

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 decide 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