

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: M. Collins, J. Coyle

Conference: M. van der Jagt, J. Stevenson, R. Hastie, J. Vanderlaan, and N. Oud, V. Radoman, R. Hastie

Absent: O. DeVries

M. van der Jagt called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes from April 18, May 11<sup>th</sup>, and May 25<sup>th</sup>, stand down until next meeting July 27<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting there will be four (4) sets of Minutes to approve.

**FINANCE**

N. Oud reported the C.R.P.U. is carrying more inventory than the previous year. The net income is roughly the same. Publicity and promotions is up, including the database. Miscellaneous publicity is up. V. Radoman suggested that the sub accounts in Simply Accounting be broken down further before N. Oud meets with the accountant.

**ACTION:**

1. N. Oud to set up a preliminary year end appointment next week with the accountant.
2. M. Collins and J. Coyle to itemize 'Miscellaneous' categories in Simply Accounting for July 30, 2010.

N. Oud reported the General Account of the C.R.P.U. beginning May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, from cheque #4122, up to and including cheque #4170, in the amount of \$43,745.37, be approved.

**MOTION:** N. Oud moved that the financial statements be accepted as read, R. Hastie seconded.

Carried

**BYLAWS**

R. Hastie reported on the City of Milton, ON bylaw and how it bans raising flying pigeons within the city limits. There is confusion in deciphering between what is domestic vs. wild. Sections of the Town of Milton, ON bylaw defines pigeons as farm animals. M. van der Jagt suggested that if there were better understanding, and relief of the bylaw, it would encourage the growth of pigeon racers in the Milton area. Hence the reason for poor membership. R. Hastie will have conversation with the City and promote our standards.

**ACTION:**

1. Ron to approach the City of Milton to try to revise the bylaw, largely in the same way that the C.R.P.U worked with the cities of Hamilton and Toronto. And to ask if they would be interested in meeting with us.

**PROMOTIONS**

V. Radoman reported that Naomi Armstrong's virtual fantasy racer program is in the development stages. The program encourages children approximately in grades 5-7 to select their own birds from a club donor's loft and spend time on the internet racing the pigeon. The idea of the programme is to increase awareness and generate interest in future flyers and members. V. Radoman will be sending out another letter requesting donations to generate funds.

**ACTION:**

1. V. Radoman to circulate agenda item for next meeting regarding youth initiative meeting.

*Calgary Stampede:* begins next week - July 17th and 18th are the big race days. There is a booth to promote racing pigeons. J. Stevenson reported that we need more volunteers. It was agreed by the Board to ask Naomi Armstrong if she would be available to go to Calgary and promote the sport. There was

discussion about what Naomi could do for last minute preparation. J. Stevenson has promotional information she could hand out to publicize and promote racing. N. Oud voiced concern that it was last minute notice and would we be wise to go ahead with it, or to put it on the agenda for next year. It was agreed that Naomi be asked to fly to Calgary at the end of the week to perform the task of promotions.

**ACTION:**

1. V. Radoman to contact Naomi the next day following this meeting.

**RACE PROGRAM**

Winbird will not upload on Windows 7, however, it was reported that one of our racers from Thunder Bay has contacted a computer expert who was able to get the programme up and running at a cost of \$50. Concern that if it is simply a setting that needs to be adjusted on Windows 7, N. Oud would be willing to look at it when we get the Windows 7 computers in the office. M. Collins suggested she and N. Oud could try tweaking this on one (1) of the Windows 7 computers at the office. V. Radoman voiced concern that if tweaking this is successful; more members need to know how to do it.

**ACTION:**

1. R. Hastie and N. Oud to work out a mutual time to meet and study out how to program Winbird to be compatible with Windows 7.

**WEBSITE/DATABASE:**

Several discussions arose: One; about club secretaries needing one (1) user I.D. per club to upload. And if a combine is being uploaded, the registered user can use the drop down box. Another, was discussion about the issue of five (5) bird clocking limit. And a further discussion arose about how the database is calculating awards. N. Oud recommended, and it was agreed upon, that these discussions be tabled for the next meeting.

**ACTION:**

1. Board members are to review the BOD agenda item submitted by N. Oud before the next meeting.
2. N. Oud to talk to Jason to sort out database calculating awards.

**HEALTH**

No reports of problems. Monik reported that the supplier of the pigeon pox vaccine had agreed to reimburse the CU for the chicken vaccine that he had supplied previously.

*Biosecurity Meeting:* M. Collins reported funding available for upgrades on non-poultry facilities, which include pigeon lofts. There is further information about this funding in the summer newsletter. The next meetings are in WOODSTOCK, ON., Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Creek Golf Club, 760 Juliana Drive, Woodstock and in BARRIE, ON, Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Holiday Inn, 20 Fairview Road, Barrie.

All submissions of BOD Agenda items for the meeting of 27 JUL 2007 are to be forwarded to John Stevenson by Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 27th, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

R. Hastie moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m., J. Vanderlaan seconded.

Carried

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M. van der Jagt, President

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J. Stevenson, Secretary