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2011 Convention Information

SEE INSIDE FOR FULL DETAILS

Band Notice

Pigeons bands sold that are not officially distributed by the CU or IF affiliated group will NOT be recognized as registered bands within the organizations.



**2012 ELECTIONS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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- Complete video updates at arrival - 1/2 way, and departure of your birds!
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- We use only the finest feed available to keep your birds healthy!
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Quality Importing and Exporting of Pigeons

Quarantine Centre



**IF YOUR BIRD(S) DONT MAKE IT TO THE 100 MILE RACE,
YOUR COMPLETE PERCH FEE AND ENTRY FEE WILL BE REFUNDED IN FULL!
Yes, Even Your Perch Fee Will Be Refunded - You Can't Lose!
THIS is a race you Have To Be In This Year!**

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Quarantine ~ Health Certificates ~ Shipping into Canada
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SEE COMPLETE RULES ON OUR WEBSITE: www.TorontoTrifecta.com

- Each participant must have birds entered in all 3 courses. (Send teams divisible by 3, i.e. 3,6,9, 12)
- Each pigeon will be electronically banded and color banded for the course on arrival.
- All birds to be flown to one location, but one loft for each direction to be flown.
- Richard/Ryan Zonnekeyn will be loft managers.
- Must be 18 years or older to enter.
- All pigeons will be PMV and POXed *before* they are put into the Race Lofts.
- Perch fee due on arrival of birds.
- TORONTO TRIFECTA will accept up to 1200 birds for 2012.
- Each team will be quarantined by themselves for a minimum of 15 days before birds are put into their race lofts.

3 - 300'S ~ 1 North - 1 East - 1 West!



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3 Races • 3 Directions

LOFTY HEIGHTS: AVIATION & RACING PIGEONS

At 10:24AM on August 3, 2011, a Boeing 737-700, with more than a 100 passengers on board, was set to depart from Calgary International Airport. Immediately after liftoff, the aircraft struck a flock of birds, with a number being ingested into the engines. Due to the ingestions, the aircraft had to make an emergency landing. Upon return to the airport, it was discovered that the birds struck were racing pigeons as the remains of 18 carcasses were found on the runway and on the outside of the aircraft. It was later discovered through talking with the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union, that a total 84 birds were released approximately 80 kilometers west of Calgary International Airport. These birds were to return to their lofts, which were located immediately east of the airport. Unfortunately, 23 of the 84 birds did not make it back to their final destination.



BIRD STRIKE HAZARDS

Wildlife respect no boundaries and often gather in and pass through air-traffic corridors, such as take-off, departure, approach and landing areas. The result is risks to aircraft and air travelers—risks that can be minimized when airport-area stakeholders work together and systematically integrate their efforts to identify wildlife hazards and risks and plan, coordinate and implement management and mitigation strategies.

Canadian airports are required by Transport Canada to manage bird hazards. Airports are attractive to birds as they provide excellent habitat - open landscape, food, water and shelter. On a daily basis, measures are taken to manage bird hazards whether it is through habitat modification or through the immediate control of hazardous species. The most effective means to manage birds at airports is to manage birds in a proactive fashion.

BIRD STRIKES

All bird strikes that occur at Canadian airports are reported to the airport and Transport Canada. Individual airports and Transport Canada keep statistics on bird strikes. Bird strikes are investigated to determine the species involved and the circumstance of the event. This information is very important to the aviation community as it can provide useful information for the prevention of similar incidences in the future.

RACING PIGEONS: AN AVIATION HAZARD

Birds and aircraft sharing the same airspace are not compatible - one, or both, ultimately lose. Racing pigeons are a predictable hazard to jet aircraft.

Firstly, racing pigeons are heavy weighing in at 350-500g. This weight may seem minimal, but a strike involving multiple birds has enough kinetic energy to create a problem for the aircraft, including shattering wind-screens, tearing open the fuselage, damaging the radome, rupturing hydraulic lines and the destruction of turbine blades. To understand why a bird strike can cause so much damage, let's take a bird of 500 grams (a racing

pigeon). If this bird hits an airplane at 135 knots (-66.9 meters per second), the kinetic energy resulting on impact is a force of $1005 \text{ kgm}^2/\text{s}^2$ or Joules. Obviously, this can make quite a dent... Multiple strikes of a bird this size has the potential to be catastrophic.

Secondly, these birds fly in flocks. Racing pigeons are known to fly in flocks of thousands. Flocks are more likely to result in multiple strikes, which increases the probability of multiple birds entering the jet engines (as was experienced with the particular incident on August 3). Engine ingestions can lead to engine failure, which can ultimately take down an aircraft.

Thirdly, racing pigeons fly at low altitudes. When aircraft are flying at low altitudes they are often departing or arriving, which are critical phases of flight.

And lastly, racing pigeons are fast! This increases the risk of a bird strike. The speed of these birds makes it challenging for pilots and pigeons to take corrective action. Calgary International Airport engages in 24 hours a day wildlife management activity, however these birds are so fast that their presence may go unnoticed until it is late.

SUMMARY

Racing pigeons are a significant hazard to aviation safety and a hazard that bird owners need to be aware of. In order to reduce the risk of a bird strike, it is essential that all owners become familiar with aviation facilities in their region and their proximity to aviation facilities when releasing birds on practice and race event days. Knowing your local airport operators and establishing an understanding and rapport will help educate airports operators and pigeon enthusiasts alike. It would also be prudent, to try to ensure that racing pigeons do not cross airport's lands - especially busy international airports.

We want all birds to return safely to their lofts and the travelling public to safely arrive at their destination.



Please contact for further information:

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Nomination Results

Thank you to all the candidates

President	Dave Booth / Oscar DeVries	
Vice President	Terry Humberstone	Acclaimed
Treasurer	Nick Oud	Acclaimed
Secretary	Steve Walsh	Acclaimed
Director	Ken King	Acclaimed
Director	Dan Archibald	Acclaimed
Director	Paul Finch	Acclaimed

Please look for your ballots for the President's Position
in an upcoming mailing.

We look forward to hearing from you all!

2011 CRPU CONVENTION

NIAGARA FALLS, DEC 2,3,4

WWW.CRPU.CA/CONVENTION



CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

FUN FOR THE

INDOOR WATERPARK - CROSS BORDER SHOPPING - GREAT RESTAURANTS

WHOLE FAMILY



IMPORT DRAWS

CONVENTION ITINERARY

FRIDAY

3:00pm - 6:00pm Registration
6:30pm - Dinner
7:30pm - Seminar

Auction
Texas Hold 'Em



SATURDAY

8:00am - Breakfast
9:00am - CU Meeting
12:30pm - Lunch
1:00pm - Seminar / Auction
6:30pm - Banquet Award Dinner
9:00pm - 1:00am - Dance



SUNDAY

8:00am - Breakfast
10:00am - Seminar
11:30am - Lunch
12:00pm - Auction



LIQUOR BAR

Friday Night - 5:00pm - 1:00am
Saturday Night - 5:00pm - 1:00am

PRICING

CONVENTION TICKETS

ALL INCLUSIVE PASS

\$150

This package includes all meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It will also provide full access to all three seminars for the weekend. We also offer per day packages that cost \$50 per day for seminar and meals during each day of the convention.

Order your convention ticket now 1-866-652-5704

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

REGULAR ROOM

\$89

FALLSVIEW ROOM

\$119



BOOK NOW!

For reservations- phone 1 866 431 5229
For special group rate – you must specify you are with the Canadian Racing Pigeon

Special Rates on rooms only apply until Nov 1st, 2011, So book soon!



HOW TO FIND US

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2011

TOP IMPORT DRAW

NIAGARA FALLS, DEC 2,3,4

HANS AND EVERT-JAN EIJERKAMP



Euro - 03-6192564 - Heremans-Ceusters

'Euro' is winner of:

- 1e European Ace Pigeon Western Nations Cup Cat. A. 2004
- 1e Nat. Ace Young Bird 2003 De Reisduif
- 1e Nat. Ace Young Bird 2003 Ave Regina
- 1st Quivrain 2,687 pigeons
- 1st Quivrain 2,516 pigeons
- 2nd Quivrain 4,924 pigeons
- 4th Quivrain 2,120 pigeons

His descendants excel all over the world and have won:

- 1st Nat. Young Birds WHZB 2007
- 1st NPO Pommeroeul against 18,952 pigeons
- 1st Strombeek against 5,547 pigeons
- 1st Strombeek against 5,651 pigeons
- 1st Noyon against 2,252 pigeons
- 1st Strombeek against 2,243 pigeons
- 1st Bad Kreuznach against 1,570 pigeons
- 2nd Prov. Zutphen against 23,084 pigeons

There will be a direct son of the "Euro" in the sale!

CRPU

FUNDRAISER

TICKETS

Beute, Eljerkamp, Verkerk each have graciously donated one special pigeon for this fundraiser.

Tickets are \$10.00 each or three (3) for \$25.00. You may buy tickets on only one bird or all birds. You can mix them. For Example: Two tickets on the Verkerk pigeon and one on the GJ Beute pigeon. There is no limit as to the number of tickets that may be purchased by any individual. Tickets numbers are limited (1000/pigeon) and when they are sold no more will be available. Each bird will be drawn for separately.

One on each day of the convention. To Order please contact the CU Office at 1-866-652-5704

WWW.CRPU.CA/CONVENTION

2011

TOP IMPORT DRAW

NIAGARA FALLS, DEC 2,3,4

C & S VERKERK



Olympic Sponge Bob a superstar.
Olympiad allround Oostende 2007
9th National Ace pigeon BOTB 2006
1st NPO Blois 20.755 birds
1st Chantilly 6.762 birds
1st Peronne 6.017 birds
2nd Strombeek 6.205 birds (behind loftmate)
2nd Orleans 1.710 birds (behind loftmate)
Sponge Bob is sire & gr.
Sire to 1st place winners

There will be a direct "SpongeBob"
son in the sale!

GERT-JAN BEUTE



The "Triller" is the new foundation cock for the lofts of Gert-Jan Beute. He is sire to "Vecht Machine" who in turn has produced the Gouden Tweeling (Golden Twins) and the Dutch Golden Classic 2010 winner for Peter van de Merwe. He is a straight Heremans-Ceusters via Hans an Evert-Jan Eijerkamp. He is out of "Kleinzoon Olympiade" on his father's side and out of "Dochter Lichte Blauwe" who is a granddaughter of the "Olympiade"

The Best of the best in Europe to-day!
A blue hen out of "Triller" and "Vanity" (C&G Koopman) will be in the sale.

60 EUROPEAN IMPORTS
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LOCAL ATTRACTIONS



A Tropical Adventure!

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ADMISSION RATES

Adults are \$16.95 plus HST
 Seniors (55+) are \$14.95 plus HST
 Children (4-15) are \$11.95 plus HST



Featured at the Flamingo Hilton, Caesar's Palace and Tropicana, Greg now brings his performance to the heart of Niagara Falls. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner before being treated to a spectacular night of magical illusions and family-friendly fun.

ADMISSION RATES

Please contact for Dinner / Seating Availability
 (905) 356-0777 or www.gregfrewintheatre.com

TONS OF FUN!

CLIFTON HILL ATTRACTIONS



Vaccinating for PMV



It's the time of year that we think of vaccinating our birds for PMV. The old birds will need a booster shot before the breeding season begins. It is important to take into consideration that any vaccination can cause some stress for the birds. All shots should be given at least two weeks before we pair up the birds or we start training the race team as the racing season approaches.

In the past we have had a turkey/chicken vaccine available to vaccinate our birds with. Even though this Newcastle vaccine has proven to be effective in the prevention of PMV outbreaks in the past, it should be understood that it is a poultry vaccine and is being used off label when used to vaccinate our pigeons. We should remember that the manufacturer will not be liable if PMV outbreaks occur after using the Newcastle vaccine as the product

was not developed for or is intended for use in pigeons. If anyone intends to export birds out of the country, government health certificates will not be issued for pigeons vaccinated with the Newcastle vaccine. In other play it safe if you are shipping birds out of the country and use the PMV (pigeon) vaccine.

That being said the large bottles of Newcastle (poultry) vaccine are again available and can be obtained from the CRPU office. The advantage of the Newcastle vaccine is that even though it is being used off label it has proven to be effective and the cost per dose is quite a bit less than the PMV vaccine produced specifically for pigeons. A great way to do club vaccinations in both the spring and fall, it becomes very cost effective.

There are many fanciers that are not aware that when vaccinating young birds one dose does not offer full protection and that the manufacturer of the PMV vaccine recommends a booster shot several weeks after the first shot.

The instructions and recommendation are included with the PMV vaccine by the manufacturer. Please read them before using the product. After that first year an annual vaccination will give the birds strong immunity against the PMV virus. Of course because the Newcastle vaccine is not meant for use in pigeons you will not find any recommendations for pigeons with that product, basically you are on your own.

Problems with partial protection, after giving only one dose, have been reported in California and it is strongly advised that members follow the manufactures instructions and vaccinate twice in the pigeons year of birth.

PMV in pigeons is a reportable disease. By law, if your pigeons come down with the virus you are obliged to report the outbreak to your vet. Protect yourself and the sport by vaccinating your birds for PMV.

Nick Oud
Health Chairman

2012 Schedule of Fees

2012 Membership Fees

		Price
Per Loft		\$50.00 Inc Taxes
Family Memberships		\$75.00
Junior Memberships		FREE
Club/Combine Affiliation		\$50 application \$0 annual fee
* Additional yearbook shipping charges may apply		

Loft Registration

		Price
Per Loft	Includes loft certificate - Must be a current CU member to register a loft.	\$20.00

CU 2012 Bands

		Price
Regular CU	Sold in lots of 20	.60
Combi Bands	Sold in lots of 20 (Limited Supply Available)	.70

Yearbook Advertisements

	B/W Pages	Colour Pages
Full Page	\$145.00	\$180.00
1/2 Page	\$95.00	\$130.00
1/4 Page	\$60.00	\$90.00

Yearbook Club Rosters

	B/W Pages	Colour Pages
Full Page	\$115.00	\$145.00
1/2 Page	\$75.00	\$105.00
1/4 Page	\$50.00	\$75.00

Ad/Roster setup fee \$50.00. All ads must be professional! Digital copies are required.

Newsletter Advertisements

	B/W Pages	Colour Pages
Full Page	\$145.00	\$160.00
1/2 Page	\$80.00	\$115.00
1/4 Page	\$50.00	\$85.00

Reminders

Deadline for Young Bird results is due by October 31st, 2011 / Also please submit yearbook advertising by November 25th, 2011 to daryl@crpu.ca or call in toll free at 1.866.652.5704

Please note : Taxes are not included unless otherwise stated.

“BOB DUHRA”



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SEE YOU THERE

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Bob Duhra at (403) - 280-7636*

FALL



CLEARANCE SALE



New Castle
Featured Item \$57.95



Nutri Power
was \$22.55 now : \$18.95



Natural Thee
was \$10.95 now : \$8.95



Thijbo Nest Pads
was \$12.35 now : \$11.50



Drink Warmer
was \$15.95 now : \$13.95



Mineral PAL
was \$24.95 now : \$21.95



Canker X Plus
was \$14.95 now : \$12.95



Quinnoxine 237ml
was \$7.99 now : \$6.99



Piperazine
100g - \$1.53
250g - \$4.64 / 500g - \$9.28

Rouge Valley Flyers – 2011 Fall Auction

Sunday, November 6, 2011

LEMONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

13453 McCowan Road, Stouffville



5 minutes east of Woodbine and Bloomington
 13453 McCowan Road, 2 minutes south of Bloomington on the east side
 Same travelling time from Bloomington and 404 as going to the old Vandorf location!

Viewing at 11:00 – Sale starts at 12:00 Sharp

Great Birds, Great Prices and Great Draws!

This auction will feature select birds from the Rouge Valley Flyers as well as other top flyers.

2011 Contributors & Supporters

Hamilton McIntyre
 Guido Madrusan
 John Adams
 Joe Formosa
 Denis Adams
 Sam Ferrera
 Dr. Hossam Yassein

Andy Lehman
 Dave Ramcharan
 Doug Rufenach
 Joe Martire
 Silver Creek Loft
 Ray Lewicki
 Manny Azevedo

Paul Furlano
 Ken Wall
 Tom Powers
 Ben Vettese
 Chuck Marshall
 Chris Mitsou
 John Lehman

Andy Lehman – Feed Donation

Bragg's Custom Feed – Basket of Vanhee Products

J. & J. McInnes – Empire Loft – Empire Classic One Loft Race

Please check our website on a regular basis as we get closer to the auction date to view an updated list of donators and donated birds including pedigree information

www.rougevalleyflyers.com

Proceeds from each bird are split: 50% to the Donating Flyer and 50% to the Rouge Valley Trailer Fund.

Raffles: Maple Leaf Tickets, The Keg Gift Certificate, Mandarin Gift Certificate, Texas Mickey, 50/50 Draw
 Dolce Gusto Coffee Machine

Everyone coming to the auction gets a free ticket for the door prize!

Refreshments will be available – Sausages, Pop, Coffee

Need more information or want to donate a bird? Contact:

Ken Wall - 416-283-7816 John Adams - 416-281-1967 Denis Adams - 905-839-7810

Lost Pigeon Tale from the CU Office

A very friendly and caring wildlife enthusiasts who is also known as “the bird lady” in her town, came across a lost racing pigeon among her ducks in her favourite park which has a beautiful pond next to the lake. She is often seen there at least once a day feeding the ducks and birds and was quite curious and anxious about this pigeon. She immediately rescued the bird and took it home as she noticed it was quite undernourished. She contacted the CU office and then tried to contact the owner, but was not successful. She took it upon herself to get this bird healthy and was determined to get it home. After many days of keeping the bird in a cage in her home she became quite attached and found the bird to be a great companion. She would often talk to the bird and encourage the bird to eat and drink so it may soon be re-united with its owner and its little pigeon friends. After about 4 days of being together she noticed the bird was getting anxious to find its way back home. She recalled it was a very nice sunny day and decided that she would take the bird once again to the pond where they first met and perhaps have one last visit....she took her camera with her because she wanted to mark the day as a special occasion and would always have a small reminder of her special visitor. She gently placed the basket down near the water and got her camera ready for a special good-bye, opened the door and to her surprise the bird just took off like the wind towards the sky, never once looking back or even stopping for one lousy picture together. What do you think of that, she thought!

Lost Pigeon Photo Wall!



In memoriam of passing

THE SASKATOON RACING PIGEON CLUB:
Are saddened by the passing of Jose Resendes.

Jose was born November 7, 1952 in Sao Pdero, St Maria, Portugal

Jose passed away April 7, 2011.

Jose was a member of the Saskatoon Racing Pigeon Club and CRPU for several years.

Jose's pigeons were very good, winning several races each year in our club, and on occasion winning a few National (provincial Awards) along the way. Jose will be sadly missed by everyone that knew him

Love and memories go out to his Family.

The CRPU would also like to recognize the passing of:
JOHN LUDWINSKI a long time member of the Whitby Beaver RPC
JOHN PFEIFFER SR. a long time member of the Borden RPC
GEORGE KOLOZSVARI a long time member of the Acton club

NIAGARA ONE LOFT RACE 300 MILE

A black and white photograph of the Niagara Falls skyline, featuring several high-rise buildings and the prominent Water Tower on the right. The text 'NIAGARA ONE LOFT RACE' and '300 MILE' is overlaid in large, bold, white letters with a slight shadow effect. The website 'NIAGARA FRONTIER.COM' is visible in the bottom left corner of the image.

You are invited to participate in the 2012 pigeon race of the year, this race will take place in the last week of August or the next best time weather permits.

The perch fee is \$50 per bird, the entry is \$100 for a total of \$150 per bird, (Four bird deal is \$500 (a entry saving of \$100) per one owner).

No back up and no activating., Pooling will be on property on race day.

The first 25 birds will be auctioned 2-4 weeks after the race details are sent out.

If you want your bird back you must arrange for pickup within 21 days of the race.

After 21 days remaining birds become the property of Gary Stavinga.

All positions pay out in clocking order 1st prize is 30% of all entry funds, all other positions 20% declining scale.

Health and Training is priority one!

In 2009 my losses were 25% and in 2010 a loss off 30% that is very good.

The capacity of the loft is 400 bird max,

Please send in your perch fee now to reserve your spot!

Birds will be accepted starting March 20th and final dates for submission will be April 25th.
Please call me for transportation, I can pick up local and also will be yb auction sale for pickup.

Please make cheques payable to Gary Stavinga, 3397 Town Line Road East Wainfleet, ON
905.732.6561 / Email at gwstavinga@bell.net (BBQ on race day)

With Gratitude Gary Stavinga

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED
DIRECTORS MEETING
Sunday, June 5th, 2011
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: S. Beadow, N. Oud
Conference: M. van der Jagt, R. Hastie, K. King, D. Archibald,
Absent: J. Stevenson, O. DeVries
Guest : Neil Caine – B.C. Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes from April 02, 2011 were reviewed and amended

MOTION: To accepted minutes as amended by R. Hastie, seconded by N. Oud.

CARRIED

FINANCE

N. Oud circulated a financial statement prior to the meeting, M. van der Jagt asked for clarification on deferred band sales, currently the deferred sales from the 2011 bands do not show in the statement. N. Oud responded by advising the rest of the BOD that the deferred band sales will begin to show in the next statement as the 2012 deferred sales are processed. The money from the sales of the 2011 bands was not received within the current fiscal year and therefore will not show in the current financial statement. However any deferred sales will be recorded for 2012 because these sales will impact the current fiscal year.

MOTION: That the General Account of the CRPU beginning Feb 1, 2011 with Cheque No. 4407 and ending March 31, 2011 with cheque No. 4428 totalling the amount of \$54,726.56 be paid, made by N. Oud, seconded by R. Hastie.

CARRIED

Action: M. van der Jagt asked S. Beadow to prepare a JAN 2011 to JUN 2011 report showing cost, mark-up and number sold of each product offered in the CRPU store.

Action: M. van der Jagt asked S. Beadow to prepare a schedule of fees for all services provided by the head office e.g. band transfers, memberships and advertising, to be included in the product catalog and posted on the website.

BYLAWS

R. Hastie reported that there are currently no new updates.

Ken King reported that the Saskatoon by-law is back in the hands of the city solicitors.

M. van der Jagt – reported that recently Winnipeg passed a very favorable bylaw for pigeon keepers. N.Oud suggested that the office should obtain and keep a copy of this bylaw for future reference, everyone agreed that this would be a good idea.

ACTION: R.Hastie to see if he can obtain a copy of this bylaw and will forward to head office.

AWARDS

N. Oud reports that he has successfully logged into the back end of the Awards Database and is able to view results. He reports that all the groundwork is in place and they just need to work the aesthetics of the page. M. van der Jagt points out that once this is functioning, it will be exciting for the race secretaries to upload and see the results and will hopefully encourage more users.

N. Oud reports that both Old and Young bird Awards will be ready for printing in the next newsletter.

Action: N. Oud to provide D. Baker with the complete 2010 young and old bird award winners for publication in the JUL newsletter.

Yearbook Front Cover – A discussion took place about the layout and design for the 2011 Yearbook. Everyone agreed that a collage of photos of the various CU award winners would enhance the book and give it a fresh new look. This would also allow opportunity for more members to appear on the cover.

Executive of the Year and Volunteer of the Year

A discussion was held regarding these new awards.

Action: S. Beadow will research similar awards and prepare guidelines for Board consideration prior to the JUL newsletter.

RULES

J. Stevenson was not available to provide an update.

M. van der Jagt brought fourth an issue that has arisen within the CORPF, a suspended member`s birds have been permitted to fly within the combine under the members spouse`s name, the spouse is not a CU member and the rules state that no birds of a suspended member may be permitted to fly within an affiliated club or combine.

A discussion took place about what the appropriate action would be to enforce this issue.

MOTION: R. Hastie made a motion that a letter be sent to the combine secretary and president revoking the combines affiliated status and as such race results and award submissions will not be accepted from that combine and will not be printed in the 2011 Yearbook. The combine will be advised that in order to reinstate privileges of an affiliated combine, they will need to provide written assurances that they will not transport or allow participation the birds of a suspended CU member. Seconded by N. Oud.

CARRIED

ACTION: S. Beadow to prepare a draft letter and circulate to the BOD for approval prior to sending out to combine representatives

Breaking Point – A discussion was held on the use of breaking points. There are a few clubs that do use breaking points and they would like the ability to display these results in the annual yearbook.

The WinBird program supports the use of breaking points, however the CU database does not currently have allowances for this. Extensive work would be involved in creating allowances for this within the database. It was decided that since it is a very small number of clubs that use breaking points, they can still submit these results to head office manually and office staff will format for printing in the Yearbook.

Constitution - M. van der Jagt inquired about the status of the constitution. There has been no work from the lawyer since the documents were submitted in early April.

ACTION: S. Beadow to follow up with the lawyers and inquire about the progress.

Election - A discussion took place regarding the development of a nominations committee for the December elections, everyone agreed that the best practice would be to use the three most recent, available past presidents, however when they explored this option, it was apparent that due to current health and other situations, finding three past presidents is not feasible at this time. It was decided that the most recent available presidents will be contacted first to see if interested. The BOD also put together a list of alternative members who may be a good choice, these members will be contacted in order of the set priority until three willing members have been located. It was also noted that election rules and packages should be available for the July 2011 newsletter.

ACTION: Members of the BOD will contact their assigned members for recruitment to the elections committee and will report back to the BOD as soon as they have done so. S. Beadow to research and prepare an elections package and rules.

PROMOTIONS

D. Archibald reported that there has been no response from the head office of the Royal Canadian Legion. He suggests that clubs could contact their local branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and perhaps offer to provide birds for a release at the Remembrance Day ceremonies as a way of building a relationship with the Legions.

RACE PROGRAM

R. Hastie reports that WinBird has been tested and is working well with Windows 7 at this time.

DATABASE & WEBSITE

A discussion was held on the search function on the website. It is currently using old excel lists to retrieve data for the search results. S. Beadow pointed out that this is not a viable way of providing the data to the public as much of the data is outdated. S. Beadow suggested that D. Baker could investigate the possibility of re-tying the database information which is up to date with the search function. The BOD agreed that this would be a better option. It was also discussed that D. Tichbourne, S. Beadow and D. Baker should hold a teleconference to make sure everyone is operating under common goals and to see if there is anything that staff can do to support the work of D. Tichbourne.

ACTION: S. Beadow to contact D. Tichbourne and set up a time for a meeting; S. Beadow will also advise D. Baker of the need to reconnect the database to the search function.

Convention- N. Oud reports that we are waiting for the City of Niagara Falls to provide the CRPU with license number for the tickets. N.Oud also report that bio's for each of the speakers will be available for printing in the next newsletter.

Liaison Reports:

Gilles Paquette – Quebec Liaison was unavailable to join the meeting. He provided a brief written report advising that his services have been used for a number of lost bird reports and that generally the French speaking members of the CU are quite pleased that they now have a bilingual resource to connect them with the CU.

Neil Caine – BC Liaison

Highlights from the B.C. report

- 150 Young birds were donated to new and junior flyers this year with over 40 of them being provided by Paul Phelan.
- Young bird sickness is prominent this year, but is being treated successfully within the typical 10 day cycle .
- The combine has started experimenting with moving the best birds around to see how well their birds fly and place in other geographical areas within the combine.
- Due to poor weather, the Fraiser Valley is behind in their race schedule.

A special thanks to N. Caine from M. van der Jagt on behalf of the entire board for all his hard work, dedication and for joining the meeting and providing an excellent report.

HEALTH

N. Oud – reports that nothing has been brought to his attention and has nothing to report.

CORRESPONDANCE

M. van der Jagt received a suggestion from J. Formosa that a tribute to the late K. von Gardonay be placed in the yearbook, J. Formosa was invited to compose or commission and submit a tribute Canada Post - Bob Pommer sent notice that Canada Post is getting very close to developing a policy on shipping bird through the postal system.

NEW BUSINESS

Unikon Battery repairs - M. van der Jagt brought forth a concern about the cost of replacing the batteries in the Unikon clocking systems, .

There is also concern that a few members may be replacing the batteries on their own, this requires the unit to be opened, if they do not have technology to complete these repairs, race results will be considered invalid and reports from that clock will show errors. UNIKON dataloggers and memory modules also require a factory seal as part of the security system of the timing unit. Batteries cannot be changes without breaking these seals. Unsealed clocks are not secure and can be tampered with.

ACTION: This item will be further explored at the AUG meeting.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn was made by R. Hastie and Seconded by D. Archibald. Meeting Adjourned at 4:32 pm.

NEXT MEETING – Aug 07, 2011 2pm.

M. van der Jagt, President

J. Stevenson, Secretary

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED
DIRECTORS MEETING
Sunday, Aug 7th, 2011
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: S. Beadow, M. van der Jagt

Conference: R. Hastie, K. King, D. Archibald, J. Stevenson, O. Devries

Absent: N. Oud

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes from the short June 16, 2011 meeting to approve the previous minutes were reviewed.

MOTION: To accepted minutes by O. Devries seconded by J. Stevenson.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

R. Hastie submitted an electronic copy of the new Pickering Bylaw, S. Beadow circulated to the rest of the board as an example of a favorable bylaw to refer other bylaw, city and town officials to if the need arises. The office will continue to collect and archive other bylaws for future use and reference in bylaw related issues.

R. Hastie reported that the city of Winnipeg has recently updated their old bylaw concerning keeping pigeons in the city. The new bylaw is not yet available online, R. Hastie will continue to watch for it and submit a copy to the office for archiving when it becomes available

AWARDS

O. Devries reported that he is still in the process of working with clubs to help them to upload their race results. Though this is a simple process, it is still new to many members and O. Devries reports that he is happy to assist any members with questions or problems they are having. One of the most common problems O. Devries has noticed is that some clubs are not submitting all results, and that some combines have submitted results, but the clubs from the combines have not submitted. There will be quite a bit of follow-up work required in order to ensure the Race Results section is inclusive of all clubs and combines wishing to appear in the 2011 Yearbook.

RULES

J. Stevenson states that there has been no new business, but suggested that the BOD reconvene to complete the review of the rules in early fall.

M. van der Jagt raised a question from a club about the legitimacy of a particular partnership consisting of 4 paid CU members flying under one loft name. M. van der Jagt states that all birds in this partnership are registered to only one of the members, O. Devries stated that partnerships like these can cause concern due to the 3 members must be present clause, however in this situation, it appears that it is a legitimate partnership and should be permitted to continue flying.

PROMOTIONS

D. Archibald raised a question regarding the use and publicity of the CRPU toll free number, he questioned if it would be a great expense to widely publicize the toll free number. S. Beadow advised that the CU currently has a very reasonable long distance program and that the cost should not be excessive. The entire BOD agreed that the toll free number should be made more public and should be included on all promotional materials including invoices, catalogue, calendar and website.

D. Archibald also inquired about the possibility of adding club web pages to the CU Links page, all agreed that this would be an excellent idea and that the CU should start to collect and add all available club links once club permission has been obtained.

ACTION: D. Archibald will contact D. Baker to create a notice to be sent via email to the Race Secretaries requesting permission and website links for use on the suggested Club Links section.

D. Archibald noted that the Fledgling Flyer Program is no longer on the website, he suggests that the CU should pull the information out of the old site archives and repost it. He suggested that it be placed on the "Joining the CU" page once he has had a chance to review and update the information.

ACTION: D. Archibald will contact D. Baker to see if he can locate the old files and forward them to D. Archibald for review.

K. King reports that his club has been invited to attend the National Culture Day to put on a display promoting the sport and do some bird releases. K. King noted that this may be a great opportunity to touch base with 4H clubs and perhaps strike up some sort of partnership.

ACTION: K. King will contact the organizers to obtain more information and then will make a request to the CU for needed promotional items.

The CRPU has reserved a booth at the Canadian National Exhibition for Nov.8th and 9th. The cost of this space is very reasonable, and based on the success of last year's display, an excellent method of promoting our sport, given that it is visited by people from all walks of life, and all regions of Canada from coast to coast.

The feedback from last year's event was that our members in the sport are the best ambassadors to tell what we do and how we do it, and they were well received by the many people who passed by the display. If this is something you would like to do to help promote our sport at the national level, please give Shannon a call @ 519 842-9771 or call toll free @ 866 652-5704 and she will give you the particulars. I do know we will be able to provide day passes and free parking.

Dan Archibald / Ken King, Promotions Comm.

LIAISON REPORTS

No Liaison representatives were available and no written reports were available at the time of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2011 Convention

O. Devries reports that the Importer that will be in charge of receiving the Auction birds would like the birds sent at the end of this week to have a chance to do photo's etc. prior to molting season. O. Devries is concerned that this may be a bit faster than can be facilitated but reports that he will do his best to ensure the transfer is done in ample time.

O. Devries also reports that the license number has been obtained for the raffle and that tickets should be available shortly. An order form will be available on the website for download and the option of adding tickets as a store item should be investigated.

ACTION: S. Beadow to discuss with D. Baker the possibility of putting the raffle tickets and convention tickets on the online store.

NEW BUSINESS

Invoices

O. Devries reported that he has heard from a few members that received incorrect invoices from the office. S. Beadow acknowledged that there was a crash in the Simply Accounting system and that some invoices may have been paid. S. Beadow advises that all members with a dispute or question about an invoice they received should contact the office. If payment was made by cheque, credit or debit card, all of these transaction are easily traced with a simple phone call and members will be credited immediately for their payment.

Nominations Committee

M. van der Jagt reports that there has been very little success rounding up members willing to form a nominations committee. The entire BOD expressed concerns that there seems to be very little interest from members willing to fill the BOD vacancies that will be left at the end of the term in December.

M van der Jagt suggested that the current bord members that have made a decision should declare their intent for the next term. R. Hastie reports that he will not be seeking re-election. M. Van der Jagt reports that he will not be seeking re-election. O. Devries declared that he will likely stand for elections again, but has not made an absolute final decision, the rest of the BOD has not made a decision.

The BOD all agreed that it may be necessary to re-open or extend the deadline if enough nominations are not received by Sept. 01, 2011.

ACTION: The BOD will meet after Sept. 01, 2011 to decide on next steps.

Yearbook

M. van der Jagt brought fourth an idea he would like to see implemented in the 2011 Yearbook. He suggested that a small club roster should appear before race results to help separate and clarify the starting and end point for race results. He also suggested that Old Bird results be directly followed by that clubs Young Bird results rather than having to flip through two sections to locate each clubs separate results. The rest of the BOD agreed that these both sound like excellent ideas.

M. van der jagt also suggested that the default of 20% of results should be printed unless a club specifically asks to have more or less printed.

ACTION: D. Baker to implement these changes when he is building the 2011 Yearbook.

Staffing at Head Office

M. van der Jagt reports that he conducted staff reviews over the past few days. He noted that D. Baker's performance and presence has been a great asset to the CU and that his services are still needed at the office with his contract ending next week. M. van der Jagt suggested that the CU offer D. Baker 20 hrs per week to allow him to continue to work on the website, develop promotional materials, organize the newsletters and build the 2011 Yearbook. S. Beadow reports that 2 grant proposals have been submitted in hopes of securing funds to continue this position, responses are expected in mid November.

MOTION: J. Stevenson made a motion to make D. Baker an offer of 20 hrs per week until we hear about the grant proposals. Seconded by R. Hastie.

CARRIED

M. van der Jagt also suggested that with the reduction of staff from the end of the JCP position, transitional help is needed at the office. M. van der Jagt alos suggested that some extra assistance with accounting could be useful. M. van der Jagt knows a local person who is willing to assist on a part time basis, this person may be eligible for a wage subsidy of \$4.00/hr from Service Canada to help with the cost of supporting this position.

MOTION: O. Devries made a motion to offer a part time position of up to 12 hrs per week for 3 months to T. Shaw. Seconded by K. King.

CARRIED

ACTION: S. Beadow to apply for wage subsidy to assist with costs of the position.

Customer Satisfaction Survey

M. van der Jagt suggested that a customer service satisfaction survey be made available online in order for customers to have a confidential way to provide feedback. This survey would be emailed directly back to M. van der jagt for review.

ACTION: M. van der Jagt to submit questions and ideas obtained from the rest of the BOD and sample surveys to D. Baker for implementing an online, fillable form to be placed on the website.

Next Meeting: Oct 2, 2011 2pm

MOTION: Motion to adjourn was made by R. Hastie at 4:02 pm, seconded by K. King.

CARRIED

M. van der Jagt, President

J. Stevenson, Secretary

YOUNG BIRD SALE

40 / 2011 birds for sale

“Borrowed Wealth” Loft

“It would pay to have a look at them”



Sale to be held
Saturday, Dec 10th, 2011
viewing starts at 11am
sale starts at 1pm

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