

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
TUESDAY MARCH 9, 2010 – 9:00pm  
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO

Present: M. Collins,

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

Next meeting: Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm, Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00pm.

Meeting called to order.

**MOTION:** T. Brown seconded by N. Oud to accept March 2, 2010 minutes as amended.

CARRIED

M. van der Jagt discussed a fill in replacement to help Monik out in the office until a replacement is found. Steve Walsh, Alymer, ON will be in the office two days a week. Directors confirm the details to be placed in the advertising job description.

**Action item:** M. Collins to check into costs of advertising.

PROMOTIONS: V. Radoman has tried to find out more information from a company that approached us regarding Airline advertising. This topic is dropped due to no response from them to reconnect with us.

N. Oud reviewed the quote to place an online shopping cart onto the CRPU website. Several questions were discussed regarding the security and advantages of having this integrated into our website.

**MOTION:** N. Oud seconded by T. Brown to accept the entire package proposed at a total cost of \$2350.00, which includes a shopping cart, Pay Pal integration system and an invoice and billing system.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Directors received a request from Wayne Davey New Liskerd, ON to see if he is the longest participating member in the CRPU. Wayne started in 1948 with the CRPU. If there is any one that was a CRPU member prior to 1948 the CRPU office would like to hear from you.

The Lucan Homing Racing Pigeon Club has requested the use of the CRPU logo for activities relating to the upcoming Convention. They have also requested a flyer be circulated to all email contacts on file with the CRPU. N. Oud has posted the flyer on the website as well for more exposure.

**Action item:** M. Collins to supply Lucan with the logo and circulate the flyer to contacts.

M. van der Jagt spoke with Chris Kumar regarding an email he had sent in. Chris clarified that the purpose of his email was to inform the directors of the information only.

The CRPU received a request from the Lithuanian Racing Pigeon Federation to be able to translate the book, "A Beginners Guide to Pigeon Racing". The Directors give permission to the organization to use the booklet.

**Action item:** M. Collins to email the permission to use the book.

The Directors reviewed several pieces of correspondence received regarding the motion restricting the publication of race results to a minimum of three lofts.

The CU is streamlining its processes for submitting race results to the database. The database will be used to compile a ready made file for yearbook submission and automatically calculate national awards. The new coefficient award system requires a realistic minimum number of competitors in each race to be meaningful. It was discussed that 1 & 2 loft races can still be submitted and merged into combine results, so members in smaller clubs can still compete at that level.

N Oud suggested that most members flying in smaller clubs do so by choice as most have another club or clubs available to them. T. Brown states that some smaller clubs may not have three lofts shipping long races, which may be a problem.

V. Radoman and O. deVries provided some research from the 2009 Yearbook showing a breakdown on how/who it affects.

Of 1170 old bird races last year 96 had 1 or 2 lofts shipping, in 90 of these races members had access to another club and/or flew in a combine. V. Radoman states that only 6 out of 1170 races had no other means of getting more lofts into the races. In young birds the numbers were very similar with only 5 out of 888 races. V. Radoman states that a standard level of competition needs to be set and leave it at three lofts for publication and awards.

M. van der Jagt stressed that the negative pigeon politics found in clubs and combines is causing real problems with attracting and retaining members. One approach to addressing the negative internal politics is for the national organization to encourage members to get along and solve problems rather than ignoring them or allowing them to fester and grow. Keeping the membership together instead of splintering into small groups will encourage members to solve their small problems before they grow and will also reduce the workload for every one. No motion was made to change the previous decision.

MOTION: J. Stevenson seconded by O. deVries to adjourn  
CARRIED