

# CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday January 23, 2014

CRPU HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

**Present:** Terry Humberstone, Nick Oud, Steve Walsh  
**Conference:** Dan Archibald, Ken King, Tom de Munnik,  
Jacques Nadeau

## 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. Tom had difficulty calling in. He joined the meeting at 20:10.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved By:** Ken  
**Seconded By:** Nick CARRIED

## 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No one declared a conflict of interest with tonight's agenda.

## 4. Motion to Accept Electronic Voting Minutes

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

**4.1 Motion:** That the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Thursday December 12, 2013 as circulated by email be accepted.

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Tom CARRIED

## 5. Action Items List

### 5.1 Year Book 2013- Tom's Post

- The final count for members wanting a 2013 year book is 163.
- We had exactly 937 members last year.
- Terry had circulated Toms' Post to all prior to the meeting.
- Discussion with respect to Toms' post.

**DECISION** – Tom, Nick and Dan will work together editing and posting the decision with respect to the 2013 yearbook on the CRPU web site. Nick will send this “post” to all members by Mail Chimp.

### 5.2 Membership Dues 2015

- Tom has proposed we change our membership year from the calendar year to the fiscal year to avoid deferred income on our financial statements.
- The membership “year” is not defined in our Constitution.
- Discussion.

Tom led this discussion and explained the benefits of changing our membership from the calendar year to the fiscal year for 2015. There are cash flow positives and band order positives.

After discussion Tom tabled this agenda item for later discussion.

### 5.3 Memberships 2014

- On January 24<sup>th</sup> last year we had 730 paid up members.
- To date we have 616 paid up members
- We are 114 members behind last year.
- Discussion.

Negative conversations on the internet blogs continue to hurt the CRPU.

These conversations are often lead by non-CRPU members interested in destroying the CRPU.

The hard work of the BOD this past two years in trying to save the CRPU and all the work we have done in challenging bylaws to save our sport are not recognized or mentioned.

All we can do is continue to take the high road, recognizing our term is coming to an end and new BOD members will form the next Executive.

## 5.4 By Law Updates

### Neufchatel Quebec

- This is a new bylaw challenge.
- Mr. Jacques Baillargeon a 25 year member of the CU is in trouble.
- Jacques updated us on this newest challenge.

Mr. Baillargeon was charged for keeping pigeons contrary to a municipal bylaw. He plead not guilty and was represented by Counsel he retained. A conviction was registered and Mr. Baillargeon is appealing the decision.

Unfortunately Mr. Baillargeons' Counsel has been appointed as a Municipal Judge and he is unable to represent Mr. Baillargeon.

What can the CRPU do for Mr. Baillargeon? A lively discussion centered on this issue. Our policy is to get involved at the first step. This one is different. It becomes very difficult to help because an appeal is based only on the written record of the trial.

Jacques will call Mr. Baillargeon and advise we do not know how we can be of assistance at this stage of the proceedings.

### Town of Amherstburg ON

- Brad Wogan has been keeping the BOD apprised as to what is happening in Amherstburg.
- This matter was expected back before Council on Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> but it was not dealt with that date.
- The best I can confirm at this point is the matter is to be rescheduled for a February meeting date.

### City of Hamilton ON

- Mr. Bill Young has completed his report for the Planning Committee.
- Cor Ubbles, our Counsel, Ms. Devon Ryerse and I met with Mr. Young on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and put forth our recommendations.
- It is believed all our recommendations are captured in the report.
- The report is scheduled to go before the Planning Committee on February 18<sup>th</sup> as a consent item.
- The clubs are fully aware what is happening.
- Our President will attend this meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> to represent the CRPU.

### **City of Brampton ON**

- The OMB hearing date was set for Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in Brampton.
- Ms. Nazma Ramjaun called on Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup> advising Counsel for the City of Brampton has requested an adjournment. She provided a list of possible dates for this hearing.
- I have sent this information to our member Mr. Hormoz Pourtarvirdi for his consideration.
- I will advise the BOD when a new hearing date is scheduled.

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

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

### **5.5 CRPU Web Page**

- The CRPU web site has been moved back to Canada and our service provider is 4 Colour Designs.
- The site backup has been completed and is currently stored on the computer the Office Manager uses at work.
- A tutorial video has been created for our use in keeping our web site current. I have not seen the video yet but Linda tells me it is very good. The goal is to have staff keep our site current in the future.
- The on line store is almost ready to be re-opened. Linda has spent many hours updating the site, correcting prices, deleting old product and adding new product.
- PayPal is fixed. We hope to go live again tomorrow, Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The email issues at the office have now been corrected.
- There are still some site corrections needed.
- Nick has to work with the site provider to unscramble the 2013 race awards which became skewed when the site was pulled back to Canada.
- The race results program for 2014 is not yet set up.

**Motion:** that the CRPU web site report as presented be accepted.

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

## 5.6 FCI Memberships – CRPU / AU /IF

- A question was forwarded to the FCI BOD for response at their meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> – October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The meeting date has come and gone.
- I have again asked Martha for a response and I know she is forwarding these questions to the FCI BOD who is not responding.
- Discussion required at some point if we should renew our 2014 membership with FCI.

It was decided we would discuss our membership in the FCI after we receive our invoice for dues this year.

## 5.7 FCI Translations

- Jacques translated the latest memo we have from the FCI.
- It deals with the FCI Grandprix.
- It is not relevant to Canada.

## 5.8 Paratyphoid Bacterin

- Nothing further to report.
- ASEA continues to work on our behalf.

## 6.0 Financial

6.1 **Motion:** That the reports to wit the Balance Sheet and the

- Income Statement
- Cash Flow
- Aged A/R sub ledger
- Aged inventory report
- Aged A/P sub ledger
- Credit card statements
- Government remittances payable

as circulated by the Interim Office Manager dated January 16th

**AND**

the Monthly Bank Activity (Bank Statement and General Ledger) as circulated on January 17<sup>th</sup> be accepted a true accounting of this years fiscal position.

**Moved By:**

Nick

**Seconded By:**

Ken

CARRIED

## 6.2 Budget 2013 /2014

- Ken gave us a budget update for our first quarter September – December 2013.

The deferred revenue is still appearing in this quarters report. It is hoped that the deferred revenue appears on the January Income Statement.

The deferred revenue captures the membership and band sales in 2013 for 2014.

The January report will be much more attractive.

**Motion:** accept Ken's first quarter review

<b>Moved By:</b>	Ken	
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Steve	CARRIED

## 6.3 Collection Agency – Groupecho

- Jacques provided us with an update on Groupecho

We finally have an invoice from Savic. The 5,000 bands are still in dispute.

Jacques will continue his talks with Groupecho.

## 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.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Nick	
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Jacques	CARRIED

### **Rise and Report:**

<b>Moved By:</b>	Dan	
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Nick	CARRIED

**8.0 Other Business**

**8.1 Next Board Meeting Date**

- Thursday February 20, 2014

**9 Adjournment – 22:36 hours**

**Moved By:** Steve

**Seconded By:** Nick

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Terry Humberstone, President

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Steve Walsh, Secretary