

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED
DIRECTORS MEETING
Sunday, November 21, 2010
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: N. Oud, S. Beadow, D. Ferracuti
Conference: M. van der Jagt, R. Hastie, O. DeVries, Dan Archibald
Absent: Voyo Radoman, John Stevenson

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes from October 9, 2010 were reviewed and it was noted that the within the financial report the amount of \$150.00 should be \$50.00. This was amended in the minutes. Ron Hastie motioned and Nick Oud seconded.

CARRIED

FINANCE

N. Oud presented a budget spreadsheet which separates store and membership items. The BOD agrees that this layout will be valuable to the Directors to determine financial stature and will eventually help with annual and month to month comparisons. This will enable us to work with "true" inventory and budget numbers.

N. Oud also reports that our ordered inventory has arrived from Belgium despite significant delays in customs just in time as sales are starting to pick up. N. Oud anticipates lots of sales, especially after Christmas.

UNIKON

N. Oud does not have the software available to fix the clocks and is having great difficulty in getting any answers. There seems to be problems with the disclosure agreement and the schematics and software from the Unikon Headquarters in the US.

ACTION: N. Oud to contact Dianne from Unikon directly to see if he can get more information/direction for this ongoing problem.

BYLAWS

R. Hastie reported a CRPU member is having problems with the City of Brampton By-Law enforcement. No details to be reported at this time. The City of Saskatoon will be voting in February to pass a licensing fee of \$50.00 per year to keep pigeons (no limit was mentioned) and the fine for not having a license will be \$250.00. The consensus from the BOD was that this does not seem an unreasonable amount of money as most dog owners pay similar fees per dog. R. Hastie to report back in February.

AWARDS

O. DeVries and N. Oud continue to work on the award database. O. DeVries reported that the data base is still not functioning correctly and there are still lots of work to be done. Dave Tichbourne and N. Oud spent several hours going through the results to pick out problems, this work is continuing. The database results are not yet correct.

R. Hastie reports that there are still errors around the 90th position and that some birds are showing as belonging to two different lofts. R. Hastie inquired about provisions for qualified birds that do not appear on the list. N. Oud acknowledged that this is a problem; member input is appreciated to help identify missing birds to create more accurate results. Without member input it will be an even longer and more tedious task to identify and correct the glitches.

R. Hastie wondered if reducing the amount of data currently held in the system would help eliminate some of the errors and provide some clarity, N. Oud feels that the extra data is helping to make the errors easier to find and more transparent.

M. van der Jagt conferred with the BOD regarding Web Developer J. Berresford's proposed deadline for site error reporting of December 08, 2010. The BOD agreed that this deadline is not acceptable and the CU will not be bound by these terms. The CU has paid for functioning databases and will hold J. Berresford responsible until these databases are functioning.

ACTION: S. Beadow to compile a letter on behalf of the BOD to inform Jason of the CU's expectations.

RULES

By-law 1 the Constitution is going for review to legal counsel. By-Laws II (rules) is going to be reviewed next. R. Hastie questioned if the new constitution will include the recently updated Code of Ethics and the Code of Conduct in the By-Laws section. The BOD has agreed that this is a valuable piece of information and it should be included.

PROMOTIONS

Bob Palmer: His initiative for accepting pigeons as domestic parcels in Canada is moving forward with positive results. Two of the three airlines that were approached have agreed to this service. A fee structure is being discussed with the air lines and Canada Post for air mail shipments of birds and a decision should be made by the end of November 2010. He is optimistic for final approval; implantation could take place within a few months. A copy of the American version of the directive should be sent to the main Post Office as well as local Post Office for the requirement(s) needed for shipment boxes.

O. DeVries suggested that the CU try to obtain the dimensions and specifications for the shipping boxes well ahead of time so the CU will have a supply of these boxes ready for the shipping launch. Oud suggested that this may be an excellent opportunity for the CU to take a leadership role in approving the boxes used for shipping and the CU should try to get exclusive rights to sell the approved boxes, the BOD has agreed that this could be a great source of revenue and recognition.

N.Oud reports that the CU will not be present at the Woodstock Specialty Breeders Show this year due to a lack of space available for vendors. The Woodstock fairgrounds building is currently undergoing extensive renovations reducing the amount of space available temporarily.

S. Beadow raised a question about what pictures to use for the 2011 calendars, this year we will not have the opportunity to use pictures of the winning birds as the winners are not yet identified. The BOD agreed that members should be offered the opportunity to submit photos from the 2010 season for consideration.

ACTION: S. Beadow to compile a letter to Race Secretaries to request photos.

M. van der Jagt previously discussed the option of going to bi-monthly newsletter, while the BOD agrees this may be a better and more timely way to communicate with members, there is significant costs associated with the newsletter mailings. Currently P. Pearce is conducting an update of member information including obtaining email addresses to send correspondence, once the update is complete, the BOD will review the mailing costs, it is expected that many members will accept correspondence via email, greatly reducing mailing cost.

RACE PROGRAM

R. Hastie reported WinBird is NOT the problem with downloading race results, etc., the main problem is with the member's computer not being compatible, there is an easy fix available..

HEALTH

N. Oud reports that the CU is still in the process of searching for a new supplier for the Newcastle vaccine. Questions and concerns have come up as to whether we should be using chicken/turkey vaccines, instead of using vaccines strictly made for pigeons. Currently, the CRPU does not know of any replacement for the Newcastle vaccine. (*Note: Since the meeting we have received information that the Newcavac vaccine will no longer be available.*)

2011 CONVENTION

Ladies Auxiliary – A report was received from E. Oud, she states that the Ladies Auxiliary has voted to cease operations. E. Oud will publish an announcement in the 2010 year book. There is a possibility of having the Auxiliary form an affiliated sub-committee to help promote pigeon racing. The Ladies Auxiliary will transfer approximately \$20,000.00 to the CRPU; this money has been raised through various fund raising events and is to be used for future Conventions.

M. van der Jagt suggested we hold a large convention every 2nd year which would represent a “major event”. Every alternate year, the CRPU would host a smaller event to hold the annual general meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2011 band order has been resolved; anticipate bands to arrive late December 2010.

New Club Application:

Flying in Circle Club has re-applied. The reasons stated for forming a new club are 1. Geographical location 2. Language Barriers.

MOTION – R. Hastie made a motion to accept the clubs application.

O. DeVries – seconded

CARRIED

ACTION: S. Beadow to advise the club they have been accepted and to collect the fees.

Award programs to be translated from English to French.

French Speaking Liaison – The BOD has discussed several times, the need to appoint a CU representative to act as a French Speaking Liaison and assist the CU with member relations with the French speaking members of the CRPU.

MOTION: N.Oud made a motion to appoint Gilles Paquette as the French Speaking Liaison.

D. Archibald – seconded

CARRIED

Motion to accept: N. Oud - motioned

D. Archibald – seconded

CARRIED

ACTION: M. van der Jagt to inform Gilles he is the French Speaking liaison.

CORRESPONDENCE

C. Morden (CRPU member) has sent correspondence stating that fees should be reduced for members who live too far away from a club to feasibly participate in club activities. C. Morden also made a suggestion to reduce senior membership fees. D. Archibald states that he has also been contacted by a past member who would be interested in keeping in contact and keeping informed of the happenings within the CU, but he is no longer able to fly. D. Archibald states that members such as these could benefit from a different level of membership that would not entitle them to race, but would allow them to keep in contact with the CU. The BOD held a brief discussion around this topic and suggested that they all agreed that these are valid points, but a close look needs to be taken at the cost of maintaining these members as there is still significant costs associated with the mail outs and at reduced membership fees, the CU may actually incur costs.

ACTION: D. Archibald to prepare a proposal for senior discount and lower fees, which will be tabled for the next meeting to discuss further.

Carl Luinstat (Vancouver Island) wants to know what date the CU releases bands, and would like to see it in writing in the rule book. He would like to receive the bands before January 1st of each year. The following would be the contingency plan for mailing out the bands for 2010:

British Columbia – December 22 – start mailing

Alberta – December 23

Saskatchewan – December 23

The rest of the Country would be shipped on the 24th of December.

Carl also states that currently, 50% of the people who fly within his province are not members of the CU and these people should be contacted for recruitment. It was suggested this information be sent to the British Columbia liaison and perhaps Neil Caine would be a good member to help solicit new members.

ACTION: Shannon to respond to Mr. Luinstat's concerns and to let him know the CU supports his suggestions.

HST

No official ruling has been made, still waiting to hear back from the Government. We will continue to collect HST from those that are calling and walking in, staff will maintain records of those that have and have not paid the HST so it can be resolved.

ACTION: Shannon will contact a Tax Accountant to seek further council.

Finance – General Account

N. Oud made the following Motions:

Move that the general account of the CRPU from August 19th, 2010 up to and including August 31, 2010 beginning with cheque #4227 and ending with cheque #4233 in the total amount of \$9,148.30 be approved.

Move that the general account of the CRPU from September 1, 2010 up to and including October 31, 2010 beginning with cheque #4234 and ending with cheque #4303 in the total amount of \$18,368.98 be approved.

R. Hastie - motioned

M. van der Jagt – seconded

CARRIED

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2011 at 2:00pm.

R. Hastie moved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:30 p.m. D. Archibald seconded.

CARRIED

M. van der Jagt, President

J. Stevenson, Secretary