

Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc.

Director's Meeting

Thursday March 26, 2015

8:00 p.m.

Head Office: Tillsonburg, On.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by President Brad Foster at 20:13. Pragmatic conferencing was used. Brad Foster welcomed Ken King, Tom Longhurst and Mike Taylor to their first meeting of the CRPU.

Invitees:

Brad Foster, Brad Wogan, Al Gauvin, Sue Wiltshire, Ken King, Tom Longhurst, Mike Taylor. Terry Humberstone-ex-officio was unavailable.

Motion to accept agenda as circulated

Moved by: Sue Wiltshire

Seconded by: Al Gauvin

Carried

To accept the minutes of the meeting dated February 26, 2015 as read.

Moved by: Sue Wiltshire

Seconded by: Al Gauvin

Carried

Action List:

1. Financials

Al Gauvin gave his report. The outstanding lawyer bill for the filing of NFP document for the government is now paid. We have no outstanding bills at this time. Al has changed the financial report from Denise to every other week. Ken King has prepared a projected budget for the CRPU for 2015-2016. Al will email a copy to each board member.

2. Store Update

The feed is moving well at the store but we are in need of the best seller, we need to decide whether we are keeping the feed as inventory. Product is moving well, we are waiting for our wholesale order.

Motion: To purchase feed from Oscar De Vries in order to move the balance of stock feed.

Moved by Al Gauvin

Seconded by: Brad Wogan

Carried

3. Bands 2016

Ken King would like us to set a cut off date for the ordering of the 2016. The cut off date for this year will be May 31, 2015. Next year the cut off date will be changed. The board would like to have members who purchase non-personalized bands to prepay for their bands so we can have an idea how many bands we need to order. The personalized bands will still need to be prepaid with their order. The supplier is asking us if we could give them more time.

Motion: To change band ordering date deadline from May 31 to March 1, due to supplier requesting more lead time. This will take effect March 1, 2016.

Moved by: Mike Taylor

Seconded by: Ken King

Carried

4. April Newsletter

We will be sending a newsletter out the end of April. Board members will contribute articles and write ups for the newsletter.

Motion: To publish newsletter for the end of April 2015.

Moved by: Brad Wogan

Seconded by: Al Gauvin

Carried

5. Bylaw Update

No new bylaws

6. Membership Update

We currently have 609 members to date. Denise is working on the membership list and when it is prepared we will send copy to each director.

7. Canada Post Shipping

Brad Wogan has been speaking to Bob Palmer from CPFA in regards to Canada Post shipping pigeons. Bob Pommer has been trying to get Canada Post to agree to ship birds. We would like to continue to pursue this. Mike Taylor will contact Bob Palmer and we will see if we can help with this endeavor. This will be brought back for future talks.

8. Website

The sign up for the newsletter will be posted on the site this weekend. We are working to get the site completed by April 15. The board is considering social media for website. Our choices are facebook, blog or forum. We will get an administrator to take care of whichever media is decided upon. The online store should be back on site within a couple of weeks.

Race Results Postings

Clubs and combines will be able to send their race results and will be posted on the website. Instructions will be posted to our site on how to send race results. We will allow full race results as we do not want to make more work for race secretaries to try to eliminate non members.

Awards

The awards will remain the same for now.

CPFA Magazine

The CPFA has offered the CRPU a joint venture with their magazine. We need to have any articles print ready and would have to get our own advertisers. We would need to have volunteers to take care of this and there would be a cost to the CRPU for mailing.

Request for CU Support

We have received a request for the CRPU to support an auction in regards to Sick Kid's Hospital. The board discussed in detail the pros and cons of supporting any auctions or any other request for support. Some board members asked for time to think about this issue. We will be revisiting this in the next few weeks to decide if we should sanction this auctions. Mike Taylor will be working on guidelines for us to consider when requests for support are sent to the CRPU.

New Business:

The CPFA magazine will be having a issue on racing pigeons. The CRPU will check out the cost for placing an ad in the magazine. Al Gauvin to check out and let the board know the cost.

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved by: Tom Longhurst

Seconded by: Brad Wogan

Next Board Meeting April 30, 2015

Carried

