

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED
DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 2, 2010 – 8:00pm
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO

Present: M. Collins, N. Oud

Conference: M. van der Jagt, O. DeVries, R. Hastie, T. Brown, J. Stevenson, V. Radoman

Meeting called to order. M. van der Jagt will be calling meeting at 10:00pm due to length of agenda. M. van der Jagt requests going to a weekly meeting for the future till we can catch up on agenda items. Directors agree items not discussed will be deferred till next meeting. One hour meetings will be held Tuesday evening. The next three as follows Tuesday, March 9th, 2010 at 9:00pm. Tuesday March 16th 8:00pm, Tuesday March 23rd, 8:00pm.

MOTION: R. Hastie seconded by T. Brown to accept January 20th 2010 minutes as amended.

CARRIED

FINANCE: M. Collins has started working on opening an account at the TD bank located in Tillsonburg for the C.R.P.U Inc.

MOTION: N. Oud seconded by M. van der Jagt that the general account of the C.P.R.U. in the amount of \$45639.61 including cheque # 4003 up to and including cheque # 4037 from Jan 21st 2010 to March 2nd 2010 be approved and paid.

CARRIED

BYLAWS: R. Hastie informed Directors of a bylaw issue in Regina. G. Loucks faxed bylaw that is in place in Regina which states allowing 90 pigeons (show and or racing) but 50 of these pigeons may not be older than one month of age. R. Hastie will contact Regina office to see if this bylaw can be changed to suit a more appropriate age.

AWARDS: O. deVries reports the committee is working on a team award score proposal for the future. O. deVries says the Ace Pigeon Award and Loft Award using a two pigeon coefficient are in place. O. deVries states the database seems to be calculating the coefficient correctly. N. Oud says beta testing can start right away and will be asking O deVries, R. Hastie and G. Scott to download club and combine results into the database to make sure it is functioning properly. R. Hastie and WINBIRD programmer are working on an update for WINBIRD that will record the number of birds being shipped by individuals. This update will be very important in the future for allowing us to record information on the database for the Award of Excellence. The database will eventually automatically enter all members for National awards just by the race secretary uploading results to the database.

RACE PROGRAM: R. Hastie suggests we stress that the latest update is very important to all clubs. We will have to push all clubs to update versions of WINBIRD in order to allow for DATABASE to receive all information from WINBIRD for the awards in the future. This update will have a brand new number so clubs know they have the latest update. R. Hastie says programmer is working on some new features in this latest update of WINBIRD to download electronic clocks after a race is completed as well.

RULES: J. Stevenson reports some rules questions have been received and all have been replied to and answered. Nothing further to report.

PROMOTIONS: N. Oud reports S. Walsh, Alymer, ON is looking at cost for having a booth at the International Plowing Match which will be held in St. Thomas in 2010. The International Plowing Match draws a great crowd of people in a short amount of time which would allow us help educate more people regarding our sport.

Bob Pommer contacted M. van der Jagt regarding the work being done on the opportunity to ship pigeons with Canada Post. B. Pommer has said that it is looking very promising with some of the developments that have happened recently. B. Pommer will keep the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union informed on these developments.

WEBSITE/DATABASE: N.Oud explains that J. Berresford has sent in a quote to develop Award of Excellence into the Database The quote is \$405.00.

Mr. Berresford has submitted an invoice for \$585.00 to finish adapting our Ace bird and Loft awards to the new CRPU co efficient system.

MOTION: O. deVries seconded by N. Oud to pay the \$585.00 invoice from J. Berresford and to continue development on the new co efficient awards.

CARRIED

MOTION: N. Oud seconded by O. deVries to forward \$405.00 to Programmer to complete Award of excellence into Database.

CARRIED

N. Oud asks Directors feeling on adapting the website to add links for more traffic possibilities. N.Oud would add a separate page to add links to it. Directors agreed with this addition to the new website. N. Oud states that the CRPU forum is in a trial basis for three months and is not costing anything at this time.

M. van der Jagt discussed the C.R.P.U forum and issues he has with this type of discussion/addition to the website. O. deVries suggests that a delay may be needed to keep the site clean and be moderated before posted. J. Stevenson suggested that the CRPU needs this chat area as this will develop communication and provide an area for new members to learn and ask questions. V. Radoman believes this is a great promotional tool but moderator or moderators need to be a third party. N. Oud suggests an alias should not be used unless this could be avoided by applying a complete personal profile of each registered user.

ACTION ITEM: N. Oud to ask if Programmer will make a profile area on each forum member viewable to prevent people signing in under aliases.

Directors close discussions on the chat forum on the new website. This is a free offer for three months which in that time the Directors will review the topic.

HEALTH:

M. van der Jagt discussed that there is a very informative Biosecurity Basics for Small Flocks manual available. This was developed by the University of Guelph, the Poultry Industry Council and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to target non-regulated feather industries. The mission is to develop a network with the non-regulated feather industries to enhance technology transfer of information that will improve bird health and welfare and on-farm biosecurity. GO to www.healthybirds.ca to order your free copy or go to the link on our website.

OLD BUSINESS:

V. Radoman and J. Stevenson suggest we put together a wholesale pricing on products that the CRPU stock. Several other businesses have shown interest in purchasing from us to supply to different locations around Canada. The other suggestion brought to the Directors is a shopping cart added to our website. This will hopefully bring in more revenue for the CRPU. M. Collins suggests if the shopping cart is available make it so that orders over a certain dollar amount qualify for wholesale price. This will be reviewed at a later time.

Directors are made aware that the office part- timer, Crystal Beattie has moved on to a full time job. M. van der Jagt, V. Radoman, M. Collins will work together on a qualifications list of skills and locally advertise in newspapers and job banks. M. van der Jagt will be available for interviews after resumes received and reviewed.

M. Collins went to two different printing companies in the area giving them two items to quote on. The final outcome was our original printing company; Impressions Printing came under the new companies quotes. Both items were printed by our original company. Directors would like to keep on eye on our printing costs in the future.

It response to a letter from the CU Mr. Bielen called to apologize for not retrieving his pigeon from a SPCA. He cited that he was unwell at the time. Mr. Bielen has since retrieved the pigeon from the CU member who retrieved the pigeon from the SPCA at the request of the CU. Members are reminded that failure to arrange for the quick retrieval of reported pigeons tarnishes the hobby in the eyes of the public.

M. Collins will write a letter to Mr. Winterstein regarding receiving copies of the book he has printed.

The Directors discussed several letters and correspondence received from members of the C.O.R.P.F. A response will be sent to the CORP Fed Inc Secretary T. Wintle to clarify what the C.O.R.P.F Directors and members are requesting from the C.R.P.U.

MOTION: J. Stevenson seconded by V. Radoman to adjourn meeting. CARRIED