

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY, December 3, 2011
Crowne Plaza, Niagara Falls, Ontario

Present: M. van der Jagt, S. Beadow, D. Ferracuti, O. DeVries, N. Oud, J. Stevenson, D. Archibald approx 20 members.

Absent: R. Hastie, K. King

President M. van der Jagt opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to those present at the 82nd Annual General Meeting.

A moment of silence was given for our past members.

M. van der Jagt read the minutes of the 81st Annual General Meeting held at the River Garden Inn, Stratford, Ontario.

MOTION: C. Ubbel, seconded C. Beuving the minutes be accepted as read.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT – N. OUD

N. Oud reviewed/explained the CRPU Financial Statements included in the Auditor's Report which was included in the Members Handout Package. N. Oud reported the total number of sales are down from last year but profits have increased from last year. The CRPU on-line store has been streamlined and has been fully utilized and sales have been steadily increasing.

Questions were submitted on behalf of Ken King who was unable to attend the meeting (see handout).

Revenue – dropped dollar sales

Answer

Nick Oud: In 2010 costs for inventory were high due to the Euro dollar fluctuations and the broker cost of bringing our products across the border. We are now buying products directly from the manufacturer which keep the costs down significantly.

Explain expense reimbursements.

2010 expense reimbursements included the purchases of software packages for office use, costs associated with the Royal Winter Fair, Plowman's Match and airline tickets associated with board meetings and speakers for 2010 Convention.

Yearbook – liability?

Yes – the yearbook will be shown as a future liability in the upcoming balance sheets.

Postage – reasons for shortage.

The postage shortages were due to extra mailings that were done (constitution, calendars, Christmas cards).

Zeb Talech: Ladies Auxiliary Fund (approx. \$18,000.00). Is this amount going towards paying for the 2010 convention?

Yes the fund will cover the costs for the 2010 convention. The CRPU plans to occasionally add to this fund for future promotions and the money in the fund will be added to the CRPU financial statements.

MOTION: to accept the Auditor's Report; J. Stevenson, seconded J. Eerenburg.

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COUNTING OF THE BALLOTS FOR THE 2011 ELECTION

S. Beadow, T. Shaw, C. Marshall left the meeting to count the ballots .

BY-LAWS – N. OUD

The City of Hamilton is proposing to change their current by-laws (articles were published in the Hamilton Spectator outlining the changes being recommended). N. Oud will keep the Board of Directors informed of any decisions made on this point.

AWARDS – O. DeVries

O. DeVries reported the 2010 awards are now complete. The 2011 awards are almost completed. 85% have been processed and will be ready for the 2010 yearbook. There are approximately 100 clubs being processed.

RULES – J. STEVENSON

The rules are currently being re-vamped. No date has been specified for completion.

PROMOTIONS – D. ARCHIBALD (FOR K. KING)

K. King is actively working with the 4H Group in his area (Saskatoon) to help promote support from the younger age groups. The idea of promoting the sport at various community activities (i.e. home shows etc.) is good exposure, but perhaps the CRPU should be attending/educating rural community events due to fewer by-law restraints. Suggestions were brought up regarding some initiatives local clubs might like to support: Youth Rewards Program, generic web page for each club that would list the members, current activities within the club and would also be linked to other clubs and race results. This could be a good tool to keep up with members all across Canada.

RACE PROGRAM

WINBIRD program is now working properly

HEALTH – N. OUD

N. Oud reported Newcastle vaccine is now available in 1000 dose bottles. Clarified this (Newcastle) is not a PMV-1, Newcastle is 85-95% effective, and PMV-1 is more effective.

C. Marshall suggested the CRPU tighten up the rules regarding the upkeep of lofts, specifically dealing with the neatness and sanitary conditions. Perhaps the clubs can re-inforce guidelines or provide helpful hints on how to maintain a healthy loft.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Results of Election were announced. 365 ballots were cast (300% over last election). 2 ballots were spoiled.

Oscar DeVries	221 votes
Dave Booth	142 votes

MOTION to ADJOURN: All members

CARRIED

Encl. Questions/concerns Financial Statement – K. King