

**Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Incorporated  
Directors Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 8, 2013**

**Conference Call, Delhi Ontario**

**Present** Terry Humberstone and Nick Oud  
**Conference** Dan Archibald, Oscar DeVries, Paul Finch and Ken King

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order several minutes after 20:00 by the President Oscar DeVries. Pragmatic Conferencing was used for this BOD meeting.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion** That the agenda distributed electronically be approved

**Motion by** Ken King

**Seconded by** Paul Finch

**Carried**

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No conflict of interest was declared.

**4. Motion to accept the Electronic Voting of the Minutes**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of November 13, 2012 previously circulated by email be approved. (Jan. 8/2013).

**Moved by:** Steve Walsh

**Seconded by:** Ken King

**Carried**

**Motion:** That the CRPU join the Windsor Invitational Racing Pigeon Club (WIRPC) and the South Western Ontario Association (SWOA) in contributing equal amounts of \$500.00, for a total of \$1,500.00 to retain legal counsel to challenge the Town of Amherstburg zoning bylaw which prohibits Robbie Taylor from flying racing pigeons in that municipality.

**Moved by:** Steve Walsh

**Seconded by:** Ken King

**Carried**

**5. Action Items**

**5.1 Shipping pigeon - Air Canada (CCRPC Victoria BC)**

Vice President Terry Humberstone made a verbal report to the board on his conversations with Air Canada shipping and cargo. He reported that there were no clear regulations as

to containers in which to ship pigeons for the air line. It seems that what is accepted would depend on the individual shipping department at each airport. The board discussed Mr. Humberstones' report. The board suggests that birds shipped in proper containers, such as the Postal Shipping boxes available in the U.S.A. and purpose made pheasant shipping boxes if these are used perhaps the shipping departments may look at shipping pigeons more favourable. He is trying to get a written copy of what each individual airline considers acceptable. It will be made available to members on the CRPU website and it is suggested that anyone shipping birds print it out and take it with them at the time of shipping.

Mr. Humberstone will contact the CCRPC in Victoria BC to discuss his findings with them.

The problem of acceptable containers has been an ongoing issue, especially out of B.C.

## **5.2 Bands**

Ken King had some feedback on the 2013 bands. He had questions as to the CRPU website address and/or the CRPU phone number on the bands. Should they be either/or or both. He also had questions as to personal or vanity bands. Can one have just their own website or phone number on their bands. We will have to look into how much info can be put on the bands as we now have a new manufacturer supplying us with bands. These questions will be discussed at a later meeting.

## **5.3 Yearbook Update**

The President Oscar DeVries reported that the yearbook is proceeding well and should be ready for printing near the end of January or the beginning of February.

## **5.4 By-Law Update**

Mr. Steve Walsh could not be present at this meeting due to a death in the family. He did make some notes on the Agenda as to the ongoing by-law issues.

### **Town of Cornwall**

The issue has been referred back to staff. Mr. Mike van der Jagt is in touch with them regularly.

### **Township of Woolwich**

The Shannon's are going back to speak to Counsel. They have been forwarded Mr. Walsh's file on this matter. The order to remove their pigeons from their property remains in place.

### **Town of Amherstburg**

Counsel has been retained by the WIRPC. The club, SWOA and the CRPU are all partners in this challenge and have contributed \$500.00 apiece.

### **Town of Simcoe**

There has been no response to our communication with the town. The order for removal date is long past. Mr. Williams has not been contacted by the municipality since the expiration date of the removal order. The pigeons are still on his property.

### 5.5 Schedule of Fees 2013

The schedule of deadline dates etc. will be updated same as 2012 but reflecting the 2013 calendar. To be published in the yearbook.

Fees schedule will be updated at the next meeting and posted on the website.

### 5.6 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will take place February 16, 2013 at the Oshawa General Club house. Time 11:00 a.m.

### 5.7 Newsletter

The newsletter will be published the second last week of January. Nick is busy assembling the content and is still waiting for an ad.

### 6.0 Financial

**Motion:** That the Accounts Payable report dated January 4 2013 and the General Ledger report of the period of November 1, 2012 to January 4, 2013 be accepted as true and accurate reports for our known expenses to date and further acknowledging that the Canadian Revenue Agency has notified us in writing that we will be receiving a cheque in the amount of \$8,815.74 for re-assessment of our GST/HST

**Moved by** Nick Oud  
**Seconded by** Terry Humberstone  
**Carried**

### 6.2 Budget 2012/2013

Mr. Ken King reported that he almost completed a budget for this fiscal year.

### 7. 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.

**Move by:** Paul Finch  
**Seconded by:** Dan Archibald  
**Carried**

### Rise and Report

**Moved by:** Dan Archibald  
**Seconded by:** Paul Finch  
**Carried**

## **Statement by the Board of Directors to the Members of the CRPU**

**"The corporation has been the subject of fraud the past two fiscal years. The fraud was discovered during the course of the audit carried out by the newly hired accounting firm with the assistance of your board of directors. As a result a criminal charge has been laid by the police and the accused will appear to answer to that charge before a Judge on January 22, 2013. Until the criminal proceedings have been addressed and finalized by the courts, the Board of Directors are obliged to not make any further comments, as any comments made on our part may jeopardize the outcome of the matter in a court of law. Upon completion of this matter, any questions the members may have will be answered forthwith."**

We thank the membership for their patience and understanding in this matter.

### **8. Other Business**

The date for the next board meeting is Thursday January 24 20:00.

### **9.0 Adjournment**

Motion that the meeting be adjourned. (22:30)

**Moved by:** Paul Finch

**Seconded by:** Terry Humberstone

**Carried**