

# CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday August 28, 2014

CRPU HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

**Present:** Terry Humberstone, Allan Gauvin, Steve Walsh  
**Conference:** Dan Archibald, Jacques Nadeau, Ken King  
**Absent:** Nick Oud

## 1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 20:03 by President Humberstone. Pragmatic Conferencing was used for this BOD meeting.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved By:** Jacques  
**Seconded By:** Allan CARRIED

## 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No one declared a conflict of interest for the purposes of this meetings agenda.

## 4. Minutes - Meeting of July 31, 2014

**4.1 Motion:** that the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on Thursday July 31, 2014 as circulated by email be accepted.

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Ken CARRIED

## 5. Action Items List

### 5.1 Nomination Committee – 2014

- Connie Steacy is our sole volunteer.
- President Terry has volunteered to work with Connie.

- Connie would like to be relieved of this position so she can run for the BOD.
- Discussion.
- The purpose of a Nomination Committee is so the election process is not controlled by the BOD.
- It was never the intent of the Constitution that the BOD be part of the Nomination Committee.
- Every member of the BOD has in one way or the other been trying to solicit members to put their names forth for serving on the Nominating Committee or to run for office.

**Motion:** the Nomination Committee for this election process consist of the following BOD members; Terry Humberstone, Jacques Nadeau and Steve Walsh.

- These three BOD members declared a conflict with respect to the vote.

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

## 5.2 AGM 2014

- The Hamilton Central RPC has volunteered to host the 2014 AGM at their club house.
- Date: Saturday October 18, 2014.
- Terry will report back at the next regularly scheduled BOD meeting as to what is taking place that day, which respect to coffee etc.
- Terry is in charge of this meeting.
- Steve and Terry will work on the meetings agenda.

## 5.3 Nominations for Office

- To date we have had one member interested in seeking office.
- Terry has spoken to another who is considering a run for office.
- Connie has indicated she will seek office if relieved of her Nominating Committee commitment. (Done)
- Discussion with respect to a constitution change, that half the BOD is voted in every other year.
- It is too late for this BOD to undertake this change for it requires a "Notice of Motion" at AGM time to amend the constitution and our election process is underway.
- All constitutional changes will involve legal costs and a refile of the constitution with the Government of Canada.
- At our last BOD meeting this motion was passed: that the BOD recommend to the membership at the 2014 AGM that the CU close its doors effective December 31, 2014 if there are not sufficient

volunteers for the Nominating Committee or the BOD for this next 3 year term.

- We covered the Nominating Committee piece off earlier this evening.
- Can the CU continue to operate if there are less than 7 BOD members?
- Counsel was asked this question earlier today.
- There are provisions for this in the constitution but a new BOD must actively seek to fill those vacancies.
- To run with less than 7 members should probably be an AGM decision.
- The BOD approved the “Nomination Form” for this election.

#### **5.4 Interim Office Manager Replacement**

- Nothing has changed here.
- Linda continues to support the CU by doing our books for us. She will conclude her commitment to us after the AGM.
- Our Accounting Firm has provided 2 new names of book keepers that may take us on as a new client.

#### **5.5 By-Law Updates**

##### **Town of Georgina (Keswick) (Steve)**

- I am continuing to work with the complainant in this by law issue.
- Nothing further to report at this time.

##### **Grand Prairie – Alberta (Ken)**

- Ken advises that Grand Prairie amended their bylaw in November 2013 reflecting you can only keep 4 pigeons. This bylaw change is captured under an Animal definition.
- A package has been mailed to the Grand Prairie club consisting of the booklet Racing Pigeons Beginners Guide; Perception vs. Reality and Race Horses in the Sky to assist the club as they prepare to challenge this bylaw.
- One member has been directed to get rid of his pigeons by the end of September by the City.

##### **City of Warman Saskatchewan (Ken)**

- A CU member wants to move to this community.
- They have a bylaw stating no pigeons are allowed.
- The member has spoken to the bylaw officer to no avail.
- Council is unsympathetic.
- We should maybe look at this one in the future.

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

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Jacques CARRIED

## 5.6 Race Results 2014

- Nick continues to work on this problem
- He has made a recent post to the web site to this effect.

## 5.7 Paratyphoid Vaccine

- Good news.
- As you know Dr. Chalmers approached the CU this past September and requested our assistance in working with the CFIA (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) in getting the new paratyphoid vaccine developed by **Drs. John Kazmierczak and Paul Miller** of New Jersey legally into Canada for all pigeon fanciers.
- The CU engaged ASEA to work on our behalf to make this happen.
- On Thursday August 21<sup>st</sup> the CU was advised we were successful in getting approval to import this product into Canada.
- I have spoken to Dr. Kazmierczak and he expressed an interest in working closely with Canadian pigeon fanciers when we experience sickness in our flocks.
- His web site can be found at [www.pigeonvaccinelab.com](http://www.pigeonvaccinelab.com) with his contact information.
- I have spoken to Sandy Hepburn at ASEA and he hopes to take delivery of the first shipment of this vaccine late this week or early next week.
- More to follow when known.

## 5.8 Communication with Membership

- Unfortunately Nick will not be available to us until the AGM.
- He will continue working on the Race Results program.
- Terry will speak to Nick to see if he can still do the "Updates" distribution for us.
- Allan advises he will look at this too to see if it can be set up in house.

## 6.0 Financial

- 7.1 **Motion:** that the General Ledger report for the period July 25<sup>th</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Accounts Receivable Report and the Accounts Payable Report circulated to the BOD on Friday

August 22<sup>nd</sup> be accepted as a true accounting of this months business activities to date.

**Moved By:** Ken  
**Seconded By:** Steve CARRIED

- Linda is working with the accountants preparing our financial report for the AGM.
- The inventory needs to be counted.
- Terry, Allan and Steve volunteered to do this next Thursday.

**8. Other Business**

- Discussion about the cost of our membership for next year.
- Agreed this should be an AGM discussion.

8.1 Next Regular Board Meeting Date.....September 25th

**9. Adjournment – 21:33**

**Moved By:** Allan  
**Seconded By:** Steve CARRIED

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Terry Humberstone, President

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Steve Walsh, Secretary