

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED
DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, July 27th, 2010
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: M. van der Jagt, N. Oud, V. Radoman, M. Collins, J. Coyle
Conference: J. Stevenson, R. Hastie, J. Vanderlaan, O. DeVries

M. van der Jagt called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes from April 18th, were reviewed and amended. O. DeVries motioned they be adopted as read and V. Radoman seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Minutes from May 11th and May 25th were reviewed and amended. N. Oud motioned they be adopted as read and V. Radoman seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Minutes from July 6th were reviewed with no errors or omissions. V. Radoman motioned they be adopted as read and J. Stevenson seconded the motion.

CARRIED

FINANCE

N. Oud met with a local accountant to review our financials. It was advised that we remain with our current accountant/auditor as we currently pay \$2,100.00 per year for such a service and we will not do any better. It is a reasonable fee to pay for the size of the business. However, it would be in the CU's best interest to break down our accounts for future growth.

ACTION:

1. M. Collins and J. Coyle to itemize 'Miscellaneous' categories in Simply Accounting by August 31, 2010. To prepare a template of Profit and Loss for audit purposes; ie. separation of membership fees and yearbook fees, and taxes adhered thereto.
2. N. Oud to explore with accountant a breakdown of dues payable (membership fees & yearbook fees and those that are taxable).
3. Inventory function will be activated beginning with new fiscal year.

N. Oud reported that the General Account of the CRPU beginning July 8th, 2010 to July 27th, 2010, from cheque #4171, up to and including cheque #4202, in the amount of \$44,343.39 be approved.

MOTION: N. Oud moved that the financial statements be accepted as read, O. DeVries seconded.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

R. Hastie attempted contacting the Bylaw officer in Milton, Ontario, without success. There was a small discussion about implementing the model bylaw on the website. N. Oud reported that the project is progressing well.

AWARDS

O. DeVries raised concerns again about award calculations on the database as it is still not functioning properly. A letter from Bob Eddie was discussed as there was concern about procedure to use the data base or fill out the information sheet supplied with the newsletter to apply for awards. There is fear that confusion could jeopardize flyers and their birds from being recognized properly. As well, there was a question as to the requirement of all clubs to upload their race results on the database. As O. DeVries too has found his uploads are incorrect, N. Oud suggested that he send it to N. Oud and he can go over the upload process step by step with Jason to ensure it is correct. N. Oud stated that he sent to Jason, a list of eight (8) items to be corrected on the database. Only six (6) were completed. Discussion arose about

concerns of posting races, and that this needs to take priority as they have to be correct. We need to let members know to post race results to the database and when it is up, to let us know if it is incorrect, so we can be sure to correct it. If a member posts, then they do not have to submit paperwork. V. Radoman reported that the club sections work well, however, the overall club data is incorrect. N. Oud reported that long distance and middle distance awards may not be showing up because there are not any to upload.

ACTION: M. Collins to send memo to race secretaries to submit race results to either the database or to submit by paper to the office as they did last year. .

V. Radoman suggested that the memo should state that the paper entries are coming to a close, that we are moving in the direction of electronic submission.

Clocking limits are unacceptable for awards. Members were told that at the beginning of the year.

PROMOTIONS:

There was discussion about offering recruitment incentives and forming a committee to handle such as it is a big Endeavour. Incentives to entice new, younger members could increase membership. Possibly the benefit of membership discounts or gift certificate/discounts on store products would be appealing. V. Radoman suggested that we offer an incentive not only to new memberships, but to existing memberships as well. M. Collins discussed the CFPA coloured newsletter. Our ad is ½ page, full colour and runs at \$80.00 for one (1) insertion and \$200.00 for four (4) insertions within one (1) year.

A Youth Initiatives Committee meeting is to be held the evening of Wednesday, July 28th. V. Radoman motioned that we incorporate a permanent Youth Initiative Committee as a standing committee in the CRPU. O. DeVries seconded the motion.

CARRIED

RACE PROGRAM

The discussion to continue with WinSpeed and Winbird as is, or to switch only to WinSpeed arose. O. DeVries stated that eventually a decision will need to be made as WinBird will soon become obsolete. Already it will not load on the newer 64 bit computers. V. Radoman voiced concern to phase out Winbird slowly as change is difficult for some. The problem lies that there is only one (1) man to program Winbird, and if something happens to him, it will become very problematic for the members and the CU. Computers of higher end, can upload WinSpeed and any updates. N. Oud suggested that a third option is to do our own programming which is not feasible. WinSpeed support is very accessible and provides good turn around when something is not working correctly.

In the terms of practicality, N. Oud feels we cannot stop using Winbird right now, as we have just asked race secretaries to submit results on Winbird. V. Radoman suggested that there be a discount from the CU to switch to WinSpeed. It gives race secretaries time to get used to the program. R. Hastie raised concerns that Winbird works better than the database to transfer race results into the yearbook. R. Hastie feels there is no need for WinSpeed. V. Radoman and O. DeVries openly discussed that we need to look at what works perfectly now compared to what the future holds. R. Hastie expressed concern that we have spend \$10,000 on a website/database, not to spend anymore, as the website/database is not working properly. Winbird is fine for now. We should get the database working with the money we have spent before we look at the future of Winspeed. That decision will be later down the road. M. van der Jagt acknowledged that we need Winbird to complete our yearbook at this point.

M. van der Jagt suggested that O. DeVries' proposal to change over to WinSpeed, be posted on the web so race secretaries can have the computer information they require to see what the difference is.

ACTION: O. DeVries to put together the options for the website; eg. Cost, computer, solutions for informed decision, to refine his submission to a web post, for M. Collins to submit to email race secretaries – due Fri. July 30th, or later for another email.

MOTION: J. Stevenson moved to stand down any further developments until we have what we have paid for, and is running properly.

M. van der Jagt expressed that perhaps a fresh set of eyes to run over the website, clean up glitches, may be in order and proposed that A. Skrobot be a point of contact between CU and Jason. A. Skrobot is knowledgeable in web design, and it will free up N. Oud's time to work with race secretaries and encourage race secretaries to post club results. N. Oud is in agreement. V. Radoman suggested that directors tell A. Scrobot what the priorities are, that the CU requires.

MOTION: M. van der Jagt moved to appoint A. Skrobot be website design chairperson to work with Jason to give the website a fresh look on the advisory of the directors. J. Vanderlaan seconded the motion.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Convention – The agenda was reviewed, the ladies auxillary has become quite small and the effort to host conventions is becoming daunting. O. DeVries suggested that the CRPU Ladies Auxiliary may want to act of convention chair and offer experience on how to organize the convention to a volunteer group. . M. van der Jagt suggested that the office staff may have to play a role in coordinating future conventions. V. Radoman suggested that different clubs put in bids. The problem is that few clubs have the desire or resources to take on this task anymore. M. van der Jagt expressed we should maintain conventions. It may be easier to have staff or directors call individuals. M. Collins suggested the companies who organize this type of convention could be contacted and we pay them to organize professionally.

M. van der Jagt suggested that the CU head office be involved in assisting the current CRPU Ladies Auxiliary president, Enna Oud, with photocopying, phone calling, or any other task as such.

A Constitutional Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10th, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. EST.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 22nd, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m. The agenda items for board meeting to John Stevenson by Sunday, August 15th.

J. Stevenson moved that the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m. V. Radoman seconded.

M. van der Jagt, President

J. Stevenson, Secretary