

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20th, 2010 – 8:00pm  
C.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO

Present: M. Collins, N. Oud

Conference: M. van der Jagt, O. DeVries, R. Hastie, T. Brown, J. Stevenson, V. Radoman

Meeting was called to order.

MOTION: R. Hastie seconded by O. DeVries to accept the minutes from December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION: N. Oud seconded by R. Hastie that the general account of the CRPU in the amount of \$58,797.29 including cheque number 3844 up to and including cheque number 3884 from July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 be approved and paid.

CARRIED

MOTION: N. Oud seconded by J. Stevenson that the general account of the CRPU in the amount of \$102,946.77 including cheque number 3888 up to and including cheque number 4002 from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 be approved and paid.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

N. Oud updated the Directors in regards to the meeting with Unikon's Representatives. The Directors discussed the update and the possibility of searching local venues of maintenance personnel for the Unikon Clocks and supplies.

ACTION ITEM: M. Collins to prepare a Unikon advertisement to be distributed with the yearbooks.

BY-LAWS:

R. Hastie reported that Hamilton will do what was asked of them and that this will take effect the first quarter of 2010. R. Hastie stated that there was nothing else to report at this time.

AWARDS:

N. Oud stated that the Awards Report for the Young Birds has been completed and is now sent away for publication in the yearbook.

O. DeVries updated the Directors on some of the award disqualifications and the reasons for them. Disqualifications were because the bands are not currently registered in the applicant's names.

ACTION ITEMS: O. DeVries and N. Oud to draft a reminder regarding proper band registration for distribution in the next newsletter.

The directors discussed the awards proposal. O. DeVries led the directors into a discussion by explaining some of the current loft awards being used in neighboring countries. The directors discussed the definition of a loft award, and the differences various clubs have in regards to the amount of fliers and birds shipped, in relation to the committee's proposal.

MOTION: V. Radoman seconded by O. DeVries that the proposal is to be accepted as circulated, with the Committee and Directors to continue development on a team award for the future.

CARRIED

WEBSITE:

N. Oud reported that within the next 7-10 days the CRPU.ca website will be running, that the database will most likely be ready for testing by the middle of February, beta-testing by the beginning of March, and full production by April. He stated that he has had the database programmer build a backend that will allow the office staff or Directors to create pages without any additional software, per his own cost.

MOTION: V. Radoman seconded by O. DeVries for the CRPU to reimburse N. Oud for the amount of \$540.00 to cover the costs of additions made to the database.

CARRIED

**HEALTH:**

N. Oud had nothing to report.

O. DeVries reported that the outbreak of health issues in Holland was diagnosed as PMV. It was thought that this is due to the combination type of vaccine that was being administered. He stated that he will look into this matter further.

**ACTION ITEM:** O. DeVries is to prepare a bullet form summary on outbreak of PMV for both N. Oud and Dr. G. Chalmers.

**RULES:**

J. Stevenson had nothing to report.

**PROMOTIONS:** V. Radoman stated that he has briefly reviewed an e-mail received from M. van der Jagt regarding a possible airline advertisement, that he has made phone contact with the company, and is still waiting for a response.

**ACTION ITEM:** M. Collins to move airline promotional advertisement to the next meeting.

M. van der Jagt reported that a proposal was received from Steve Walsh to set up a publicity booth at the 2010 Plowing Match in St. Thomas, ON.

**ACTION ITEM:** V. Radoman is to contact Steve Walsh regarding more details of the publicity proposal for the 2010 Plowing Match. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

**RACE PROGRAM:**

R. Hastie had nothing to report.

M. van der Jagt suggested that the new WINBIRD update, which was confirmed received by R. Hastie, should be put onto the website after the amalgamation has been completed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

M. van der Jagt reported that the e-mail received from K. King has been addressed in the newsletter.

M. van der Jagt reported that a fine has been levied in regards to a stray pigeon. M. Collins confirmed that the fine has been paid and the individual is still a member. There was publication of this in the newsletter and the issue was resolved by another CU member.

The Directors discussed upon another similar incident that occurred recently involving a stray pigeon where the owner failed to retrieve it. This situation has also been dealt with by the help of another CU member.

**ACTION ITEM:** M. Collins to submit a letter to the member explaining the known facts and that the circumstantial procedure is a fine of \$25.00 levied unless he believes those facts not true. If so, he is to contact the office for explanation or send payment.

J. Stevenson reported that he has put together a proposal for the CU regarding wholesale distribution of products. He would like to defer this until the next meeting.

**ACTION ITEM:** M. Collins to put the discussion of the wholesale proposal on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Directors held discussion on the benefits of having wholesalers for the CU. As well, further negotiations that may be possible with existing suppliers in the future.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** M. van der Jagt confirmed that M. Collins did send regrets regarding the invitation to Russia indicating interest but lack of time frame to accept.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Correspondence from D. Taylor was received regarding his lack of confidence with the insurance benefits that was previously distributed to the members. M. Collins confirmed that the CRPU is given the envelopes pre-sealed.

**ACTION ITEM:** M. Collins will be sending a letter to D. Taylor explaining to him that the CRPU will look into his concerns regarding the validity of the insurance, that the CRPU is not affiliated with the said insurance company, and receives postage reimbursement for distribution of the envelopes.

The Directors discussed updates from BC Representative, N. Caine, and recognize the hard work he has been doing in that area.

M. Collins reported that the costs of conference calling for Director's meetings have greatly increased. She had been researching a couple of other companies one being Skype, which is an internet based company. Skype would allow all Directors to participate with, or without, the use of a computer. The preliminary test done was satisfactory and the cost of using this service is well below the existing company.

**MOTION:** M. van der Jagt seconded by O. DeVries to use the company Skype for hosting Board meetings effective the next meeting.

CARRIED

The Directors discussed in detail an application received for a new club and the reasons stated on the application. The majority of the Directors felt that for the better of the sport, individuals should fly with existing clubs in their area. The Directors voted on acceptance with O. DeVries and J. Stevenson abstaining.

**MOTION:** T. Brown seconded by R. Hastie to accept the application for a new club, "Flying in Circle".

DEFEATED

**ACTION ITEM:** M. Collins to send a letter to inform applicants that their club was denied due to some concerns about their rationale, and that there are presently existing clubs for all those members to fly in.

M. Collins reported that there has been a donation of some old certificates and picture negatives that have been placed into the artifact cabinet at the Head Office. The donations were from an individual that was not a pigeon fancier, but had family that previously resided by the Page Bros.

M. van der Jagt reported on a package received from the FCI. The CRPU intends to comply with their rulings and there is opportunity to provide them with added input if so desired.

An e-mail was received from T. Poetker regarding application of awards. M. van der Jagt has spoken with him and resolved the issue. The bands on the application were Winnipeg bands, which are not CU bands.

M. van der Jagt approached the Directors regarding their interest of adding a National One Loft Race to replace the Convention Race in 2012. He explained that the Orillia RPC had put in a proposal to the Fair Board to build a loft that would be capable of holding 600 birds and to host a One Loft Race, this being consistent with promotion of the sport. The Directors discussed the particulars as stated by M. van der Jagt, and the feedback provided by them was positive.

**ACTION ITEM:** M. van der Jagt to put together a formal proposal.

M. Collins reported that as of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the membership for the CRPU was at 997 members, and that the staff at the Head Office had started to touch bases with members that had not yet renewed for 2010.

Correspondence was received from N. Bouchard with positive feedback in regards to the distribution of electronic newsletters, and suggested the possibility of doing the same with the yearbooks. The directors discussed his request, and felt that at this time, the majority of the members would not be satisfied with doing so.

**ACTION ITEM:** M. Collins to send a letter to N. Bouchard explaining that we are migrating towards an electronic newsletter being done in response to membership's online capabilities, and that at the present we are not looking at discontinuing the yearbook.

Correspondence was received from T. Wintle to request that the last year of J. Snow's suspension be waived. The directors discussed the particulars of the matter and the reasons why a two year suspension was originally given.

MOTION: T. Brown seconded by R. Hastie that J. Snow's suspension remain in effect for Old Bird's 2010 and that he be allowed to start flying Young Bird's for 2010 on probation. This probation is to remain in effect until the end of 2011.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEM: M. Collins to inform T. Wintle and J. Snow of the motion that has been carried.

A membership application was received from M. Knight, Carvel AB with only one sponsorship signature.

ACTION ITEM: M. Collins to e-mail J. Stevenson a copy of the membership application and a membership list from Capital City. J. Stevenson will look into finding a second sponsorship for the application.

Correspondence was received from D. Knoller regarding band quantity and pricing for vanity bands. M. Collins reported that both she and O. DeVries are working on a band proposal for early March.

ACTION ITEM: M. Collins to inform D. Knoller that if we can get quantities of only 100 bands from the supplier, then we will offer them to members in quantities of 100 as well.

M. van der Jagt reported that a quote was received from C. Seekell, USA on newsletter and calendar printing.

ACTION ITEM: M. Collins to inform C. Seekell that the CRPU will be sending out tenders for our printing next year and she will be included in the list.

Next meeting was scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

Directors discussed possible dates for a two day workshop and meeting. The tentative date for this is April 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> depending on the distribution of the membership survey currently being drafted by M. van der Jagt.

MOTION: O. DeVries seconded by T. Brown that meeting is to be adjourned.

CARRIED