

# **Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc.**

## **Annual General Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**November 5, 2016**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Tillsonburg, Ontario**

### **Invitees**

President Brad Foster, unable to attend, Vice President Mike Taylor, Treasurer Al Gauvin, Secretary Sue Wiltshire, Board of Director Ken King

### **Members of the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union**

Lloyd Flood, Dan Gauvin, Pete Priester, Tom Foote, Terry Wintle, John Zagrodski, Marian Hojsan, Stan Rebejko, Bill Collens, Mike Van der Jagt, Rick Fyfe, Gerry Wilkie, Rick Daudry, Steve Walsh, Mike Wiltshire, Reg Wiltshire,

### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Vice President Mike Taylor called meeting to order and welcomed all members to the AGM. Mike offered the old year books, videos and handouts on the table for anyone wishing to take them home.

### **2. Moment of Silence**

Mike Taylor asked the members for a moment of silence to remember those we have lost from the sport in the last year and the men and women who have lost their lives protecting our freedom.

### **3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No conflict of issues was declared

#### **4. Reading of the Minutes**

Sue Wiltshire read the minutes of the Annual General Meeting November 14, 2015

Motion: To accept the minutes of meeting November 14, 2015 as read by Sue Wiltshire on November 5, 2016.

Moved by: Sue Wiltshire

Seconded by: Terry Wintle

Carried

#### **5. Financials**

Al Gauvin presented financials as prepared by Graham, Scott, Enns Accounting. The CRPU has two payments left on the photo copier. Our buyout should be a couple of hundred dollars and we will continue with a service contract at \$20.00 per month. We have added a new line of product to the store. Versele Laga and they sent a sample product for all the members attending AGM to take home. We have been having a difficult time obtaining the Natural product. The CRPU is financially sound this year.

Motion: To accept financials as read by Al Gauvin for the 2015/2016 year.

Moved by: Al Gauvin

Seconded by: Mike VanderJagt

Carried

#### **6. Action Items**

##### **Lost Bird Issues**

Mike Taylor discussed the issues of lost bird. Last year the CRPU received hundreds of lost bird reports and dead bird reports. We are asking our members to please due diligence when contacting the public in regards to their birds. There have been numerous veterinarian and SPCA calls too. This shows the public is concerned when finding one of our race pigeons. If you receive a call we are asking that you contact the person and if you cannot pick up the bird find someone local who may be able to help or help the public to understand how to care for the bird until it is able to fly back home.

Sue Wiltshire shared her own issues with a gentleman who was very upset with the owner of a lost bird who did nothing to help him. The gentleman was ready to go to the newspaper to share his story. The consensus of the members was to follow the rules as set out by the CRPU for any member who does is not accountable for lost birds. Steve Walsh suggested we set up rules and ask all members to adhere to them. .

### **B.) Letter from Airport Authority**

Mike Taylor discussed the letter sent from the Airport Authority in regards to birds being released too close to the airport. The authority wrote a letter to the CRPU in regards to bands who were registered to the CRPU found in the engine of the airplanes. Mike reminder the members about releasing their birds too close to an airport as it specifies no birds should be released within 8 km from airport. Please adhere to the rules set out by the Airport Authority. Article will be published in publication,

### **C.) Presentation from Mike VanderJagt**

Mike VanderJagt presented an idea for the CRPU to be invited to be a part of a one loft race Rick Fyfe and Mike VanderJagt are planning. Mike stated the social side of the CRPU needs to be brought back and this could be a stepping stone. The CU awards are no longer being given out and he is hoping to get members excited about the CRPU again. . This race would be small scale for the first year. The race would be opened to all members of the CRPU and the cost would be 100.00 a bird. Every member could enter a two bird team. The race would be called the Niagara Peninsula One Loft National Race. There would be a four man advisory and one advisory representative would be from the CRPU. This would be a pilot project for next year and we may be able to tie a CRPU convention. This proposal will be spoken to at the next board meeting of the CRPU.

Special thanks to Mike VanderJagt for helping us out the guest speaker who was scheduled was unable to attend. His talk about the natural health of pigeons was very informative and we appreciate him stepping in at such short notice.

## **7. President's Award**

This year's President's award is presented to Terry Humberstone for his support and commitment to the CRPU. Terry Humberstone continued to help out for the last couple of years. The CRPU thanks Terry for his commitment.

## **8. Motion to Adjourn at 1:55 p.m.**

**Moved by: Mike Taylor**

**Seconded by: John Zagrodski**

**Carried**

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