# CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED DIRECTORS MEETING

## **Thursday January 24, 2013**

# CRPU HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

**Present**: Nick Oud and Steve Walsh

**Conference:** Dan Archibald, Oscar DeVries, Paul Finch and Ken King

#### 1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order promptly at 20:00 by President DeVries. Pragmatic Conferencing was used for this BOD meeting.

# 2. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion:** to accept the agenda as circulated.

Moved By: Paul

Seconded By: Nick CARRIED

## 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict declared at this time.

## 4. Motion to Accept the Minutes of the meeting dated January 8, 2013

Moved By: Nick

Seconded By: Dan CARRIED

## 5. Action Items List

## 5.1 Agenda for AGM

Our agenda for the upcoming AGM Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Oshawa Clubhouse was discussed. The financial report for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2012 will be the main item of interest.

Discussion made to follow our standard template for meetings adding a Moment of Silence at the beginning of the meeting.

Door registration is a must to help us with the membership list.

We will hold a short BOD meeting after the AGM is over if needed.

A bylaw update and the need to follow the race results deadlines in 2013 must be made clear at the AGM. Member support is needed to achieve this goal.

Agenda will include an open discussion segment.

# 5.2 2012 Yearbook Update (Oscar)

Oscar advised he is going to Ottawa this coming Saturday to help finish the yearbook. The next step will be to get some publisher costs.

We will print the SNME first this year.

The cover will be light blue.

# 5.3 By Law Update (Steve)

#### Town of Cornwall

The bylaw has been referred back to staff. Mike van der Jagt has been in regular touch with staff. Their aim is to have a report back to Council in mid February.

# **Township of Woolwich**

The Shannons went back and spoke to Counsel again. On his advice they have submitted another letter to the Municipality.

The order to remove their pigeons from their property by January 31, 2013 remains in place.

## **Town of Amherstburg**

Counsel has been retained by the Windsor Invitational Racing Pigeon Club on behalf of SWOA and the CRPU. We are all in this one together. WIRPC, SWOA and the CRPU have all chipped in \$500 to retain Counsel. Carlo Bertolissio the President of the WIRPC remains our lead in this challenge.

## **City of Hamilton**

The City of Hamilton bylaw is back. Ms. Sue O'Dwyer the Manager of Animal Services has been instructed to prepare a report for Council. She called to ascertain how many racing pigeon owners were living in Urban Hamilton.

Bottom line, it would appear the City of Hamilton is considering a grandfathering clause.

**Motion:** that the bylaw report as submitted by Steve be approved.

Moved By: Paul

Seconded By: Dan CARRIED

#### 5.4 CRPU Web Site

We are in trouble with the web site again. It is very slow. We need to fix the on line store. It costs us revenue by not having it working.

Oscar volunteered to meet with Dave T and Curtis M to ascertain what can be done.

**Motion:** to accept the CRPU web site discussion/resolution.

Moved By: Nick

Seconded By: Ken CARRIED

#### 5.5 Schedule of Fees 2013

The schedule of fees posted on the web page reflects the wrong year. Changes are needed with respect to bands, we no longer have combi bands, the cost of bands, transfers etc. must be re-visited.

It was decided we would have the Interim Office Manager review our pricing and ascertain if changes are needed.

**Motion:** to accept the discussion/direction with respect to the schedule of fees for 2013.

Moved By: Dan

Seconded By: Paul CARRIED

# 5.6 January Newsletter

Nick updated the BOD on the January Newsletter. It is done and ready for mailing.

**Motion:** mail the January Newsletter out forthwith. The AGM Notice on the front page is required by our Constitution.

Moved By: Nick

Seconded By: Steve CARRIED

## 6.0 Financial

**Motion:** That the Accounts Payable report dated January 18,

2013 and the General Ledger report for the period December 4, 2012 to January 18, 2013 as circulated by email on January 18, 2013 be accepted as true and accurate reports for our known expenses to date.

Moved By: Nick

Seconded By: Dan CARRIED

## 7.0 In-Camera

**Motion:** That the CRPU BOD move into a closed meeting for the

purpose of considering intimate financial or personal matters or other matters that may be disclosed of such a nature, having regard to the circumstances, that the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the interest of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the

public.

Moved By: Ken

Seconded By: Steve CARRIED

Rise and Report:

Moved By: Nick

Seconded By: Paul CARRIED

## 8.0 Other Business

Next Board Meeting Date – there will be a short meeting after the AGM on February 16<sup>th</sup> if required.

Oscar advised that he spoke with the Toronto Star about the massive barn fire yesterday in Pickering where 4,000 racing pigeons died. The interaction was positive but Oscar told the reporter these were not racing pigeons registered with the CRPU.

**Motion:** To adjourn at 22:07 hours.

Moved By: Paul

Seconded By: Steve CARRIED

Oscar DeVries, President Steve Walsh, Secretary