

Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Incorporated
Annual General Meeting - Saturday February 16, 2013
Oshawa General Racing Pigeon Club – Courtice Ontario

Executive Members Present:

President Oscar DeVries, Vice-President Terry Humberstone, Treasurer Nick Oud,
Secretary Steve Walsh, Director Ken King, Director Paul Finch
Regrets: Dan Archibald

Members Present:

John Adams, Denis Adams, Ken Wall, Thomas McClatchey, Zeb Talach, George Scott,
Andy Pallotta, Joe Vanderdeer, Shawn Whetstone, Jim Towes, Ron Hastie, Joe
Formosa, Chris Steacy, Dosce Galan, Ziggy Picur, Clarence Oosterveld, Joe Martire,
Ron Martin, Aleksander Maslowski, Gordon Whale, Humberto Goncalves, Bruce Bidon,
Jack Eerenberg, Rodney Morris, Hossam Yassein, Bob Bawden, Cliff Jones and Jim
Grant

1. Welcome and Call to Order:

President Oscar DeVries called the meeting to order at 11:20 hours. President Oscar introduced the BOD seated at the Head Table. Thereafter everyone was asked to stand and identify themselves. Our interim Office Manager, Linda Walsh was introduced to the membership.

2. Moment of Silence:

President Oscar asked that everyone stand for a moment of silence in honour of our Canadian Soldiers who have died fighting to protect our freedom and to remember the members of our sport who have passed away since our last AGM.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: to accept the agenda as circulated.

Moved By: Rodney Morris

Seconded By: Andy Pallotta

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

No one declared a conflict of interest.

5. Reading of the Minutes:

Vice President Terry read the minutes of our last AGM dated December 3, 2011. There were no errors or omissions identified.

Motion: to accept the minutes as read/circulated.

Moved By: Ron Hastie

Seconded By: Joe Martire

CARRIED

6. Action Items List:

6.1 Financial Report

Treasurer Nick and Secretary Steve presented the Financial Statement for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2012 as prepared by our new accounting firm Graham, Scott, and Enns. In their report they state; **'it was discovered that a fraud had been perpetrated against the organization'**. We were unable to speak to that point further acknowledging only that a former employee has been charged criminally with one count of Fraud. That case is still before the court.

The report is very detailed and we walked the members through the report page by page. The numbers speak for themselves. Everyone is disappointed that we are a victim and recognized the CRPU faces significant financial challenges as we move forward.

Question: Can we not go after our former accountant?

Answer: We can but there are costs to consider. On the advice of Council we are going to write a letter and ask that the monies paid for preparing the financial report last year be returned.

Question: Can we go after the employee?

Answer: We can. We have done our homework. We are hoping for court ordered restitution.

Motion: to accept the financial statement as prepared

Moved By: Bruce Bidon

Seconded By: Zeb Talach

CARRIED

****the Financial Report is available to members by email. Contact the CRPU Store to receive same.**

6.2 2012 Year Book Update

President Oscar advised that the 2012 year book is progressing nicely. It is hoped that it will be ready for the middle of March.

The floor raised the question. Is the year book a thing of the past? Can it not be read on line and monies saved? A lively discussion took place around that point.

Straw Poll: Do you want a year book.
31 ya,
3 nay

The point made during this discussion was that the web page is very important to the organization and the BOD must focus on the web page when monies are available.

Motion: to accept the year book report as presented.

Moved By: Ron Hastie

Seconded By: Joe Vanderdeer CARRIED

6.3 By Law Update

Secretary Steve walked the members thru the numerous bylaw challenges we are facing this year: City of Cornwall, City of Hamilton, Town of Simcoe, Town of Amherstburg, and Township of Woolwich.

These bylaws are very time demanding and problematic for the people affected by them. Example: The City of Cornwall issues an order for everyone to get rid of their pigeons within 30 days.

We understand members are leaving the CRPU for the AU and IF. We ask, if you are suddenly faced with an order to get rid of your birds will those organizations come to the table and meet with Council to help you? We need solidarity in the racing pigeon sport now more than ever. If you are considering leaving or you know someone who has please re-consider. If the CRPU has made errors tell us what the issue is and what the solution is. We keep hearing the CRPU tells us to do this and that. That is not true. The constitution was re-written for you. Clubs are Municipal Government, Combines are the Provincial Governments and the CRPU is the Federal Government. The CRPU provides guidance and our rules only apply to our Awards Program.

Clubs have to get politically involved. You must know your local politicians and work with them to address problems before they become major issues.

Motion: to accept the bylaw report as presented.

Moved By: Rodney Morris
Seconded By: George Scott CARRIED

7.0 Presidents Award

President DeVries announced that **Dave Tichbourne** is the winner of this years 2012 President's Award. Dave has worked so hard at building us a race results program we can be proud of.

Unfortunately Dave was not available to attend this year's AGM. Nevertheless the membership gave him a thunderous round of applause. Oscar will meet with Dave at a later date to officially present him with his plaque.

8.0 New Business

At this time the floor was opened to the membership for questions. The BOD was asked when the membership could expect to see the Band Search back on the CRPU web site.

Secretary Steve responded that monies are needed to fix this program and get the On Line Store back on line. We hear you loud and clear. The web site must be a priority. As money becomes available, as we re-build, we will make this a priority.

9.0 Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn at 13:03 hours

Moved By: Ron Hastie
Seconded By: Gord Whales CARRIED