

**CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED  
DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Wednesday September 19, 2012**

**CRPU HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO**

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

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order promptly at 20:01 by President DeVries. Pragmatic Conferencing was used for this BOD meeting.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- Meeting previously scheduled for August 7, 2012
- Re-scheduled to September 5, 2012
- Re-scheduled to September 19, 2012

Due to summer vacations and work schedules

**Motion:** to approve the agenda.

**Moved by:** Dan  
**Seconded by:** Paul CARRIED

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No one declared a conflict of interest.

**4. Approval of Minutes/Electronic Resolutions**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes/electronic resolutions passed since our last meeting as recorded herein and listed in subsections 4.1 to 4.3.

**Moved by:** Ken  
**Seconded By:** Terry CARRIED

4.1 **Motion:** That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting dated July 10, 2012 previously circulated by email be approved. (07Aug12)

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Paul CARRIED

4.2 **Motion:** That the cost of shipping a Unikon clock to the owner of the clock after repair is an owners' expense. The practice of this being a CRPU liability is to cease forthwith. (August 16, 2012)

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Nick CARRIED

4.3 **Motion:** That all repairs to the Unikon Clocks are guaranteed for a period of 30 days from the date the clock is shipped back to the owner. (August 16, 2012)

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Nick CARRIED

## 5. Action Items List

### 5.1 Individual/Family Membership Forms (Dan)

Dan has championed this cause since the beginning. The final draft was circulated by Dan prior to to-nights meeting. All changes previously discussed are included in this final version of the Individual / Family Membership application including this disclaimer.

***As an applicant, I agree to become a member of the CRPU and to abide by all of the terms, rules and regulations of the CRPU, and to the publishing of basic personal data in the Yearbook, Band Registry and Lost Bird Search feature on our web site, and to update the CRPU regarding any change in my basic personal data as entered above.***

***Furthermore, I declare that I am in compliance with all of the animal control by-laws of my municipality pertaining to the keeping of domestic pigeons.***

**Motion:** That this final draft of the Individual / Family Membership Application Form be approved and posted on the CRPU web site as soon as possible.

**Moved By:** Dan  
**Seconded By:** Ken CARRIED

All members of the CRPU will be required to complete this application for 2013 and each year thereafter.

### 5.2 2012 AGM (Oscar)

Date: Saturday November 24, 2012

Time: 11:00

Where: The Oshawa General Racing Pigeon Club  
2055 Baseline Road  
Courtice, Ontario

The need for a “special” agenda was discussed. This is going to be a meeting and only a meeting to discuss the affairs of the CRPU with the membership. There will be no guest speakers.

A standard agenda as prepared for our regular BOD meetings will be included with the financial statement and mailed to all members of the CRPU prior to November 24, 2012.

Lunch will be provided. We will attempt to get a headcount closer to the meeting date.

### **5.3 Membership Fee 2013 (Discussion/Motion)**

**Motion:** That the membership fee for 2013 remain the same as this year, \$50 including all applicable taxes.

**Moved By:** Ken  
**Seconded By:** Paul CARRIED

### **5.4 Membership Discount 2013 (Discussion/Motion)**

**Motion:** That all members who pay their 2013 membership fee prior to the December 1, 2012 deadline will receive a 5% discount on all 2013 purchases.

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Terry CARRIED

### **5.5 Bylaw Update (Steve)**

Our members/clubs are facing another 6 new bylaw challenges.

#### **City of Cornwall:**

On August 14, 2012 the CRPU learned that City Council had passed an amendment to their present animal control bylaw prohibiting the ownership of pigeons in the City of Cornwall. Staff had recommended to Council that they allow residents to keep 10 pigeons and give residents 6 months to comply but Council rejected that staff report and directed staff to amend the bylaw. Health issues were cited as the reason for this sudden change to the animal control by law.

The new draft bylaw has not yet been written so the 3 month time limit has not yet started.

Past President Mike van der Jagt is the lead for the CRPU as we formally request standing to voice our opposition to this bylaw amendment.

#### **Town of Erin:**

The CRPU became aware that Council was looking at the ownership of pigeons in their community. Staff had prepared an amendment to the animal control bylaw prohibiting

the ownership of pigeons in the Town of Erin. Councillor Barb Tocher was quoted as saying the amendment was too harsh considering there is only one complainant.

Steve has taken the lead for he knows Councillor Tocher. A letter has been written to Councillor Tocher asking for standing in their process. This correspondence has been forwarded to staff for action and we wait for further acknowledgement from that community.

### **Township of Woolwich:**

A member of the CRPU who is a resident of the Township of Woolwich was served notice on July 19, 2012 to immediately remove their racing pigeons from their property. A violation of a zoning bylaw was referenced. On behalf of the CRPU and the member, Steve wrote the municipality on August 6, 2012 asking that this "Order to Remove" be rescinded and the CRPU be allowed the opportunity to assist the community in the writing of a new bylaw to control the racing pigeon sport in the Township of Woolwich. To date the CRPU has not received an acknowledgement from the community.

### **Town of Amherstburg**

A junior member of the CRPU has been given until the end of October to remove his racing pigeons from his fathers' property in Amherstburg. A violation of a zoning bylaw which allows him to keep only 3 pigeons was referenced. Steve has written the community asking that the CRPU be given standing in this process. No official acknowledgement has been received from the community that they received this correspondence. A Councillor of this municipality has come to our aid to help us through this process.

The 14 year old victim in this case has approached 52 neighbours in his residential area who all have signed a petition asking Council to allow him to keep his birds.

This one is getting very interesting.

### **Township of Innisfil**

Council here has withdrawn an exemption which allowed a CRPU member to keep racing pigeons. This is a very new complaint and Mike van der Jagt has taken the lead in this incident.

### **Summerside PEI**

A new member of the CRPU has asked for our help in working with his Council to introduce legislation to protect the keeping of pigeons in Summerside. A neighbor has complained and called the police to report he is keeping pigeons in contravention of the bylaw. This too is a new complaint.

## Summary

Defending our members is becoming a huge issue for the CRPU. Earlier this year the City of Hamilton agreed with our position and amended their bylaw to allow our sport to continue in that community.

Joseph Erwin wrote an article for our April Newsletter on this subject and Terry has written an article for our September Newsletter. All members must be aware of what is happening in their communities.

**Motion:** That the bylaw report as presented be approved.

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Paul CARRIED

### 5.6 Yearbook – 2012

Ms. Beadow had previously brought it to our attention that we must re-visit the cost of shipping the yearbooks. This year if a member wanted a yearbook shipped to their residence the cost was \$8.50.

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| Actual Costs were: | Ontario          | \$11.00 |
|                    | Alberta          | \$12.00 |
|                    | Quebec           | \$ 8.50 |
|                    | Saskatchewan     | \$10.50 |
|                    | Nova Scotia      | \$12.50 |
|                    | British Columbia | \$12.50 |

**Motion:** That the cost of mailing a yearbook to a members' residence be increased from \$ 8.50 to \$12.00 including applicable taxes.

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Dan CARRIED

Discussion about the shipping cost of the Yearbook to our clubs and can we afford to continue to print lines at no cost was deferred until actual costs are available for this past year.

**Motion:** That the CRPU undertake to produce the 2012 Yearbook in house again this year.

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Paul CARRIED

## 5.7 Web Page Update (Steve)

Our web page is now being continually updated since Curtis Moffatt has agreed to help. Please note the "Contact Us" area has been re-built, the 2011 BOD minutes have been added, the "Links" section has been updated and new "Photo's" have been added.

**Motion:** To accept this update as presented.

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Paul CARRIED

## 6. Financial

### 6.1 Motion to pay accounts (Nick)

No financial information was available for to-night's meeting.

### 6.2 Accounts Receivable – How do we collect same?

The BOD is concerned that our accounts receivable exceeds \$18,000.

A discussion ensued as to how we best address the collection of our accounts receivable which is monies owed by combines, clubs and individual members. A four step plan was developed to address this serious issue.

- Step 1 - Staff will phone everyone on the list and ask that payment be made within 7 days.
- Step 2 - If payment is not received within 7 days a letter will be sent with a copy of the invoice(s) asking that this account be settled within 30 days.
- Step 3 - If the account is not settled within 30 days a registered letter will be sent asking for immediate payment.
- Step 4 - If the account is not paid in full within 30 days the matter will be referred to a collection agency and the BOD will discuss further disciplinary action including suspension at that time.

**Motion:** That this four step plan be adopted and put into immediate action.

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Dan CARRIED

## 7. In-Camera

### 7.1 Motion to Move In Camera

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:** Paul  
**Seconded By:** Dan CARRIED

## 7.2 Rise and Report

That the CRPU BOD rise and report from the closed meeting.

**Moved By:** Paul  
**Seconded By:** Dan CARRIED

**Motion:** All financial considerations respecting the future of the CRPU are stood down until after our financial report for this fiscal year is received.

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Terry CARRIED

## 8. Other Business

**8.1 Next Board Meeting Date** – Wednesday November 7, 2012

## 9. Adjournment

**Moved By:** Dan  
**Seconded By:** Steve Carried 22:30 hours

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O. DeVries, President

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S. Walsh, Secretary