# CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 continued from Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: M. Collins, J. Coyle, N. Oud

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

Guest: Mr. Jim Jenner, Vidographer and Publisher

M. van der Jagt called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. to continue the meeting of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Minutes typed from meeting held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were reviewed and amended. Continuation herein of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010, proceeds as follows:

#### FINANCE:

**MOTION:** N. Oud seconded by J. Stevenson that the general account of the C.R.P.U. in the amount of \$26,465.08 including cheque #4077 up to and including cheque # 4121 from April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, up to and including May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 be approved and paid.

**CARRIED** 

N. Oud reported on the Wellington Waterloo RPC kit auction of 150 birds from the US. The club is requesting that they be allowed to register all these U.S. bands in one block at half price, same deal as last year,

**MOTION**: N. Oud seconded by R. Hastie that the WWRPC kit auction birds with AU bands to allow the ownership transfers at 75 cents/band if registered as one block at one time.

**CARRIED** 

M. van der Jagt opened discussion about our approach to getting quotes according to our office computer needs. It was decided first to establish what we require quotes for, then proceed with obtaining three (3) quotes.

**ACTION**: N. Oud to determine the office needs in the next week. M. Collins to obtain quotes.

## AWARDS/DATA BASE:

O. DeVries reported problems with uploading results. N. Oud is locating club secretaries who are submitting the wrong text files. He just put a "**How To**" manual on the website. It explains how to save the Winbird file to upload to the database. One by one, N. Oud is training club secretaries to upload properly.

M. Collins reported that she and Shannon are taking photos of the product for the online store.

A meeting is taking place May 27, 2010 with Canada Employment office to discuss JCP placement. Shannon has broken down a job description to present at the meeting – one-half (1/2) day of data entry and store orientation, as in pictures, pricing, etc.

#### **RULES:**

There was a brief discussion about Mr. Scott Reid's suspension from C.O.R.P.F. Inc. We have no appeal. V. Radoman noted that the Constitution states that we need to let other clubs know. An acknowledgement letter will be sent back to C.O.R.P.F. Inc., upholding the suspension. And a copy will be sent to Mr. Scott Reid, AU, and IF according to the Constitution.

**ACTION:** Monik to draft a letter for Mike's approval.

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### PROMOTIONS:

M. van der Jagt introduced Jim Jenner. Jim reported he is on an operation, Children and Nature Network in Montana, and it is receiving nice publicity. He will be travelling to England in July to share the pigeon programme with troubled teens. Queen Elizabeth donates some pigeons to this project. He will be documenting the journey of one teenager who has connected with the programme to show its positive results.

Jim is working with University of Washington in Seattle on the research about how children react to robotic pets verses real pets.

The research is demonstrating that interactions with real pets, that can react appropriately to human contact, are therapeutic, whereas—robotic pets show no therapeutic value. The theory has been proven.

He has a horse trailer carrying a loft of 20 birds. He delivers it to a schoolyard for the school year, where children learn about raising pigeons, and then he moves it back to his home for the summer months. He photographs two (2) times a week and gets good close up shots of the pigeons racing.

Jim will be sending us information about the loft on a trailer he takes to the school. No building permit is required. Jim wants to get this message out to retired members who can service kids in their neighbourhood. His local Rotary Club donated another trailer for kids and he suggested a military theme for the lofts.

Jim's newest video idea is to present the the idea's presented in Richard Louv's book in a programme in three (3) phases:

#1 the benefits of reallocating time a child may spend in a day on computers.

- #2. Children need to get fresh air and encouragement to develop their social skills. This can be achieved by learning about the sport with a natural little thing as simple as a pigeon.
- #3. The benefits of this appoarch to the overall well being of the child. He feels it can benefit a child. Jim's underlying goal is to abolish obstacles that deter kids from caring for a natural living thing.

A DVD of the program will be available by next spring 2011. He wants movie-sized posters for classrooms with symbols of peace and other things he talks about in his video. Jim is hoping to get Richard Louv involved in the movement.

**ACTION:** Mike to fill Naomi in with what she needs to know for the teleconference call.

M. Collins reported recommendations for advertising in the yearbook 2011. In 5 years, there has not been an increase. There was a discussion of the cost factor between us setting up ads, and outsourcing as we have in the past. The concern with the printer is that submissions have to be print-ready. It was decided to hold off until next year to try designing this ourselves, on our database. Recommended prices were slightly adjusted and approved. A lengthy discussion of pros and cons arose about giving other members equal opportunity to advertise on the inside front and back covers of the yearbook, on approved editing.

Also, for the first time, color ads will be accepted for the CU yearbook for 2010.

## RACE PROGRAM:

The download of Unikon clocks into Winbird is now working. The download of Tipes clocks into Winbird is still in development.

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HEALTH
Nick had no report.
OLD BUSINESS:
Letter from Claude Rothgiesser – Monik to respond directly to Claude.
Constitution: Directors discussed rewriting the constitution for the protection of the Corporation and its Directors. There has been no updates to the constitution since 1944 and rules changes in the past have not been properly incorporated into the constitution's by-laws. It was decided to pay a professional to go ahead and rewrite it, and especially if it could be done before the AGM in October. The board will need to give insight into what is needed so we have a starting point. The CU will set aside \$5,000 for the Constitution rewrite and appoint Steve Walsh as a liason between BOD and the constitutional lawyer.  MOTION: J. Stevenson seconded by O. DeVries that we set aside \$5,000 for constitutional rewrite.
CARRIED
<b>ACTION:</b> M. van der Jagt to notify Steve Walsh to begin the process.
The discussion of status on the Operational Review was deferred until the next meeting on Tuesday, July 6, $2010$ at $8:00$ p.m.
MOTION: J. Vanderlaan seconded by R. Hastie to adjourn.  CARRIED

J. Stevenson, Secretary

M. van der Jagt, President

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