update:

Vice President Ken King has been working on breakdown of members per province and new members. The CRPU will require each person who joins the CRPU to fill out membership application in each year due to needing signatures on file to send out emails, magazines, etc. This is not a rule of the CRPU but is required by the government. The membership application was inserted in the fall edition of the CRPU PigeonPost and we will have to convince the members the importance of having this on file.

Director Request: Ryan Ward had sent an application to sit in as CRPU Director for the remainder of the 2016-2020 term. Ryan Ward lives in Nova Scotia and has been involved with pigeons racing and showing. The CRPU board needs a new board member to replace Jeff Hall as Jeff stepped into the executive position as president. The CRPU board is working to get board members all across Canada so we welcome Ryan Ward as our new director.

Motion: to accept Ryan Ward as director for the remainder of the term 2016-2020 of the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union.

Moved by: Jeff Hall

Seconded: Ken King

Carried

One Loft Race Discussion:

The Canadian Racing Pigeon Union has been sponsoring the Niagara One Loft Race for the last two years. The board thanks Niagara One Loft race for supporting the CRPU with a donation and for allowing it to be a part for the last two years. Going forward the CRPU will no longer sponsor the Niagara One Loft Race or will be accepting any One Loft Race applications to sponsor races. This decision was based on the legal responsibilities of the CRPU in event of OLR.

BillBoard: Vice President Ken King will contact Robert Rotirot and Mike VanderJagt in regards to information about the Billboard that is to be erected in the Niagara area for update to when it will be in place.

Awards: Mike VanderJagt will forward the award results for printing in the CRPU PigeonPost by December 1st and CRPU will get diplomas to each winner by January 30, 2019.

New Business:

Treasurer Al Gauvin stated the CRPU has run out of the booklet Perception Vs Reality and has submitted a quote to print 1000 copies.

Motion: To publish 1000 copies of booklet Perception Vs Reality.

Moved by: Al Gauvin

Seconded by: Jeff Hall

Carried

Motion to Adjourn at 9:50

Moved by: Sue Wiltshire

Seconded by: Ken King

Carried

